

Joint Operating Committee Notes

The Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025, via Zoom/in-person/teleconference, was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Catherine Colalella; Aliquippa, Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe; Ambridge, Mr. Ron Miller; Beaver Falls, Mr. Dennis Bloom; Central Valley (6:38p.m.), 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 (6:32pm. zoom) and Mr. John Metzler (zoom); Western Beaver.

Members Absent: Mr. Luke Berardelli; Beaver, Mr. Andrew Huzyak; Blackhawk, and Mr. Chris Becker; Midland.

The following items were ratified/approved on the consent agenda :

1. Approved the amended minutes of June 26, 2025, regular meeting.
2. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences/field trips:
 - a. Mr. Bryan Lehocky, Greenhouse Instructor to attend the Beaver County Conservation District Project Completion Open House, Thursday, September 4, 2025, professional development half day. Total cost is \$88.27.
3. Approved The following Instructional Assistants to be re-employed under the Perkins Grant:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Glenda Tetemanza	Learning Support	\$40,000.00
Dominick Treemarchi	Masonry/Electrical	\$30,155.00
Suzanne Mano	Commercial Art	\$30,000.00
4. Accepted letter of resignation from Mrs. Alaina Prendergast, Veterinary Instructional Assistant, effective August 13, 2025.
5. Approved the 2025-2026 Beaver County CTC Teacher and student handbook.
6. Approve 2025-2026 mentors for the newly employed instructors for the 2025-2026 School Year and in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Name of Mentor	Mentee	Salary
Renee DiGiacomo	John Macuga	\$1,250.00
Laurie Conti	Dominic Darenkamp	\$1,250.00
Carl Cosentino	Todd Grimes	\$1,250.00

7. Established the Beaver County CTC rates for the 2025-2026 School year as listed:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>2025-2026 RATE</u>
Substitute Teacher	\$135/day
Substitute School Nurse	Pursuant to the terms of the Stat Staffing Contract

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

8. The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Emergency Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School year, Mr. Kerry Bowser and Mr. David Walden.
9. Rehired Mr. Alan Valasek through Express Employment as a day-to-day substitute at a rate of \$25.50/hour to serve as the Instructional assistant in the Automotive Technology Program.
10. Approved Board Policy Number 249 Vol 1 2025 Bullying/Cyber bullying as presented.
11. Approved the E-Rate consulting services Letter of agreement with Questeq Educational Technology and the Beaver County CTC.
12. Engaged in the professional services of Mark Turnley, CPA to perform the annual audit for the contract period for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
13. Pathway agreement between the Beaver County CTC and Penn College of Technology to award three (3) credits for Diversified Occupations in an open elective pending successful completion of eligibility/admission requirements as presented. This agreement will be reviewed annually and may be terminated by notifying the other party.
14. Articulation agreement between the Beaver County CTC and Community College of Beaver County to award credits based on the type of model presented and based upon meeting the graduation, testing and CCBC admission requirements and the specific program of study and within five (5) years from the date of BCCTC graduation or by approval of the dean.
15. Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the BCTE Technical Assistance Program for the 2025-2026 School Year.
16. Approved/ratified the Treasurer's Report for the various financial accounts for July and August 2025 and the listing of bills for the month of July and August 2025.
17. Approved the hire of three (3) Perkins Instructional Assistants as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Johnna Ott	\$28,000.00	Veterinary Instructional Assistant
Carrie Davis	\$35,000.00	Instructional Assistant/Testing Assistant
Kathy Weaver	\$38,000.00	Culinary Arts Instructional Assistant
18. Approved Mr. Nick Tisak as the Beaver County CTC Safety and Security Assistant/Instructional Assistant at a salary of \$33,899.92.
19. Approved the Beaver County CTC Career and Technical Student Organization Sponsors:
 - SkillsUSA
 - Mr. Dan Ostronic
 - Ms. Laurie Conti (Assistant)
 - Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
 - Mr. Christopher Graham
 - Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
 - ProStart Advisor
 - Mr. Benjamin Piper
 - National Future Farmers of America (FFA)
 - Mr. Bryan Lehocky
 - American Welding Society (AWS)
 - Mr. Carl Cosentino
 - Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 - Ms. Renee DiGiacomo
 - National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)
 - Mrs. Dolores Mason
 - Ms. Nicole DeMark
 - Cosmetology Supervisor
 - Mrs. Dolores Mason
 - CTC Yearbook
 - Ms. Nicole DeMark

National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
Mr. David Liptak
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Ms. Nicole Todd
Mrs. Elizabeth Mitsch (Assistant)

Laura DelVecchio
Administrative Director