

The Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center

445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904

REGULAR JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – May 27, 2025



Chairperson – Mr. Galen George – Forest Hills School District
 Vice-Chairperson – Mr. David Hudak – Forest Hills 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
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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 7:12 pm. 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

Dr. Timothy Ondrejik

Mr. Eugene Pentz

Dr. William Carney

Members Absent:

Mr. Ron Walker

Mr. Jeffery Alesantrino

Alternates:

Mr. David Hudak

Mr. Mark Portante

Mrs. Antoinette Rummel

Dr. Kamal Gella

Mrs. Tricia Shaffer

Mr. Julian Beglin

Total: **13 Members** Absent : **2 Members** Alternates: Quorum Present: **Yes**

Others Present

Mr. John S. Augustine, II, Administrative Director

Mr. Zackery Buchholz, Secondary Culinary Arts Instructor, President of Teacher's Association

Mrs. Amanda Harrington, Assistant Administrator of Program Operations

Mr. Matthew Zern, Financial Officer

Attorney Ronald Repak, Solicitor

Mr. Arnold Nadonley, Chief School Administrator

Mr. Randy Roxby, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

Mrs. Jennifer Steele, Adult Education Secretary, President Support Staff Association

Mrs. Joan Pritts, Confidential Recording Secretary

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS, VISITORS INTRODUCTIONS – Mr. Tom Mitchell, Westmont Hilltop Superintendent, was in attendance as he will be taking over for Mr. Nadonley on July 1, 2025 as the JOC Chief Superintendent of Record.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2025 – On a motion by Dr. Kamal Gella, seconded by Mr. Dave Hudak, it was moved that the minutes resulting from the March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - POLICY # 005

Nomination for Treasurer of the Joint Operating Committee shall elect a Treasurer to serve a term of (1) year beginning the first Monday in July. Nominations for the Treasurer of the Joint Operating Committee - 1 year term, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. To be paid annual salary of \$600:00 for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Dr. Richard Knavel was nominated on a motion by Mr. Julian Beglin and seconded by Mark Portante. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

During the month of May, once every four (4) years, the Joint Operating Committee shall elect a Secretary to serve a term of four (4) years, beginning the first Monday of July following such election. The Secretary may or may not be a member of the Joint Board. The term will be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

Dr. Rocco Mantini was nominated on a motion by Mr. Dave Hudak, seconded by Julian Beglin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. 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 Mrs. Trisha Shaffer seconded by Dr. Kamal Gella, 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). Mr. Beglin abstained on the vote for check #4689. The vote was as follows:

All JOC Board Members voted in the affirmative and there was one abstention. Motion passed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – None

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY – Conference Reports

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS – None

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

On a motion by Dr. Knavel, seconded by Mr. Hudak, it was moved that the Committee of the Whole Agenda items 4A - 7A, be approved as presented. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

A. C.O.W. Item 4 : ITEMS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL

- A. Approved NTMA Apprenticeship Program
- B. Approved 2025-2026 OAC Additions/Deletions
- C. Approved purchase of Instructure Software (Canvas)
- D. Approved renewing Vidcruiter hiring platform software
- E. Approved Teacher request for days off without pay
- F. Approved the resignation of Cosmetology Supervisor, effective immediately
- G. Approved the appointment of Miah McFadden, as the Cosmetology Supervisor, effective immediately to continue through the end of the 2024-2025 school year
- H. Approved the transfer of Secondary Instructor from the PolyTech Program to the Apartment Program , effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
- I. Approved the transfer of Secondary Instructor from Culinary Arts Program to the Co-Op Ed/Coordinator of New Teacher Mentors/Teacher Curriculum Support for the 2025-2026 school year.
- J. Approved the resignations of Darius Kovacina, Secondary Cosmetology Instructor; Jerry Hershberger, Secondary Classroom Aide - Diesel;(at the end of the 2024-2025 school year); Karen Brandon - Secondary Health Assistant aide;(remaining on the substitute list)and Averiana Bitter; Part-time Custodian, effective as of May, 20, 2025 and Jack Flickinger- Substitute Custodian (effective July 25, 2025).
- K. Approved the MOU Retirement
- L. Approved the closing of the Bedford Welding Program and transferal of those adult students to the Johnstown Campus.
- M. Acknowledged the donation from Robert Czarnek to the Robotics Program
- N. Approved the hiring of Walter Wasdsworth, Secondary Construction Aid, as summer substitute custodial staff.
- O. Special recognition of the Co-Op Construction staff, Mr. Dave Lehman and his students who have worked diligently to complete many projects around the building
- P. Approved the hiring Tyler Mosorjak, to begin in the 2025-2026 School Year
- Q. Approved the continuation of the Security Guard through the summer months. The summer schedule for the Security Guard was approved as well.

B. C.O.W. Item 5 : ITEMS RELATED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. Approved the Non-Participating Secondary Student Tuition Rate for the 2025-2026 school year
- B. Approved the Adult/Workforce Development tuition and fee schedule for the 2025-2026 school year
- C. Approved the renewal of the PSBA membership for the 2025-2026 school year at an annual cost of \$4500.00
- D. Approved the continuation for Pro Disposal for trash hauling, to include the 2025 - 2028 school years, as the only vendor who can meet our volume and daily needs. The cost will be \$797.15 monthly

C. C.O.W. Item 6: ITEMS RELATING TO BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- A. Approval of Lead water testing report as presented
- B. Approval of the minutes from the March 25, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
- C. Retroactively approved the use of the building by Cambria County SERT
- D. Paving Project update - TEN involvement

D. C.O.W. Item 7 : ITEMS RELATING TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- A. Acknowledgement of SkillsUSA Championship results

12. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Randy Roxby, Supervisor of Building and Grounds, updated the Board on the HVAC system monitoring, tree removal, confirmed that the generator is up and running, the new Toyota forklift is be be delivered 5/29/25 and that the 50/50 Grant work has begun.

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 GJCTC's student participation at the SkillsUSA in April and also reported on the successes in the Robotics Program this year.

13. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Tricia Rummel, Assistant Director, updated on the Community Foundation Grant for Drone Training in the amount of \$3,750.00.

14. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. John S. Augustine II, Administrative Director, has been updating the board weekly and the reports are attached.

15. REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Arnold Nadonley, Chief School Administrator, discussed the PAC meeting and updated the Board on the Health Care Consortium about streamlining services and maximize cost reduction opportunities. He also reported that the Superintendents discussed the possibility of additional educational services such as Alternative Education and Cyber Education at the GJCTC

16. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Ronald Repak, Solicitor, gave an update on the PA State Budget that is due by June 30th and is unlikely to pass.

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

Mr. Galen George, J.O.C. Chairperson, thanked Tom Mitchell, Westmont Hilltop Superintendent, for attending. Mr. Mitchell will be assuming the JOC Superintendent of Record seat as of July 1, 2025.

18. FUTURE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The April Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025, immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:30 p.m. There will be no subcommittee meeting for the month of June.

19. OTHER BUSINESS - None**20. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Stephen Thompson, seconded by Mark Portante, it was moved the meeting be adjourned, at 7:37 pm. A voice vote was taken with all present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Pritts, Confidential Recording Secretary

Galen George
GJCTC JOC Board Chairperson

Alan Tresnicky
GJCTC JOC Board Secretary

Waste Hauling Quotations
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

Service	Frequency	Pro Disposal		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
10yd Trash Dumpster	Every Weekday	\$ 679.45	\$ 679.45	\$ 699.83
8yd Cardboard/Paper Recycle Dumpster	Bi-Weekly	\$ 53.50	\$ 53.50	\$ 55.10
2yd Co-Mingle Recycle	Weekly	\$ 64.20	\$ 64.20	\$ 66.12
	Monthly Cost	\$ 797.15	\$ 797.15	\$ 821.05
	Annual Cost	\$ 9,565.80	\$ 9,565.80	\$ 9,852.60

Notes: Current service provider
Decision: Retain Pro Disposal as trash hauler

Service	Frequency	Burgmeiers		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
10yd Trash Dumpster	4x a week	\$ 293.23		
8yd Cardboard Recycle Dumpster	Bi-Weekly	\$ 117.35		
95gal Paper Recycle Toter	Bi-Weekly	\$ 57.01		
95gal Co-Mingle Recycle	Monthly	\$ 62.03		
	Monthly Cost	\$ 529.62		
	Annual Cost	\$ 6,355.44	\$ -	\$ -

Notes: Can only pick up trash 4X/Week
Would not quote greater than 1 year
Decision: Did not meet specs of quote/needed service.

Service	Frequency	Waste Management		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
8yd Trash Dumpster	4x a week			
8yd Cardboard Recycle Dumpster	Bi-Weekly			
95gal Paper Recycle Toter	Bi-Weekly			
95gal Co-Mingle Recycle	Monthly			
	Monthly Cost	\$ 739.49		
	Annual Cost	\$ 8,873.88	\$ -	\$ -

Notes: Does not offer a 10yd dumpster for trash
Monthly fluctuation of Energy Surcharge
There is an annual service price increase that is determined by WM
but can be negotiated by GJCTC and WM annually.
Decision: Did not meet specs of quote/needed service.