



The Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center

445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904

REGULAR JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 25, 2025

OFFICERS

Chairperson – Mr. Galen George – Forest Hills School District
Vice-Chairperson – Mr. David Hudak – Richland School District
Secretary – Mr. Alan Tresnicky – Non-Voting Member
Treasurer - Dr. Richard Knavel – Forest Hills School District

MEMBERS

Conemaugh Township Area School District
Ferndale Area School District
Forest Hills School District

Greater Johnstown School District
Richland School District

Westmont Hilltop School District
Windber Area School District

Mr. Jeffrey Alesantrino and Dr. Rocco Mantini
Mr. Stephen Thompson
Mr. Galen George, Dr. Richard Knavel, and
Dr. Timothy Ondrejik,
Mr. Eugene Pentz
Mr. Julian Beglin, Mr. Dave Hudak, and
Mrs. Tricia Shaffer
Dr. William Carney and Dr. Kamal Gella
Mr. Mark Portante, Mr. Ron Walker, and
Mrs. Antoinette Rummel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Galen George, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. The following were the items of business and discussion:

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Alan Tresnicky, JOC Board Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Members Present:

Mr. Stephen Thompson
Mr. Galen George
Dr. Rocco Mantini
Dr. Richard Knavel

Members Absent:

Mr. Jeffrey Alesantrino
Dr. William Carney
Mrs. Tricia Shaffer

Alternates:

Mr. Richard Sukenik

Dr. Timothy Ondrejik

Mr. Eugene Pentz

Mr. Julian Beglin

Mr. David Hudak

Mr. Mark Portante

Mr. Ron Walker

Mrs. Antoinette Rummel

Dr. Kamal Gella Attended via Zoom

Total: Members: 12 Absent: 3 Alternates: 1 Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present

Mr. John S. Augustine II, Administrative Director

Mr. Zackery Buchholz, Secondary Health Culinary Arts Instructor, President of Teachers Association

Mrs. Amanda Harrington, Assistant Administrator of Program Operations

Mrs. Joan Pritts, Confidential Recording Secretary

Mr. Arnold Nadonley, Chief School Administrator

Attorney Ronald Repak, Solicitor

Mr. Randy Roxby, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

Mrs. Tricia Rummel, Assistant Director

Mr. Matthew Zern, Financial Officer

Mrs. Jennifer Steele, Adult Education Secretary

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS, VISITORS INTRODUCTIONS – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2025

On a motion by Mr. Pentz, seconded by Mr. Hudak, it was moved that the minutes resulting from the January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Matthew Zern presented the Treasurer's Report and the billing list. He noted that Dr. Knavel, Treasurer, reviewed and approved of the bills listed. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Pentz, it was moved that the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills be approved as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Copy on file in the Administrative Office)

CORRESPONDENCE – None

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY – Conference Reports

PETE & C (2/9 – 2/12/2025) Conference Report submitted by Mrs. Harrington

Discussed the following topics from conference: AI in the classroom and CANVAS blueprint.

PACTA (2/12 – 2/14/2025) Conference Report submitted by Mr. Augustine

Discussed the following topics from conference – Aerium and PA Smart Grant

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS –

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:40 pm to discuss a safety issue.

Executive Session end time: 6:50 pm

10. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA(C.O.W.)

On a motion by Mr. Pentz, seconded by Mr. Beglin, it was moved that the Committee of the Whole Agenda items 3A- 7B, be approved as presented. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

A. C.O.W. Item 3: – ITEMS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL

- A. Annual Accreditation Report – Adult Education – No deficiencies found
- B. Guidance Plan – approved for 2024 - 2027
- C. Contract Update – Support Staff - discussion
- D. Practical Nursing – *discussion and Board decided to not hold a Spring Session due to low numbers.
- E. Calendar Update – March 17th changed to Virtual Day
- F. Spring OAC Response – Information about suggestions from Spring OAC
- G. OAC Additions/Deletions – Additions approved
- H. Conference Request – Approved Mrs. Knapp and Kieta to SkillsUSA State Competition (2 students)
- I. Secondary Instructor – Machine Tool Technology – TBA – still searching
- J. Custodial Hire – approved to reassign to part time substitute – Mr. Jack Flickinger
- K. Other Items Relating to Education and Personnel - None

B. C.O.W. Item 4: – ITEMS RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. Budget & Finance Personnel Committee Meeting – meeting held - discussion
- B. Results of Mail Ballot Resolution Adoption of the 2025-2026 GJCTC Secondary and Adult/Workforce Budget – Approval of both Secondary and Adult Workforce Budget by 2/3 of participating schools.
- C. 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan - approved
- D. Sponsorship – Approved Hillegass Racing Sponsorship – Jennerstown Speedway
- E. Charitable Donation – approved annual donation to Richland Fire Department
- F. Tuition Students – approved addition of one 10th grade Welding student – Ligonier Valley
- G. Other Items Relating to Budget and Finance – None

C. C.O.W. Item 5: – ITEMS RELATING TO BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- A. Soccer Shots – approve use of fields for April – May 2025
- B. Total Control Lease Update – approved lease update to \$8000.00
- C. Other Items Relating to Building and Grounds – None

D. C.O.W. Item 6: – ITEMS RELATING TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- A. Conference Request – SkillsUSA State Competition – Approved Mrs. Knapp/Keita to attend SkillsUSA State Competition
- B. Other Items Relating to Building and Grounds – None

11. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Randy Roxby, Supervisor of Building and Grounds, was presented with the weekly Director's report. Mr. Roxby added that inspections of the following systems were completed: Elevator, Fire and Electrical. A suggestion of a "year end Re-cap" meeting with tenants to discuss use of external heating sources. Mr. Roxby also discussed snow removal that is ongoing, and HVAC issues that seem to have been resolved.

12. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Mrs. Amanda Harrington, Assistant Administrator of Program Operations, presented the attached Student of the Month report and the remainder of her report was submitted in the Director's Weekly Report. She discussed the Guidance Plan in more detail and the Spring OAC response.

13. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Tricia Rummel, Assistant Director, presented her report in the Director's weekly report and had nothing further to add.

14. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. John S. Augustine II, Administrative Director, has been updating the board weekly and the reports are attached. The Board voiced the opinion that this way of communication seems to be quite effective.

15. REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Arnold Nadonley, Chief School Administrator, discussed the PAC meeting and challenges of coordinating school calendars. He also discussed millage increases and the way that Allegheny County Schools are addressing their increase of mills and calling it a "Cyber School Tax".

16. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Ronald Repak, Solicitor, discussed the difference between a Virtual Instruction Day (VID) and a Flexible Instruction Day (FID).

17. REPORT OF THE J.O.C. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Galen George, J.O.C. Chairperson, discussed the increased tenant demands and the possibility of an increase in revenue sources from them to keep up with their demands. He also opened a discussion about the winter and the toll that it is taking on the roads around the school and that it should be an elevated discussion in the Spring to see if there needs further action.

18. FUTURE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The March Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Building and Grounds Committee to meet at 5:30 pm.

19. OTHER BUSINESS - None

20. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Portante, it was moved the meeting be adjourned, at 7:50 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Pritts
Confidential Recording Secretary Joint Operating Committee