The Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee met Wednesday - February 22, 2017 for a Regular meeting. The meeting, held in the dining room of the School, 150 West 13th Street, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mrs. Darlene Yeakel, at 6:04 PM with the Secretary being present.

Mrs. Darlene Yeakel, Chairman
Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member
Mr. Wayne Gryzik, Member
Mr. Chad M. Obert, Member
Mr. David Reinbold, Administrative Director
Mr. Brent Borzak, Principal
Mr. Jeffry Deutsch, Bus. Administrator/Treasurer
Mr. Ken Walters, Supervisor of Bldg. & Grounds
Ms. Elizabeth Porter, Facilitator of Special Education
Mrs. Margaret Kalogerakis, Coordinator of School Improvement
Mr. Joshua Smale, Alternate Member
Mr. John Ciavarella, Alternate Member
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Alternate Member
Mrs. Irene Genther, Alternate Member
Mr. Brian O’Donnell, Alternate Member
Mr. Brian Gasper, Superintendent of Record
Attorney Robert T. Yurchak, Solicitor
Mrs. Christina A. Graver, Secretary

Present ☒ Absent ☐

Others present: CCTI Students: Brittney Marzen, Drafting and Design Technology Senior (Jim Thorpe ASD); CCTI Staff: Heather Mullen, Adult Education Site Supervisor, Jeremy Pease, Drafting and Design Technology Instructor/National Technical Honor Society Major Advisor, Michael Wildoner, English Teacher; Media Representation: Brian Myszkowski, Times News

The Committee met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, litigation, and negotiation items.
Approval of Minutes

A. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 4   NO - 0    ABSENT - 1    ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors

NONE

Approval of Treasurer’s Report (January 2017)

A. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2017 showing a final balance of $6,381,120.56 in the General Fund, and $62,632.52 in the Student Activities Account.

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Approval of Payment of Bills

A. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve Payment of Bills - General Fund and Other Accounts.

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Motion carried.
Administrative Reports

A. Director’s Report – Mr. Dave Reinbold, Administrative Director
   a. Student Representative – Mrs. Margaret Kalogerakis, Student Council Major Advisor introduced student Brittney Marzen, Drafting and Design Technology Senior (Jim Thorpe ASD) who reported on the following:

   Student Council
   o Members will be taking a trip to Philadelphia next week to tour the Shriners Hospital for Children. Students were also invited as guests for lunch at their facility. Our students will have the opportunity to see how effective their contributions are. For the past few years, CCTI students have collected pull tabs for the hospital. These are recycled and help to pay for state of the art equipment.
   o Last week, Student council presented a $500 check to members of the Hospital.
   o On February 2nd two (2) Student Council members volunteered to assist with the Micah’s back pack program in Palmerton. They packed and delivered 20 back packs for elementary students, filled with weekend meals.
   o Student Council members designed paper Valentine hearts and delivered them to each CCTI student, on Feb. 14th.
   o Members will be working on Penny Wars as an upcoming fundraiser.

   Rotary Interact Community Service Club
   o Members have completed and packed all 200 WAPIs (water pasteurization indicators) to be sent to Honduras through the Jim Thorpe Rotary club. The WAPIs were presented to the Jim Thorpe Rotary members last week, at the “CCTI Gives Back” presentation.
   o Planning a fundraising event to benefit The Dimmick Memorial Library.

   SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
   o The Lehigh Valley Hospital brought distracted driving simulators to CCTI on February 6th.
   o Victims Resource Center gave a presentation on Healthy Relationships on February 14th.
   o SADD sold flower-grams for Valentine's Day.

   Aevidum Club
   o On Valentine's Day the Aevidum Club members handed out a treat bag to all students in their homerooms. The Club members used this time to once again enforce the presence of the club at CCTI and spread the Club's mission statement of Acceptance, Acknowledgement, Appreciation and Caring of the entire student body in our school.

   DECA
   o State competitions are this week at Hershey, starting today (Wednesday, February 22) thru Friday. Thirty-four (34) students will be attending.
   o DECA members presented a check for $1300 from their fundraising efforts to LLS (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society). This check was presented at the “CCTI Gives Back” presentation.
b. Margaret (Peggy) Kalogerakis, Coordinator of School Improvement – Perkins Review
   o Perkins review last week - February 7th & 8th
   o Receive approximately $132,000. This grant paid for equipment including computers, smart boards, a percentage of some salaries, and some equipment for our technical areas Auto Service & Technology, Health Medical, Carpentry and Electrical Distribution and Automation
   o The review covered the past 3 years. A lot of material was needed to document and justify purchases and expenditures. Collecting and organizing information started in the fall.
   o The audit was a positive one with only one (1) corrective action involving our sending school districts. Each sending school district is required to include a statement in their individual course handbook or program of studies regarding Articulation Credits (free college credits) offered to CCTI students who plan to continue their education in their career pathway. So we ask you to PLEASE speak to your principals or whoever updates your course handbooks to be in touch so we could add the explanation of Articulation Agreements.

B. Principal’s Report – Mr. Brent Borzak
   a. The 2016-2017 school year is now in the third marking period.
   b. Ninth grade tours were very successful and students have been shadowing at CCTI.
   c. Throughout February, we have been celebrating Career and Technical Education Month at CCTI with various activities, including multiple presentations involving various social topics.
   d. Perkins Auditor visited CCTI the 9th through the 11th.
   e. There has been and continues to be planning and preparation for the upcoming SkillsUSA and DECA state competitions.
   f. The National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony is scheduled for March 30th.
   g. Guidance and administration are gearing up for scheduling, and are anticipating the incoming applications in March.
   h. We are looking forward to the release of the Winter Wave of Keystone scores.

i. National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)
   Mr. Borzak introduced Mr. Jeremy Pease, NTHS Major Advisor who in turn introduced Brittney Marzen, Vice President of CCTI’s NTHS and Drafting and Design Technology Senior (Jim Thorpe ASD) who shared the following:
   o Current Membership
     - 15 Members
   o Fundraising
     - Bag Bingo/Basket Raffle
     - Spring Fundraiser TBD
   o Community Service
     - St. Joseph’s Regional Academy Easter Egg Hunt (4/12/17)
       ▪ Pre-School through Kindergarten
       ▪ Collecting donations for egg hunt and Give-Aways
   o Field Trip
     - Location & Spring Dates TBD
C. Adult Education Report – Mrs. Heather Mullen, Adult Education Site Supervisor

Course Update

- Welding Technology – March 6 Start – Pending Enrollment and Instructor Clearances
- CPR Heartsaver - April 20th - Now registering
- Microsoft Excel – Independent Study – January – 2 students

Upcoming Important Dates:

- March 2017 – CCTI Adult Evening Welding Technology Course
- March 2017 - Certified Personal Fitness Trainer Orientation
- March 10th – ServSafe® Exam
- March 15th – BLS Healthcare Provider (CPR)
- March 15th – FREE GED/Career/College Preparation
- March 16th – FREE Training Opportunity – Certified Nurse Aide
- April 2017 – Pennsylvania State Inspection Mechanic Certification Course

Nurse Aide Update

- Next orientation – March 16th.
- 1st course started in December with 8 students.
- Next Nurse Aide evening course begins March 20th. Now registering.
- Summer CNA Day course - Begins in June. Now registering.
- Nurse Aide Orientations held on Third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm.

LCCC Partnership

- LCCC’s PATH Grant supports the CNC and Precision Machining courses. It reduces the cost to the student from $1,325.00 to $249.00 – Current course for Spring 2017 is Intermediate CNC Operations. This is the last class with funding. Began January 30, 2017

Grant Report

- Subcontractor with LCCC through PA Department of Education Federal Literacy Grant to provide Secondary Diploma/College/Career Preparation instruction to 44 individuals for 2016-2017.
- Program provides FREE support for those that wish to test for the GED, prepare for college entrance, or brush up on skills for employment.
- 33 Students currently enrolled.
- Course offerings include day and evening options in Jim Thorpe or Lehighton, as well as distance learning options.
- Orientations are held at both Lehighton HS and CCTI throughout the year. Next Orientation is February 27th at 5:30 pm at Lehighton Area High School
- Scholarship from CCTI and Rotary – 38 Tests paid for with 5 graduates so far!
Outreach and Program Development Report

- Developing Professional Development Courses for Kovatch - In need of instructors – Leadership and Change Management - To begin in Fall 2017.
- March 8th – Lehighton HS Career Fair
- March 15th CareerLink and Production Career Fair at LCCC
- Offered to host Department of Transportation Regional Update for licensed Inspection Mechanics - Planning is underway for end of March
- Meeting scheduled with Reynolds Corp, Hometown, to discuss training opportunities

Employment Opportunities
Carbon Career & Technical Institute is developing a pool of potential instructors for technical, business, and personal interest programs in the Adult Education Department.

Current Openings:
Professional Development Instructor- Supervisory Leadership

D. Buildings & Grounds Report – Mr. Ken Walters, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
   - Received $2,000 deposit for advanced trailer/tiny home. Placed 1st order of supplies.
   - Carpentry completed storage shed for CCTI plows.
   - Coal cart for city of Lansford will be completed by next Friday.

E. Business Administrator’s Report – Mr. Jeffry P. Deutsch
   - Up-date on budget process: Jim Thorpe ASD & Palmerton ASD have each unanimously approved the CCTI proposed budget for 2017-2018

Items of Business

Personnel

MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger that the following motions be approved:

Chaperone Approved

A. that the below listed individuals be approved to substitute for the 2016-2017 school year at the established rates, as follows:
   
   - LeAnn Smale - Chaperone

Resignation Accepted

B. to accept the letter of resignation received from Claudia Derby, Alternative High School Diploma Program Secretary, effective March 31, 2017, as presented.
Adult Education Instructor Approved

C. to approve the following adult education instructor at a rate of $21.00 per hour on an as needed basis through the June 2017 Joint Operating Committee meeting pending all required clearances and paperwork:

Ryan M. Ruck

Note: Mr. Ruck will not begin teaching until all clearances and paperwork have been received and reviewed in the Director’s Office.

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motions carried.

Education

Homebound Instruction Approved

A. MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Gryzik that homebound instruction be approved for student #10108 for up to five (5) hours per week for a period of two (2) weeks beginning February 1, 2017 through February 15, 2017.

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Strubinger, SECONDED by Mr. Gryzik that the following motions be approved:

AWS Student Welding Competition Attendance Approved

B. on the recommendation of the Administrative Director that one (1) or two (2) CCTI Welding Technology students attend the Lehigh Valley AWS Student Welding Competition on March 3, 2017 (snow date March 10, 2017) at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA. Mr. Del Conte, Welding Technology Instructor will chaperone this event.

Automotive Skills Troubleshooting Contest Attendance Approved

C. on the recommendation of the Administrative Director that two (2) senior CCTI Auto Service Technology students attend the second round of the Northampton Community College 2017 Automotive Skills Troubleshooting Contest for Auto Service Technology seniors on March 14, 2017 at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA. Mr. Resh, Auto Service Technology Instructor will chaperone this event.

Note: Fourteen (14) schools participated in round one of this event, with six (6) schools qualifying for round two.
ECET/CET Field Trip Attendance Approved

D. that thirty-eight (38) CCTI ECET/CET students attend a trip to Lutron Electronics, Alburtis, PA March 23, 2017 at a cost of $193 to cover transportation expenses. Mr. Farkas, ECET Instructor, Mr. Lewis, CET Instructor, and 1 additional approved chaperone will chaperone this event.

Note: Expenses for the trip are included in the 2016-2017 General Fund budget and student fundraisers.

SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference Attendance Approved

E. that thirty-six (36) CCTI students attend the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference (competition) April 19-21, 2017 in Hershey, PA at a cost not to exceed $12,408 to cover registration, transportation, and lodging expenses.

Note: Student Activity Funds will contribute $1,000.

SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference Chaperones Approved

F. that Kevin Kuehner, SkillsUSA Major Advisor, Jeremy Pease and Tammy Marshall, SkillsUSA Assistant Advisors be approved as chaperones for thirty-six (36) CCTI students participating in the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference (competition) April 19-21, 2017 in Hershey, PA at a cost not to exceed $1,650 to cover registration, transportation, and lodging expenses.

Cosmetology Field Trip Attendance Approved

G. that seven (7) CCTI Cosmetology students attend a trip to the PA Escape Room, Dickson City, PA April 20, 2017 pending receipt of all permission slips. Mrs. Walck, Cosmetology Instructor and Ms. LeAnn Smale, approved chaperone will chaperone this event.

Note: Expenses for the trip are student funded. This trip will be taken outside of regular school hours.

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Motions carried.
MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger that the following motions be approved:

**Freshman Exploratory Program Admission Requirements Approved**

H. to set the number of students who meet the 2017-2018 admissions requirements to the Freshman Exploratory Program at ten (10) per sending school district with the following exceptions:

1. Students who meet the admissions criteria and/or students who completed a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade Career Academy will be given priority to enter the programs.
2. Freshmen who commit to enrolling in low enrolled courses exclusively, and are accepted will not count toward their districts allotment of slots. Courses will be designated to be low enrolled after applications are received.

**HOBY Leadership Seminar Alumni Attendance Approved**

I. that one (1) student attend the HOBY (Hugh O’Brien Youth) Leadership Seminar at Shippensburg University, May 18-21, 2017 as a returning alumni, at a cost of $150.

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe  
Mr. Yenser - Lehighton  
Mr. Gryzik - Panther Valley  
Mr. Obert - Weatherly  
Mrs. Yeakel - Palmerton

Motions carried.

**Budget & Finance**

**Contribution of Testing Funds Approved**

A. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger on the recommendation of the Administrative Director that CCTI contribute an amount not to exceed $45 (approximately half of the total cost) toward AP exam fees for eligible students testing within the 2016-2017 school year, and that CCTI contribute the $15 per exam fee for students taking the PSAT exam within the 2017-2018 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe  
Mr. Yenser - Lehighton  
Mr. Gryzik - Panther Valley  
Mr. Obert - Weatherly  
Mrs. Yeakel - Palmerton

Motion carried.
Buildings & Grounds

NONE

Administrative

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger that the following motions be approved:

Revised 2016-2017 CCTI Student/Teacher Calendar Approved

A. to approve the revised 2016-2017 CCTI Student/Teacher Calendar, as presented.

Note: The previously approved teacher in-service day of March 15, 2017 will be utilized as a student day. The previously approved holiday of April 13, 2017 will be utilized as a snow make-up day (student day).

Revised CCTI Organizational Chart Approved

B. to approve the revised CCTI Organizational Chart, as presented.

Agreement Approved

C. to approve the Business Associate Agreement with Blue Mountain Health Systems, Blue Mountain Hospital, Gnaden Huetten Campus and Palmerton Campus, as presented.

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motions carried.

Conference Attendance Approved

D. MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger that Rebecca Schaeffer, School Nurse attend Practical Strategies to Address the Challenges of Today’s School Nurse February 28, 2017 at Hyatt Place, Bethlehem, PA at a cost of $245 to cover the cost of registration.

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Motion carried.
Extended CCTI EA Agreement Approved

E. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger that the Agreement between the CCTI Joint Operating Committee and the CCTI Education Association that expired August 31, 2016, be extended through August 31, 2017 as presented.

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CCTI EA Tentative Agreement Approved

F. MOTION by Mr. Gryzik, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger to approve the Tentative Agreement between the CCTI Joint Operating Committee and the CCTI Education Association as presented, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021.

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Reports

Foundation Report Accepted

A. MOTION by Mr. Yenser SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger to accept the Carbon Career & Technical Institute Foundation Report, as presented.

Note: The balance in this account stands at $2,613.22.

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.
Administrative Reports

A. MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger to accept Administrative Reports from the following:

   a. Mr. Brent Borzak, Principal

   VOTE: YES - 4   NO - 0   ABSENT - 1   ABSTENTIONS - 0

   Motion carried.

Old Business

NONE

New and Miscellaneous Business

NONE

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday — March 16, 2017

Adjournment
Mr. Gryzik moved, seconded by Mr. Strubinger that the meeting adjourn. By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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Christina A. Graver
Joint Operating Committee Secretary