

WEST SIDE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
MINUTES OF JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2023

1. The West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the school cafeteria. Joint Operating Committee members and members of the public were provided with an opportunity to participate via the Zoom online meeting platform.
2. The JOC went into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.
3. Mrs. Cussatt, President, called the Public Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
4. The following members responded to roll call and were recorded as officially present:
Northwest- Mr. Clement Benson, Mr. Peter Lanza, Mr. Jeff Pierontoni
Dallas- Mrs. Kelley Kavanagh-Watkins, Mr. Patrick Musto, Mr. Larry Schuler
Wyoming Area- Mr. Philip Campenni (via Zoom), Mr. Joseph Kopko, Mr. Leonard Pribula
Wyoming Valley West- Mrs. Janet Cussatt, Mr. Charles Kamus, Mr. Thomas Pieczynski

Also Present- Dr. Thomas Duffy, Chief School Administrator; Mr. Richard Rava, Assistant Director/Principal, Mr. Grant Palfey, Business Manager; Mr. James Gaydos, Networking Administrator/Technology Director; Attorney Charles Coslett, JOC Solicitor; Miss Elaine Pallone, JOC Secretary/Treasurer

Absent-
Lake-Lehman- Mr. Alfred DeAngelis, Mr. David Paulauskas, Mr. Andrew Salko
5. Moved by Mr. Pieczynski and seconded by Mr. Schuler that the minutes of the reorganization meeting held on December 15, 2022 were approved as presented. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
6. Moved by Mr. Kopko and seconded by Mr. Pieczynski that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2022 were approved as presented. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
7. Moved by Mr. Pieczynski and seconded by Mr. Kamus that the list of bills for December 2022 examined and signed by the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,060,426.89 be approved. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
8. A summary of bank accounts was noted.
9. Mrs. Cussatt noted that an Executive Session was held on December 15, 2022 to discuss personnel matters.
10. The following administrative personnel submitted a written report:
 - Dr. Thomas Duffy, Chief School Administrator
 - Mr. Rick Rava, Assistant Director/Principal
 - Mr. James Gaydos, Networking Administrator/Technology Director
 - Mr. Jason Wells, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

11. Attorney Coslett reported in executive session limited to one labor matter.
12. The JOC Secretary reported that proof of publication is available for the 2023 JOC meeting schedule.
13. Moved by Mrs. Kavanagh-Watkins and seconded by Mr. Schuler approval for Heidi Miller, Culinary Arts Instructor, and two students to attend the PA ProStart Invitational on February 28 and March 1, 2023 in State College, PA. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
14. Moved by Mr. Pribula and seconded by Mr. Schuler approval of the first reading of policy 201- Admission of Students. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
15. Moved by Mr. Pribula and seconded by Mr. Schuler approval of the first reading of policy 202- Eligibility of Nonresident Students. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried
16. Moved by Mr. Pribula and seconded by Mr. Schuler approval of the first reading of policy 218- Student Discipline. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried
17. Moved by Mr. Kamus and seconded by Mr. Pierontoni to increase the 2023 standard mileage rate from 58.5 cents to 65.5 cents per mile, effective February 1, 2023 as per the IRS 2023 mileage rates. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
18. Moved by Mrs. Cussatt and seconded by Mr. Pieczynski approval of the interim administrative action to post and advertise for a long-term substitute for the Machine Tool Technology Program. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
19. Moved by Mrs. Cussatt and seconded by Mr. Pieczynski approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Margaret Mullin, Fine Arts/Family Consumer Science Instructor, effective June 10, 2023, with much regret and gratitude. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
20. Moved by Mrs. Cussatt and seconded by Mr. Pieczynski approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Frances Scaramastro, Social Studies Instructor, effective June 13, 2023, with much regret and gratitude. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
21. Moved by Mrs. Cussatt and seconded by Mr. Pieczynski approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Maria Courtright, Science Instructor, effective June 13, 2023, with much regret and gratitude. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion declared carried.
20. Moved by Mr. Pieczynski and seconded by Mr. Kopko that the meeting be adjourned.
21. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pallone
J.O.C. Secretary/Treasurer