

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
 JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE  
 October 25, 2023

Following an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for discussion of personnel matters, the meeting was called to order by JOC President Melissa P. Secco in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

	Board Delegate		Alternate		Also In Attendance
X	Jeffrey Devenney		Leslie Cunningham	X	Cyril Walther, Superintendent
X	Melissa P. Secco		Amy Lemmon	X	Michael Milanovich
X	Bernard Price		Liz Gump	X	James Purtell
	Robert J. Mele		Laurie Popeck	X	Kimberly A. Siegman
X	Louis R. Ursitz		Beverly Schwab	X	Steffie Smith
	David D. Haines		Aaron Vanatta	X	Matthew M. Hoffman, Esq.
X	Rebecca A. Bowman, Esq.		Ronald A. Dunleavy		
X	Gregory Z. Rudman		Penny S. Caleffe		
X	Tara Sparks-Gatling		Amy Roberts		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DAMIEN SHAFFER - CANON-McMILLAN SD - CARPENTRY

Canon Mac senior Damien Shaffer competed in last year's SkillsUSA competition and is eager for another go at it this year! With an A average in his carpentry program, it was a no-brainer to recommend him for the Co-Op program. He has completed many tasks around the school, has worked on the lean-to shed outside the carpentry shop, and helped out with many small projects in the cosmetology salon remodel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Devenney, second by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**Treasurer's Report I Ratification and Payment of Bills**

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mr. Ursitz, to accept the Treasurer's Report with ratification and payment of bills as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

PERSONNEL – PRACTICAL NURSING

Motion by Mr. Ursitz, second by Mr. Devenney, to employ Jeanna Brewer, RN, as an as-needed clinical instructor effective January 1, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Sparks-Gatling, second by Mr. Devenney, to enter into the CCAC STAR articulation agreement as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

IUI CONSORTIUM LICENSE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Ursitz, second by Mr. Rudman, to approve the payment of \$750 to Intermediate Unit 1 for IU1 Moodle usage during the 2023-2024 school year. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

HVAC DONATION

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mr. Devenney, to accept the donation from Bill Furey of 4 Hitachi ductless heat pump systems valued at approximately \$14,000 to be used in the HVAC program. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: JOC TERMS OF OFFICE

The terms of office OF Western Area CTC committee members and alternates from Canon-McMillan, Fort Cherry and Trinity Area school districts will expire in December. It is necessary for those school boards to elect a representative and an alternate to serve on the WACTC Joint Operating Committee for a 3-year term to begin in December.

BULLYING POLICY

Motion by Mrs. Sparks-Gatling, second by Mr. Price, to approve the reviewed Bullying Policy as presented. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

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#### REPORTS

- Matthew Hoffman, Esq., Solicitor, provided information on four issues: School District must prove student residency (G.W. v. Avonworth SD, 297 A.3d 28); Completion of Act 168 controversy (McClendon v. The SD of Philadelphia, 2023 WL 4237080); Employee absences (O'Leary v. Unemployment Comp Board of Review, No. 775 C.D. 2022); and Complaint about library books (Foster v. Pennridge SD, AP 2023-0931).
- James Purtell, Principal, reported that all sending district principals attended the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at Western Area. It was an extremely productive meeting with roundtable discussion on pre-NOCTI scores, IEPs, upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade tours, suspension notification, student attendance/certifications, application deadline, and on-line registration.
- Michael Milanovich, Executive Director, discussed with the JOC staff developments, status of current grant applications, capital projects (boiler, cosmetology expansion, sewage treatment plant, fire hydrants), adult education building remodel, Practical Nursing program status, CDL program, and expansion and growth of our programs and shops, enrollment, and cooperative education update.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ursitz, second Mr. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffie Smith, Board Secretary