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Joint Operating Committee Notes

The Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024, via Zoom/in-person/teleconference, was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Catherine Colalella (zoom), Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe; Ambridge, Ms. Merilu Hill; Beaver, Mr. Ron Miller; Beaver Falls, Mr. Andy Huzyak; Blackhawk, Mr. Dennis Bloom; Central Valley, Mr. Gerald Inman III; Freedom, Mrs. Carla Buxton; Hopewell, Mrs. Bernadette Mattica; New Brighton, Mrs. Christy Hughes; Riverside, Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins; Rochester, Mr. Michael Rounds; South Side and Mr. John Metzler; Western Beaver.

Members Absent: Mr. Chris Becker; Midland.

The following items were ratified/approved on the agenda:

1. Approved the minutes of August 22, 2024, regular meeting.
2. Approved the Treasurers' Report for the various financial accounts of August 2024 and the listing of bills for the month of September 2024.
3. Approved the Baily Insurance Workers compensation proposal, effective October 1, 2024.
4. Approved a contract extension with UGI for Natural gas through the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas consortium.
5. Approved the following Title IX positions:
 - a. Mr. Tom Palas- Title IX Coordinator
 - b. Mr. Barry King- Title IX Investigator
 - c. Ms. Laura DelVecchio- Title IX Decision-Maker
6. Approved Mr. Barry King, Principal as the Beaver County CTC School Safety and Security Administrator beginning with the 2024-2025 School year.
7. Approved Mr. Todd Grimes, as the Beaver County CTC Welding Instructor at Step 5, Bachelor's at a rate of \$65,811.00 with benefits, effective September 9, 2024, and in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
8. Ratified Mr. Nicholas Tisak as a full-time instructional assistant, effective August 21, 2024 through Express Employment at a salary of \$46,522.00 funding will be divided equally between Perkins Grant and the General Fund.

Participating School Districts

Aliquippa School District • Ambridge Area School District • Beaver Area School District • Big Beaver Falls Area School District • Blackhawk School District
Central Valley School District • Freedom Area School District • Hopewell Area School District • Midland Borough School District • New Brighton School District
Riverside Beaver County School District • Rochester Area School District • South Side Area School District • Western Beaver County School District

9. Approved the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Emergency Substitute teacher add-on for the 2024- 2025 school year.
10. Approved Intermittent Family leave of absence for employee #231.
11. Approved administration to provide notifications to listed member districts for Joint Operating committee member terms of office.
12. Selected nominees for PSBA Election of Officers and authorized the Board Secretary to cast the votes designated by the JOC.
13. Approved the cost of student driver parking permits of \$20.00 and replacement cost of \$10.00.
14. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences/trips:
 - a. Mr. Arnold Shaner, Masonry Instructor, Ms. Jamie Kuriger, Learning Facilitator and forty-five (45) students to attend the Bricklayer 500 competition and educational event on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA, full day. Total cost is \$350.00.
 - b. Mr. Nick Tisak, Instructional assistant and one (1) student to attend the Region I conference, for SkillsUSA in Hershey, PA from October 4-6, 2024. Total cost of the trip is \$926.78.
 - c. Ms. Renee DiGiacomo, Business Information Systems Instructor and Ms. Nicole DeMark, Graphic Arts Instructor to attend the Carnegie Mellon University Expo Day on Artificial Intelligence, full day, Thursday, October 10, 2024. Total cost is \$280.00.
 - d. Ms. Renee DiGiacomo, Business Information Systems Instructor, Ms. Jamie Kuriger, Learning Facilitator and approximately twenty (20) students to attend Disability Mentoring Day provided by Bender Leadership, full day on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, visiting a business in Robison Twp. Bus and lunch will be provided by Bender Leadership. Total cost is \$130.00.
 - e. Mr. Albert Kollinger, Collision Repair Instructor, Mr. Nicholas Tisak, Collision Repair Instructional Assistant and forty-eight (48) students to tour/visit Safelite Auto glass, Sewickley, PA, full day on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Total cost is \$445.00.
 - f. Ms. Nicole Todd, Health Occupations Instructor, Ms. Elizabeth Mitsch, Health Occupations Instructional Assistant and twenty (20) students to attend the Health Care Expo at the David Lawrence Convention on Friday, October 18, 2024, full day. The total cost is \$480.00.
 - g. Mr. Randy Reed, Cooperative Education Coordinator, to attend the Annual Cooperative Education Conference at Penn State University, Main Campus, from October 16, 2024-October 18, 2024. The total cost is \$1,056.00.
 - h. Mr. Benjamin Piper, Culinary Arts Instructor and Ms. Sue Chance, Learning Facilitator and fourteen (14) students to attend the FCCLA Regional Meeting at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney Campus, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$820.00.
 - i. Mrs. Renne DiGiacomo, Business Information Systems Instructor, Ms. Nicole DeMark, Graphic Arts Instructor and forty (40) students to tour M:7 Sports Complex on Friday, November 1, 2024, full day focus on sports marketing recruitment management and brand management. The total cost is \$445.00.
 - j. Mr. Randy Reed, Cooperative Coordinator, to attend the Integrated Learning Conference, School-to Career Connection at Penn State, State College PA, from November 6-8, 2024. Total cost of the trip is \$1,056.46.

- k. Mr. Dominic Darenkamp, Cosmetology Instructor to attend the Integrated Learning Conference, School-to Career Connection at Penn State, State College PA, from November 6-8, 2024. Total cost of the trip is \$625.00.

Laura DelVecchio

Administrative Director