

**NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

**Regular Meeting - Thursday, August 20, 2026 - Time - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center
705 Stevenson Boulevard, New Kensington, PA 15068**

I. Meeting called to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Executive Session

V. Approval of Agenda as Presented

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

VI. Comments on Agenda Items by Citizens in Attendance

VII. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Thursday, July 16, 2026

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

VIII. Finance

A. Treasurer’s Report July, 2026 (Display F-1A)

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

B. Payment of Bills

August, 2026

(Display F-2B)

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

C. Ratification of Investments

July, 2026

(Display F-1C)

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

IX. Reports

A. Principal's Report – (Display R-1)

B. Director's Report – (Display R-2)

C. Business Office Report

X. Correspondence

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. CURRICULUM

AGENDA ITEM A-1

(Display A-1)

Approve the articulation agreements between Lackawanna College and Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center.

- Cyber Security – 3 to 4 credits
- Carpentry – 3 credits
- Health and Medical Assistant Services – 1 to 2 credits

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

B. ADMINISTRATION

AGENDA ITEM B-1

(Display B-1)

Authorize the renewal of the ambulance contract for the 2026-2027 school year with the New Kensington Ambulance Corporation at an annual rate of \$700.00.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-2

Authorize the administration to approve the attendance of staff and students at in-state conferences and field trips within the 2026-2027 school year budgeted amounts and subject to the approval from home school principals for field trips.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-3

Authorize the Administrative Director/Designee to approve fundraising activities for the 2026-2027 school year based on established school guidelines.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-4

(Display B-4)

Approve the Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center 2026-2027 Student Handbook.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-5

(Display B-5)

Approve the Electrical Technology program budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

B. ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

AGENDA ITEM B-6

(Display B-6)

Approve the Agreement between Westmoreland County, Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission Inc. and Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year Student Assistance Program.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-7

(Display B-7)

Approve the subscription agreement between National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. and Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center for the Adult Education Program.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-8

(Display B-8)

Approve 2026-2027 evening education budgets for auto inspection, emissions certification and National Tool Machining Association Apprenticeship (NTMA).

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM B-9

Approve the Arconic Foundation Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the robotics automation program.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

C. PERSONNEL

AGENDA ITEM C-1

Approve the employment of _____, Part-time Advanced Medical Healthcare Instructor, effective August 20, 2026, at a salary of \$ _____, contingent upon receipt and acceptance of all applicable clearances, appropriate certification and required pre-employment verifications (including Act 24, Act 126 and Act 168).

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

C. PERSONNEL (cont.)**AGENDA ITEM C-2**

Approve the employment of _____, Welding Instructor, effective August 20, 2026, at a salary of \$ _____, contingent upon receipt and acceptance of all applicable clearances, appropriate certification and required pre-employment verifications (including Act 24, Act 126 and Act 168).

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-3

Approve the employment of _____, Custodian/Maintenance, at a pro-rated salary of \$ _____, contingent upon receipt and acceptance of all applicable clearances, appropriate certification and required pre-employment verifications (including Act 24, Act 126 and Act 168).

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-4

Approve the substitute teacher rate of \$125 per day for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-5

(Display C-5)

Approve the list of substitutes for the Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-6

Approve the following supplemental contracts for extra-curricular activities for the 2026-2027 school year at a supplemental salary as listed per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center and the Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center Education Association, subject to the extra-curricular activity operating during the 2026-2027 school year.

SkillsUSA
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Nat'l Technical Honor Society
Emergency Personnel

Heather Gockel
George Kirk
Heather Gockel
Courtney Drenning

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

C. PERSONNEL (cont.)

AGENDA ITEM C-7

Approve the employment of Brandy Stone, Evening Education Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$18.50/hour.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-8

(Display C-8)

Approve the employment of Evening Education Instructors for 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

AGENDA ITEM C-9

Approve the administration recommendation for the following secondary instructor, having met the requirements to receive tenure, be grant a Professional Contract, effective August 23, 2026.

- Heather Gockel, Cosmetology Instructor

XIII. Comments by Citizens in Attendance

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Affirmative Vote _____ Negative Vote _____

Dates to remember:

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 19, 2026
Thursday, December 3, 2026

6:30 PM Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
NO JOC Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Reorganization/Regular Meeting