

The regular meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology Joint Operating Committee was held in the Boardroom at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology, Pleasant Gap, PA on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Present were:

Committee Members: Mr. Jack Bechdel
Mrs. Tina Greene
Mrs. Karla Groy
Ms. Mary Ann Hamilton, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Kimberly Weaver, Chairman
Mr. Craig Livergood, non-voting Treasurer
Mrs. Theresa Brickley, non-voting Secretary

Staff Members: Mr. Rick Carra
Dr. Brian Griffith, Superintendent of Record
Mrs. Jessica Martin
Mr. Todd Taylor
Mrs. MaryAnn Volders

Visitors: None

Mrs. Weaver called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll was called: Mr. Bechdel, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Groy, Ms. Hamilton, and Mrs. Weaver were present.

Ms. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mrs. Greene, approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Groy moved, seconded by Mr. Bechdel, approval of the Treasurer's reports to be filed for audit and approval of the prepaid and current bills as presented.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Bechdel	yes	Mrs. Greene	yes	Mrs. Groy	yes
Mrs. Weaver	yes	Ms. Hamilton	yes		

Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Vice President of Secondary Education:

Mrs. Martin reported on the students competing at SkillsUSA states and the chaperones going on the trip; reviewed the textbook request for the Carpentry program; new hire – Brad Martz as Information Technology/CISCO Instructor; and shared the February Students of the Month.

Vice President of Adult and Post-Secondary Education:

Mr. Taylor reported on the new hire – Brett Welty as CCPSTC Instructor/Evaluator; Diesel Repair high school students can earn a Heavy Diesel Construction Associate's degree in one year at a 50% tuition reduction; the Heavy Equipment Operations instructor and simulator will visit Juniata High School on March 19; a Career Fair and Spring Into Healthcare event in conjunction with CareerLink will be held on March 27th 1-5 PM; Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) asked CPI to be their "Train the Trainer" and testing site for the northeastern United States; and the possible impact for CPI and students with US Department of Education changes.

Director of Facilities:

Mr. Carra reported on the rehire of Aaron McClusick as a part-time custodian.

Business Manager:

Mr. Livergood reported on the E-Rate mini bid. We have a maximum of \$77,321 E-Rate Category 2 project funds available. We did receive bids back for a new firewall, switches, wireless access points, transceivers, and cabling; the low bid was \$62,459.

President:

Mrs. Volders reported on the 2025-2026 school calendar; the comprehensive plan is on the agenda for approval; and asked if there were any questions on the policies that are on the agenda for second reading and final approval; the Occupational Advisory Committee meeting will be held this Thursday; April 9th will be the Joint Boards of Education Meeting; signing night will be held in May; Senior Certificate and Awards night will be held on May 29th at Penns Valley; Brad Martz, Information Technology/CISCO Instructor, hiring process; 350+ people attended Open House and the food trucks were a success; Give Kids a Smile Day is March 14th; and the supplemental equipment grant has been awarded in the amount of \$144,000.

Mrs. Greene started a conversation about Cyber Security and the possibility of a connection with the Emergency Services students.

Superintendent of Record:

Dr. Griffith reported that PSBA has amended the Title IX policies, with many forms to accompany them to help administrators navigate Title IX. He also spoke about the agreement with the Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA) and its benefits.

Mrs. Groy moved, seconded by Mr. Bechdel, approval of the 2025-2026 school calendar; approval of the Comprehensive Plan; approval of the list of students and chaperones to attend the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Leadership and Skills Championship in Hershey, PA, on April 2-4, 2025; approval of the enrollment agreement with Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA) retroactive to March 1, 2025; approval of the following new Carpentry and Building Construction Technology textbooks: ISBN 978-0-615-94718-1 Project Book 1, ISBN 978-0-692-65722-5 Project Book 3 Residential, ISBN 978-0-692-22136-5 Career Connections Math for Trades; approval to allow the administration to enter into PEPPM Mini-Bid contracts not to exceed \$77,321.00 (E-Rate Category 2 reimbursement rate = 70%), contingent upon E-Rate funding and local funding approval; approval to hire Brad Martz as Information Technology /CISCO instructor at an annual salary of \$58,000 prorated for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school

year, retroactive to February 18, 2025; approval to hire Aaron McClusick as substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$13.00, effective March 11, 2025, pending receipt of the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance; approval to hire Brett Welty as a Centre County Public Safety Training Center Instructor/Evaluator at an hourly rate of \$21.00, effective March 11, 2025; approval for the President to appoint staff to vacancies not yet filled or to those that become open until the Board can take action at the next regular meeting on April 14, 2025.

Second reading and final approval of policies 005 – Organization, 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities, 113.2 – Behavior Support, 236.1 – Threat Assessment, 308 – Employment Contract/Joint Operating Committee Resolution, 339 – Uncompensated Leave, 607 – Tuition Income, 805.2 – School Security Personnel, 807 – Opening Exercise/Moment of Silence/Flag Display, 823 – Opioid Antagonist

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Greene	yes	Mrs. Groy	yes	Mrs. Weaver	yes
Ms. Hamilton	yes	Mr. Bechdel	yes		

Motion carried.

Ms. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Bechdel, to adjourn.

At 5:57 p.m., Mrs. Weaver adjourned the meeting.

Secretary