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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, January 25, 2024, via Zoom/in-person/teleconference, was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe; Ambridge, Ms. Catherine Colalella; Aliquippa, Mr. Luke Berardelli (zoom); Beaver, Mr. Ron Miller; Beaver Falls, Mr. Andrew 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, Mr. Michael Rounds; South Side and Mr. John Metzler; Western Beaver.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Chris Becker; Midland and Mr. Dale Daman; Rochester.

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### **The following items were ratified/approved on the agenda:**

1. Approved the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting.
2. Approved the Treasurer's Report for the various financial accounts for November and December 2023 and the listing of bills for the month of December 2023 and January 2024.
3. Approved to retain \$ 1,121,534.09 in budgeted funds from the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years and place the same in a capital improvements fund, with acknowledgement that all projects funded therefrom shall be approved by the Joint Operating Committee.
4. Accepted the lowest responsible bidder Triangle Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$1,279,145.00 base bid 2 in order to replace the roof of the Beaver County CTC.
5. Approved the payment for materials to Johnstone Supply for the Split duct work in the double classroom in the amount of Costars pricing of \$19,381.50.
6. Approved stipend of \$5,000.00 from Perkins funding for Mrs. Amber Cochran, Administrative Assistant, as the Literacy Assistant for the Beaver County CTC retroactive to July 1, 2023.
7. Approved Ms. Amber Wilson as a Cosmetology substitute teacher effective Friday, January 26, 2024 pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
8. Ratified Mr. Dominick Treemarchi, as the Masonry Perkins Instructional Assistant, at a salary of \$28,985.00 (pro-rated) with full Benefits, effective Wednesday, January 3, 2024, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
9. Accepted/ratified a request from Mrs. Brandy Gallagher, Instructional Assistant, for an educational unpaid leave of absence, effective Thursday, January 18, 2024, through and including, Friday, May 10, 2024. All fringe benefits are waived by the employee during the unpaid leave request.
10. Approved Mr. Benjamin Piper, Culinary Arts Instructor as the advisor for ProStart, a Career and Technical student organization and in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement in the amount of \$1,800.00.

#### 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

11. Approved payment to Ms. Nicole DeMark, Graphic Arts Instructor in the amount of \$3,740.00 for the hours worked on the start up and design of the Beaver County CTC website, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.
12. Ratified the cost of the hosting information of the Beaver County CTC website by WIX in the amount of \$343.44 for a term of two years, effective January 17, 2024 through and including January 17, 2026.
13. Approved the Beaver County CTC Health and Safety plan for the 2023-2024 School Year.
14. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences/field trips:
  - a. Mr. Christopher Graham, DECA Advisor, to attend, full day on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, the DECA District 2 Conference at the North Allegheny Baierl Center. Total cost is \$265.00.
  - b. Mr. Dan Mengel, Automotive Technology Instructor, and Mr. Alan Valasek, Automotive Technology Instructional Assistant, and eight (8) students to attend on Thursday, December 14, 2023, full day the Automotive Scholarship Competition at CCAC West, Oakdale, PA. Total cost is \$125.00.
  - c. Mr. Bryan Lehocky, Greenhouse/Landscape Instructor, and sixteen (16) students to attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show from January 7-9, 2024, in Hershey, PA. Total cost is \$2,980.00.
  - d. Mrs. Anne Liller, School Counselor, and six (6) students to attend a county wide Youth Ambassador Event at Community College of Beaver County on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, all day. There is no cost.
  - e. Mrs. Dolores Mason, Cosmetology Instructor, and Mrs. Lea Ritz, Special Education Instructional Assistant, and twenty-two (22) students to visit the Robison Twp. Mall salons to pursue job opportunities on Wednesday January 31, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$475.00.
  - f. Mr. David Liptak, Carpentry Instructor, and twenty (20) students to visit the Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh PA, full day for NOCTI practice on Friday, February 2, 2024. Total cost is \$475.00.
  - g. Ms. Nicole DeMark, Graphic Arts Instructor, Mrs. Suzanne Mano, Instructional Assistant, and twenty (20) students to visit St. Vincent DePaul for a senior project on Monday, February 12, 2024, full day, for a Fashion Show. Total cost is \$975.00.
  - h. Mr. Dan Mengel, Automotive Instructor, and Mr. Alan Valasek, Automotive Instructional Assistant, and twenty-five (25) students to attend Career Day at the Pittsburgh Auto Show at the David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA full day on Friday, February 16, 2024. Total cost is \$575.00.
  - i. Mr. Albert Kollinger, Collision Repair Instructor, and Mr. Dan Gallagher, Collision Repair Instructional Assistant, and forty-three (43) students to tour Hunter Truck, in Butler, PA on February 21, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$440.00.
  - j. Mr. Christopher Graham, DECA Advisor, and three (3) students to attend the DECA State Conference in Hershey, PA from February 21-23, 2024. The total cost is \$2,144.50 plus gas and tolls.
  - k. Ms. Laurie Conti, SkillsUSA Assistant Advisor, and one (1) student to attend in Altoona, PA, the State Officer SLSC 2024 Preparation from February 25-27, 2024. Total cost is \$659.78.

- l. Mr. Benjamin Piper, Culinary Arts Instructor and seven (7) students to attend the Pro Start competition from February 28-29, 2024, at Penn State University, Main campus.  
Total cost is \$ 872.00.
- m. Ms. Nicole Todd, Health Occupations Instructor, Mrs. Stephanie Vuckovich, Veterinary Assistant Instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitsch, Health Occupations Instructional Assistant and eighteen (18) students to attend the HOSA Leadership Conference in Lancaster, PA from March 12-15, 2024. Total cost is \$13,723.23.
- n. Mrs. Renee DiGiacomo, FBLA Advisor, Ms. Nicole DeMark, Graphic Arts Instructor, and approximately seventeen (17) students to attend the PA Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 7-10, 2024.  
Total cost is \$16,427.00.

Ms. Laura DelVecchio

Administrative Director