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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, April 25, 2024, via Zoom/in-person/teleconference, was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe; Ambridge, Mr. Luke Berardelli (zoom 6:02p.m.); Beaver, Mr. Ron Miller; Beaver Falls, Mr. Andrew Huzyak; Blackhawk, Mr. Dennis Bloom; Central Valley, Mr. Gerald Inman III; Freedom, Mrs. Cristeen Ceratti; New Brighton (alternate), Ms. Jocelyn Haskins; Rochester, Mrs. Christy Hughes; Riverside, Mr. Michael Rounds; South Side and Mr. John Metzler; Western Beaver.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Catherine Colalella; Aliquippa, Mrs. Carla Buxton; Hopewell and Mr. Chris Becker; Midland.

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

1. Approved the minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting.
2. Approved the Treasurer's report for March 2024 and the listing of bills for April 2024.
3. Approved the Beaver County CTC audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.
4. Authorized Ms. Laura DelVecchio, Administrative Director to serve as the signatory for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 School Mental Health /Security Grant through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.
5. Authorized to provide a School Resource Officer, a safety and security officer, a new camera system, additional keyless entry system, and exterior doors in accordance with the PCCD Grant guidelines.
6. Approved the Technology Pool Counsel with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.
7. Appointed Dr. Kristin Zvonar as the Beaver County CTC school physician for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$1,800.00.
8. Authorized to advertise any open positions anticipated for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences/field trips:
  - a. Ms. Nicole Todd, Health Occupations Instructor and nine (9) students to schedule and tour the Health Occupations building at the Community College of Beaver County, on April 3, 2024, full day. There is no cost.
  - b. Mr. Carl Cosentino, Welding Instructor, Mr. Vince Gratteri, Marketing Specialist, and ten (10) students to attend the Beaver County AWS Chapter award ceremony and student day at the Steamfitter's Hall on Thursday, April 25, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$125.00.
  - c. Mr. Benjamin Piper, Culinary Arts Instructor, Ms. Sue Chance, Learning Facilitator and eight (8) students to tour US Foods, Greensburg, on Monday, April 29, 2024, full day. There is no cost.

#### 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

- d. Mr. Albert Kollinger, Collision Repair Instructor, Mr. Dan Gallagher, Collision Repair Instructional Aide, and forty (40) students to tour Hitch-Hiker manufacturing in Middletown, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$440.00.
- e. Mrs. Dolores Mason, Cosmetology Instructor, Ms. Laurie Conti, Cosmetology Instructor, Mr. Dominic Darenkamp, Cosmetology Instructor, Ms. Kennedy Bonner, Cosmetology Instructional Aide and one hundred fifteen (115) students to attend a movie at Cinemark, Robinson Twp. On Thursday, May 16, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$1,175.00.
- f. Mrs. Stephanie Vuckovich, Veterinary Assistant Instructor and Mrs. Alaina Prendergast, Veterinary Assistant Instructional Assistant, Mr. Randy Reed, Cooperative Education Instructor and thirty-five (35) students to explore the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium on May 22, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$300.00.
- g. Mr. Benjamin Piper, Culinary Arts Instructor, to attend the Pro Star National Teacher Professional Development from July 6, 2024-July 12, 2024, in New Orleans, LA. Mr. Piper received a \$2,000.00 scholarship towards the funding. The total estimated cost is \$925.00.
- h. Mr. Albert Kollinger, Collision Repair Instructor, to attend a welding education class on June 2-June 6, 2024, in Cleveland, Ohio through Lincoln Electric. Total cost is \$2,295.40.
- i. Ms. Laurie Conti, SkillsUSA advisor, Mr. Dan Ostronic, SkillsUSA advisor and three (3) students to attend the SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Ga from June 21-29, 2024. Arrival dates are varied due to state officer training (leverage). Total cost is \$14,291.00.
- j. Ms. Nicole Todd, Health Occupations Instructor, Ms. Elizabeth Mitsch, Health Occupations Instructional Assistant and ten (10) students to view an open-heart surgery at AGH in Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, full day. Total cost is \$575.00.

*Ms. Laura DelVecchio*  
Administrative Director