

Joint Operating Committee Notes

The Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 25, 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, 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 (zoom) and Mr. John Metzler; 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 minutes of the August 28, 2025, regular meeting.
2. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences/field trips:
 - a. Mr. Dan Ostronic and Ms. Laurie Conti, SkillsUSA advisors to attend on Thursday, September 18, 2025, half day the Western Region Fall Leadership planning meeting and officer tryouts at Forbes CTC. Total cost is \$135.00.
 - b. Mr. Arnold Shaner, Masonry Instructor, Mr. Tom Majors, Learning Facilitator, Ms. Glenda Tetemanza, Instructional Assistant and forty-nine (49) students to attend the Bricklayer Student and Pro bricklaying race at Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA, full day on Thursday, September 25, 2025. Total cost is \$485.00.
 - c. Mr. Albert Kollinger, Collision Repair Instructor and forty-four (44) students to tour Crash Champions body shop in Coraopolis, PA, full day, Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Total cost is \$485.00.
 - d. Mrs. Renee DiGiacomo, Business Information Systems Instructor, Ms. Jamie Kuriger, Learning Facilitator and Mr. Dan LaRue, School Counselor and 20-30 students to tour the Community College of Beaver County (CCBC), on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, full day. Total cost is \$255.00.
 - e. Mr. Dan Ostronic and Ms. Laurie Conti, SkillsUSA advisors to attend on Friday, October 17, 2025, full day the District 8 Planning and Training meeting at CCAC, West Hills Campus. Total cost is \$270.00.
 - f. Ms. Nicole Todd, Health Occupations Instructor and twenty (20) students to attend the SWPA Healthcare Expo at the David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA, full day on Friday, October 17, 2025. The cost of one bus will be reimbursed by Job Training of Beaver County.

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

- g. Mrs. Stephanie Vuckovich, Veterinary Assistant Instructor and Ms. Johnna Ott, Veterinary Instructional Assistant and forty (40) students to attend visit Brunton's Dairy farm, full day, on Monday, October 20, 2025. Total cost is \$350.00.
- h. Ms. Nicole Todd, HOSA Advisor and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitsch, HOSA Assistant Advisor to attend the HOSA Fall Leadership Conference, in Cranberry PA, full day on Thursday, October 30, 2025, full day. Total cost is \$360.20.
- i. Mr. David Liptak, Carpentry Instructor, Mr. John Macuga, Electrical Instructor, Mr. Arnold Shaner, Masonry Instructor, Mr. Bryan Lehocky, Greenhouse/Landscape Instructor and ninety (90) students to attend the Builder Guild's "Build On" Event at the David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, October 31, 2025, full day. Estimated cost is \$700.00 with estimated reimbursement of the cost of one (1) bus through Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board
- 3. Student driver's permits for the 2025-2026 at a rate of \$20.00 and replacement cost of \$10.00.
- 4. The terms of office for the committee members and alternates from Ambridge, Beaver, Freedom, Hopewell, and Western Beaver will expire in December of this year. It is necessary for the aforementioned School Boards of Directors to elect a representative and an alternate to serve on the Beaver County CTC Joint Operating Committee for a three-year term, beginning in with the Reorganization Meeting December 11, 2025. The BCCTC administrative office will notify each of the following individuals by letter: President of the School Board, BCCTC representative and alternate, and Superintendent of Schools.
- 5. Letter to notify the Superintendent of Schools to fill an unexpired term for the Joint Operating Committee member sent out by the administrative office of the BCCTC.
- 6. Intermittent Family Medical Leave for employee #231, effective August 25, 2025, and not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.
- 7. Beaver County CTC Facilities handbook and Administrative support handbook.
- 8. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit emergency substitute add on for the 2025-2026 School Year:
 - a. Arleen Ojeda
- 9. The Treasurer's Report for the various financial accounts August 2025 and the listing of bills for the month of September 2025 presented for approval/ratification.
- 10. Approved/ratified the Act 93 Memorandum of Understanding between the Beaver County CTC and the Administrative Group with a term July 1, 2023, through and including June 30, 2028, Section 6 "Salary Increases."
- 11. Approved/ratified the Employment agreement of Ms. Laura DelVecchio, Administrative Director In regard F.1 "Salary Increases."
- 12. Approved grant application payment of \$2,500.00 to M:7 for the purposes of preparing and submitting a grant applicate under the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.
- 13. Approved transfer of funds from the Graphic Arts classroom closure of \$30,000.00 to the Logistics classroom budget for the purpose of school wide supplies to be purchased throughout the year.
- 14. Authorized the Board Secretary to cast the votes as designated by the Joint Operating Committee.
- 15. Approved Witherel Kalina Law Group for professional services, special counsel, concerning the South Side School District at a rate of \$190.00/hour.
- 16. Approved a Revenue Anticipation Note for the Beaver County CTC in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 with an interest rate of 4.4%. The cost to establish the RAN LOC is \$10,000.00.

17. Mr. Nicholas Tisak was approved to be the Safety and Security Assistant at a salary of \$33,899.92 by the Joint Operating Committee on August 28, 2025. Approved Mr. Nicholas Tisak in the second position as the Instructional Assistant Lead at a salary of \$33,899.92. Mr. Tisak will receive a total salary for both positions of \$67,799.84. One half of that amount (\$33,899.92) will be paid through the Perkins grant as was previously approved and the remaining one half of his salary (compensation for the position of Instructional Assistant Lead) in the amount of \$33,899.92 will be paid through the General Fund.

Laura DeVecchio

Administrative Director