

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE  
November 15, 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
	Jeffrey Devenney		Leslie Cunningham		Cyril Walther, Superintendent
X	Melissa P. Secco		Amy Lemmon	X	Michael Milanovich
X	Bernard Price		Liz Gump	X	James Purtell
X	Robert J. Mele		Laurie Popeck	X	Kimberly A. Siegman
X	Louis R. Ursitz		Beverly Schwab	X	Steffie Smith
X	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

**Mason Allison - Student of the Month - Burgettstown Area SD**

Mason has been a straight A student for three years and is a member of SkillsUSA and the National Technical Honor Society. In December 2022, he finished second at the Skills District 9 masonry competition; and in September 2023, he finished second in the *Junior Bricklayer 500* event at Highmark Stadium, laying 120 bricks in 20 minutes! Mason attended the meeting with his mother, grandparents, cooperative education employer Anthony Gianfrancesco, and Nicholas Gianfrancesco.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs., Bowman, second by Mr. Haines, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 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. Mele, 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

**Maintenance/Custodial Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Mele, second by Mr. Haines, to accept the resignation of Robert Phillips effective November 4, 2023. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

**Welding Instructor Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Haines, second by Mr. Mele, to accept the resignation of welding instructor Timothy Barton effective upon employment of qualified instructor but no later than January 5, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

REPORT

- Matthew Hoffman, Esq., Solicitor, alerted the JOC to the attached Commonwealth Court decision in Coleman v. Parkland School District which concluded that Section 712.1 of the Sunshine Act does not permit local government bodies to amend meeting agendas other than to add emergency or de minimis matters.
- Mr. Purtell: SkillsUSA students participated in the recent Leadership Conference held at Seven Springs; Giant Eagle has donated food items to be distributed next week to students; 56 students with perfect attendance were rewarded with a "Movie Day" last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Rudman, second Mr. Haines, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffie Smith, Board Secretary