

Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting March 19, 2026

The Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee met **Thursday - March 19, 2026** for its Regular meeting. The meeting, held in the dining room of the School, 150 West 13th Street, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Chairman, Ms. Heather Neff, at 6:16 PM with the Secretary being present.

	Present	Absent
Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Heather Neff, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Erin Snyder, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Michael Alabovitz, Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. April Walters, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David Reinbold, Administrative Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Thomas Lesisko, Interim Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Christine Trovato, Facilitator of Special Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jeffry Deutsch, Bus. Administrator/Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nate Rinda, Director of Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ken Walters, Supervisor of Bldg. & Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Francine Kluck, Adult Education Site Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Christopher Fischi, Alternate Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. William Howland, Alternate Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Stacey Connell, Alternate Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ron Yuricheck, Alternate Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ryan Binder, Alternate Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jason Moser, Superintendent of Record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney Robert T. Yurchak, Solicitor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Christina A. Graver, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others present: CCTI Students: Christopher Garey, Auto Service & Technology Senior (PASD), Saleena Hollis, Health Medical Senior (PASD), Elianna McDermott Culinary Arts Junior (PVSD), Kairi Stashefski, Culinary Arts Senior (JTASD); Members of the Public: Christy McDermott, Andrew Stashefski, Andy Stashefski, Tripti Stashefski, CCTI Staff: Donna McClain, Health/Medical Instructor/HOSA Advisor, Jacob McCloskey, Instructional Aide, Harold Resh, Auto Service Technology Instructor; Henry Woods, School Police Officer; Media: James Logue, Times News

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

Approval of Addendum

- A. MOTION by Mr. Strubinger, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to approve the inclusion of an Addendum to the March 19, 2026 Joint Operating Committee meeting agenda. Individual Addendum motions have been presented to and will be voted on by the Joint Operating Committee members in attendance, integrated among the agenda motions presented below.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Letters of Appointment

- A. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to acknowledge receipt of the Letter of Appointment for a Member of the Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee (3-Year Term):

Palmerton Area School District – Mrs. Erin Snyder*

Note: *Filling the unexpired term of Alyson Krawchuk-Boschen through December 2027.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

- B. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mr. Alabovitz to acknowledge the Appointment of Alternate Representative to the Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee (1-Year Term):

Palmerton Area School District – Dr. Stacey Connell*

Note: *Filling the unexpired term of Erin Snyder through December 2026.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Ms. Neff nominates Mr. Michael Alabovitz for Vice-Chairman,
SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder.

MOTION by Mrs. Walters to close the nominations for and appoint Mr. Michael Alabovitz as
Vice-Chairman.
SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehigh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried.

(The Secretary casts the ballot electing Mr. Michael Alabovitz as Vice-Chairman.)

Approval of Minutes

A. MOTION by Mr. Strubinger, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to approve the Minutes of the
February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors

NONE

Approval of Treasurer’s Report (February 2026)

A. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder to approve the Treasurer’s
Report for February 2026 showing a final balance of \$6,472,168.32 in the General Fund,
and \$101,951.53 in the Student Activities Account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehigh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehigh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

- A. Director's Report - Mr. David Reinbold, Administrative Director
a. Harold Resh, Auto Service and Technology Instructor with student Christopher Garey (PASD senior)

Mr. Resh shared the following prepared report:

The past 4 years AST has been invited to compete in two Automotive Skills Competitions.

The Northampton Community College Competition requires that senior students take a written exam at the school. In November 2025, 4 CCTI seniors took the exam along with 198 other seniors from other career and technical Schools. Out of those seniors 12 students and 6 schools qualified from their test scores to return to compete in the hands-on competition at Northampton on March 9, 2026. CCTI students finished 3rd in this competition.

In December 2025, 8 AST seniors took the Pennsylvania Automotive Association on-line exam that was given to career and technical schools statewide. 2 AST seniors scores were high enough to qualify for the hands-on competition. 10 schools and 20 seniors were invited to compete in Hershey on February 19, 2026. CCTI was sponsored by Lehigh Ford and Harrisburg Ford for the contest.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association has run their competition for 22 years. CCTI has competed the last 10 years in this competition, not placing out of the top 3 each year. Winning the contest 3 times. This year two AST seniors finished 2nd in the hands-on contest held February 13th 2026 and winning 50% scholarships to an automotive trade school for their efforts.

Over the past 10 years CCTI/AST seniors have won over \$387,000.00 in scholarships to automotive trade schools.

This year three AST Seniors who competed in these contests will be attending automotive trade schools starting in July of 2026.

Nicholas Hadz (JTASD senior) - Northampton and the PAA contests will attend The Automotive Training Center in Warminster PA

Christopher Garey (PASD senior) – The Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers contest will be attending The University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima Ohio.

Lucas Miller (PASD senior) – all three contests and is now working at the PennDOT Service Garage in Lehighton will be attending The Universal Technical Institute in Exton PA.

9 automotive, 1 aviation, and 1 Caterpillar trade schools have presented their programs to the AST Juniors and Seniors this school year.

Mr. Resh introduced Chris who shared his background and competition experience. Chris stated that he came to CCTI from the Palmerton Area School District 2 weeks into last school year. He was determined to get caught up and with Mr. Resh's help did that and more. Currently he has completed 8 out of 10 NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certifications, he has his OSHA 10 and is working on his OSHA 30, he recently completed a PA Safety Inspection program (through CCTI's Adult Education Program) and will be receiving his license in the mail any day. He is currently working at R.F. Ohl and has for the past 4 years and is enrolled at the University of Northwestern Ohio and will be in the construction program – heavy diesel and agricultural equipment.

When speaking about the GLVADA (Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association) competition where he and Lucas took 2nd place (missing 1st place by only 4 points), he shared that the competition consisted of a seven station skills test including testing in some of the following areas – brakes, oscilloscope, steering/suspension, as well as a station that included a “bugged car” that they needed to perform a PDI (pre-delivery inspection).

Mrs. Snyder spoke up and thanked Chris for his drive to work in the service industry and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

- Donna McClain, Health Medical Instructor/HOSA Advisor with Jacob McCloskey, Instructional Aide and student Saleena Hollis (PASD senior) Ms. McClain shared the following prepared report:
I accompanied 30 students to the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition from March 11-13, 2026, along with two staff members. Students participated in individual competitions and a fun networking activity created prior to the trip.

The group traveled to Hershey Lodge, where students attended testing sessions, symposiums, and the opening ceremony. Staff supported students throughout the event, managing schedules, activities, and accommodations. Students also participated in evening events and had some recreational downtime.

At the closing ceremony, Saleena Hollis (PASD senior) earned 2nd place in Phlebotomy, qualifying for the International Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Additional results included the following:

4th place team finish in Forensics – Laylonie Leisure (PVSD junior) and Jaelynn Kreitz (PVSD junior)

8th place finish in Home Health Aide – Brook Tanasijczuk (LASD senior)

5th place finish in Life Support Skills – Haileigh Haldeman (PASD junior)
7th place finish in Life Support Skills – Adelyn Everett (JTASD junior)

Overall, the trip was a successful and rewarding experience, and the instructor expressed pride in the students' achievements.

Ms. McClain introduced Saleena who shared the following:

She's a senior that has attended the health medical program at CCTI since her freshman year. She has worked hard to get to where she is and is currently working through the cooperative education program at St. Luke's Leighton Medical Associates. She commented on what a great experience this is as the classroom cannot truly emulate the true real world experience as this does. She placed 2nd at the HOSA state competition in phlebotomy after finishing in 9th place last year. Her competition consisted of a written test of 50 questions followed by a two-part skills test. She has now qualified for the international competition. Saleena shared that the HOSA competition experience is very humbling. You may think you know everything until you get to the competition and see how you compare with other students your age. Saleena believes she will pursue a CRNA (Certified registered Nurse Anesthetist) degree after graduation.

Mr. McCloskey who accompanied the group as a chaperone stepped up to take a moment to "brag" about our students. He shared that when stopping to eat on the way to the competition, the manager approached him stating that they regularly have groups of students stopping at their establishment and that by far, the CCTI students were the most well-behaved – polite, orderly, quiet. Jake also observed that while at the competition, our students presented as great citizens – treating fellow competitors with kindness and respect. He said that he sees them daily in school but was quite impressed with their actions in public, representing both CCTI and our community, well. He told the members and administration they should be very proud of this group.

B. Principal's Report – Mr. Thomas Lesisko, Interim Principal

Please see included report following the last page of this evening's Briefs.

Mr. Lesisko introduced the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau Promotional Video which was recently created for CCTI highlighting two current students and a recent graduate who is now attending Kutztown University (Marissa Blasko).

Kairi Stashefski, Culinary Arts Senior (JTASD) and Elianna McDermott (Culinary Arts Junior (PVSD) were present at the meeting. Kairi said that they were contacted by Mrs. Benyo, Student Success Coordinator and asked to volunteer for the video. She said that they baked and made salads, and spoke, promoting the school. She said that they really enjoyed the experience.

Both Mr. Reinbold and Mr. Lesisko thanked Mrs. Benyo for her role in connecting the Visitors Bureau with CCTI.

C. Business Administrator's Report – Mr. Jeffry P. Deutsch, Business Administrator

- Update on the 2026-2027 CCTI Budget

- D. Facilitator of Special Education Report – Mrs. Christine Trovato, Facilitator of Special Education

Mrs. Trovato shared the following prepared report:

2025-2026 Special Population Update

CCTI's special population numbers:

Students with IEPs- 83 students

Students with 504 Service Plans- 25 students

Students with Gifted IEPs- 2 students

ELL students- 3 students

Homeless/Unaccompanied- 9 students

Stakeholder's Meeting

On March 6, 2026, Mr. Reinbold and I participated in a Community Stakeholders meeting, hosted by Lehighton school district. The meeting was coordinated and hosted by Mrs. Sandra Michalik, Lehighton School District's Special Programs Director. In attendance were various community stakeholders to provide information about the supports and services available for students as they transition through school and prepare for post-secondary training and education. Presentation topics included Social & Emotional Learning and curriculum, Lehighton area school district's new credit requirements for graduation, CCTI's Programming overview and supports for learners, Behavioral Health Associates Career Employment Program, Wellness Committee, Career Link and youth summer employment opportunities.

Transitioning Students with Special Needs to the 2026-2027 School Year

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are still coming into CCTI. Students who have IEPs or 504 Service plans will participate in Transition meetings throughout the month of April. Intake Meetings are required for students with IEPs and 504 plans. We offer meetings to English Language Learners too.

The purpose and goals of the Transition (Intake) meetings:

- a. To support students in the transition process going from one school to another (and the family too!)
- b. To enable the supporting district and CCTI teams to get meet to share and gain information about the student's strengths, areas of needed services & support, identify if supported classes are needed, discuss medical needs (if applicable), and attain parent input.
- c. To provide information about CCTI, school policies, technical programs, recommended and required skills, uniform and materials needed.
- d. To discuss, as a team, the appropriate programming for the student, based on his/her needs.
- e. To review and revise documents as needed, to reflect the new setting and programming.

E. Building and Grounds Report – Mr. Ken Walters, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

Mr. Walters shared the following prepared report:

- Facility Operations
 - Routine maintenance and preventative work completed throughout the facility
 - 14 roof leaks repaired under existing roof warranty at no cost to the school
 - HVAC monitoring and seasonal adjustments
 - Grounds crews beginning seasonal cleanup
- Projects/Improvements
 - Students assisting with specifications for replacement hot-air furnace for maintenance garage (existing unit mid-1990s)
- Student & Community Support
 - Transportation provided for HOSA events, 5th-grade presentations, and AST auto competition
 - Facility setup and hosting of approximately 220 guests for CTSO (career and technical student organizations) Bingo fundraiser
 - Preparation for upcoming National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony
- Fiscal Stewardship
 - The department continues to prioritize preventative maintenance and warranty coverage where applicable to reduce long-term repair costs and extend the life of facility systems.

F. Technology Report – Mr. Nate Rinda, Director of Technology

Mr. Rinda shared the following prepared report:

- Google Admin Console - Mass updates to 3rd party apps and permissions. Account cleanup and security features also reviewed/modified. Pushed out numerous app updates/permissions.
- Website - Continued updates and modifications to the website.
- Adult Education - Pearson VUE computer lab updates.
- WiFi - Mass updates to existing units.
- CDT - Testing on going (Literature, Algebra, Biology).
- Printer replacements - Cosmetology, Science department.
- Chromebook repairs.
- SkillsUSA Technology prep work.
- Continued daily technology support/service - For all of CCTI.

CCTI Esports -

Pennsylvania PSEL Rocket League

CCTI Hornets are now 4-2 and ranked 21/60.

Next match 3/23/2026 at 3:30.

CCTI Hornets VS. Warwick Warriors (Warwick Senior High School)

2 more regular season games and then potential State playoffs.

- G. Adult Education Report – Ms. Francine Kluck, Adult Education Site Supervisor
Ms. Kluck shared the following prepared report:
Course Offerings Spring 2026
Air Conditioning Fundamentals
Nurse Aide
Pharmacy Technician
Welding Technology
ServSafe® Exam
Forklift
PA State Inspection Mechanic Certification

Program descriptions, orientations, and start dates are available at www.carboncti.org/adult-education; schedule available. Follow our happenings on Facebook @cctiadulted or Carbon Career and Technical Institute – Adult Education.

Outreach and Program Development Report

- February 25 – GED Prison Orientation
- February 27 – GED Prison Class Begin
- March 3 - GED Orientation
- March 5 - Welding Class Begins
- March 5 - Program Improvement Meeting – GED
- March 9 – ServSafe Exam Administration
- March 10 – GED CCTI Staff Program Improvement Team meeting
Lehigh Carbon Community College
- March 10 - GED Orientation
- March 10 – NAPA Diesel Training conducted in Auto Service Technology
- March 17 – Safety Inspection Class ends
- March 17 – GED Orientation
- March 18 – OAC Meeting
- March 24 – GED Orientation
- March 26- Pearson Vue Testing Center open
- March 31 – GED Orientation

Welding Technology – starts March 5, 2026

The Carbon Career and Technical Institute will offer a 75-hour comprehensive Welding Program for all skill levels, Beginner through intermediate. Learn basic stick, oxyacetylene, MIG and TIG through classroom theory and hands-on training in cutting and welding steel and aluminum. Students will conclude the program by taking the American Welding Society certification.

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 pm – 25 classes

Tuition Assistance may be provided for those who qualify through the county CareerLink the student resides.

- H. Superintendent of Record Report – Mr. Jason Moser, Lehigh Area School District Superintendent
Mr. Moser Congratulated the group on closing their budget.

Mr. Reinbold thanked the members of the five sending school districts for the unanimous 42-0 vote on the 2026-2027 budget. He shared that after applying for a \$78,000 equipment grant, CCTI was awarded \$123,000. Those extra funds will help defer costs from the Capital Plan. He reminded the group of the upcoming Summer career Academy slated for June 15-19 for county 5th through 8th grade students. Approximately 70-80 students will be in attendance and have the opportunity to rotate through ten different trade areas. He stated that this is a great recruiting tool. The SHINE Program will assist in reaching students regarding the camp. The camp will be 100% funded through the Perkins Grant.

Items of Business

Personnel

Secondary Principal Appointed

- A. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder to table the following motion: appoint William (Bill) Mack, Secondary Principal, effective on or about June 1, 2026 at a salary of \$88,000 through May 31, 2027, per the Act 93 Agreement, pending satisfactory receipt of all clearances.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehigh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried.

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

Appointment Extended

- B. to extend the appointment of Hal C. Resh as a Category C (long-term) substitute Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor through the last contractual teacher day of the 2025-2026 school year.

CCTI Summer Career Academy Instructors Approved

- C. that the below listed individuals be approved as CCTI Summer Career Academy Instructors at a rate of \$30/hour:

Mark Barthel	Stephen Nesler
Michael Garrant	Ashleigh Rehrig
Michael Herishko	Harold Resh
Austin Lauchnor	Carly Rinda
Tammy Marshall	

Note: There will be no cost to the CCTI Joint Operating Committee. Perkins Grant funded.

CCTI Summer Career Academy Van Drivers Approved

- D. that the below listed individuals be approved as CCTI Summer Career Academy van drivers, as needed at a rate of \$25/hour:

Mark Barthel	Stephen Nelser
Michael Garrant	Ashleigh Rehrig
Michael Herishko	Harold Resh
Austin Lauchnor	Carly Rinda
Tammy Marshall	

Note: There will be no cost to the CCTI Joint Operating Committee. Perkins Grant funded.

Additional Days Approved

- E. that the following individual be employed for additional days (as indicated below) at the individual's per diem rate:

Kristin Deritis, Mental Health/Behavior Assistant – 10 days

Note: All days will be scheduled with prior approval of the Principal.

Mental Health/Behavior Assistant Re-Appointed

- F. to re-appoint Kristin Deritis, Mental Health/Behavior Assistant for a period of up to 150 days effective August 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year at a daily rate of \$260.00.

Note: This position will be fully funded through the PCCD grant.

School Safety and Security Coordinator Appointed

- G. that Dave Reinbold be appointed the School Safety and Security Coordinator.

Letter of Resignation Accepted

H. to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement received from Angelique Yaich, Alternative Education Teacher, effective March 20, 2026. Angelique will receive healthcare benefits comparable to the current CCTI Education Association Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehighton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motions carried.

Education

MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters that the following motions be approved:

Competition Attendance Retroactively Approved

A. to retroactively approve the following:
that Harold Resh, Auto Service Technologies (AST) Instructor chaperone two (2) senior AST students to participate in the 2nd part of the Northampton Community College Automotive Skills Competition in Bethlehem, PA on Monday, March 9, 2026, after qualifying in the first part of the competition.

Competition Attendance Approved

B. that two (2) CCTI students attend the DECA National (ICDC – International Career Development Conference) Competition held April 24 through April 28, 2026 in Atlanta, GA at a total cost of \$4,581.64 to cover the expense of registration, transportation, meals, and lodging. The competition will be chaperoned by Carly Rinda, DECA Advisor.

Note: \$1,000 of the cost will be covered through school store profits. The remaining funds are available in the 2025-2026 General Fund.

Educational Trip Approved

C. that thirteen (13) CCTI AP (Advanced Placement) English students attend the Walnut Street Theater to see a performance of the musical 1776 April 24, 2026 in Philadelphia, PA at a total cost of \$1,681.00 to cover the expense of tickets, transportation, and meals. The event will be chaperoned by Maya Kowalczyk, English Teacher and Brandi Schmoeyer, Physical Education/Health Teacher.

Note: Funds are available in the 2025-2026 General Fund.

Software Purchase Approved

- D. to approve the purchase of HVAC curriculum software (administrator and student) through AC Service Tech LLC at a cost of \$900.00 to cover the last 3 months of the 2025-2026 school year.

Note: Students will be able to watch a YouTube style videos, have a lecture in class based on that lesson to review or go into more depth, then a lab that will put the learning into practice.

Educational Trip Approved

- E. that eleven (11) CCTI NTHS (National Technical Honor Society) students attend the Baltimore Aquarium April 21, 2026 in Baltimore, MD. The event will be chaperoned by Sue Ann Gerhard, NTHS Advisor.

Note: There will be no cost to the CCTI Joint Operating Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alabovitz - Panther Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Snyder - Palmerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Strubinger - Jim Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Walters - Weatherly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Neff - Lehighton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motions carried.

Budget & Finance

Resolutions Acknowledged

- A. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to acknowledge receipt of the Resolution pertinent to the 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget for the Carbon Career & Technical Institute calling for receipts and expenditures in the amount of \$9,584,132 as follows:

Jim Thorpe Area School District

Yes - 7, No - 0, Absent - 2, Abstentions - 0 - **Approved**

Lehighton Area School District

Yes - 9, No - 0, Absent - 0, Abstentions - 0 - **Approved**

Palmerton Area School District

Yes - 9, No - 0, Absent - 0, Abstentions - 0 - **Approved**

Panther Valley School District

Yes - 9, No - 0, Absent - 0, Abstentions - 0 - **Approved**

Weatherly Area School District

Yes -8, No - 0, Absent - 1, Abstentions - 0 - **Approved**

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Building & Grounds

NONE

Administrative

MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters that the following motions be approved:

Naming of CCTI 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Authorized

- A. to authorize the Interim Principal and the Administrative Director to name the CCTI 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian based on their class ranking through March 25, 2026.

2027 Junior/Senior Prom Venue/date Approved

- B. to approve the Junior/Senior Prom to be held at Blue Mountain Resort on Friday, May 7, 2027.

Note: There will be no cost to the CCTI Joint Operating Committee.

Induction Plan Approved

- C. to approve the Induction Plan as presented on the CCTI website for 28+ days.

First Reading Policies Approved

- D. to approve the first reading of the following CCTI policies, as presented:

#105.2 (PROGRAMS) - Exemption from Instruction

#111 (PROGRAMS) - Instructional Planning

Policies Adopted

- E. to approve the second reading and adoption of the following CCTI policies, as presented:

#822 (OPERATIONS) - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Reviewed Policies Approved

- F. to approve the following reviewed CCTI policies, as presented:

#147 (PROGRAMS) - Student Clubs

#200 (PUPILS) - Threat Assessment

Updated CCTI 2026-2027 Student/Teacher Calendar Approved

G. to approve the updated CCTI 2026-2027 Student/Teacher Calendar, as presented.

Note: Correction made to severe weather conditions date for graduation.

Program Discontinuation Approved

H. to approve discontinuing the Carbon Alternative High School Diploma Program effective March 31, 2026.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motions carried.

Administrative Reports

A. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mr. Alabovitz to accept Administrative Reports from the following:

- a. Mr. Thomas Lesisko, Interim Principal
- b. Mrs. Christine Trovato, Facilitator of Special Education
- c. Ms. Francine Kluck, Adult Education Site Supervisor

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Old Business

NONE

New and Miscellaneous Business

MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters that the following motions be approved:

- A. to acknowledge receipt of the conference report submitted by Shivani Gupta, Science Teacher after attending Earth and Environmental Science Day February 20, 2026 at Wilkes University.
- B. to acknowledge receipt of the conference report submitted by Harold Resh, Auto Service & Technology Instructor after attending High School Instructor Training (Professional Techniques for Maximizing Scan Tool Efficiency and Vehicle Game Plans – Mastering your Diagnostic Skills) March 11, 2026 at the Automotive Training School in Warminster, PA.

- C. to acknowledge receipt of the conference report submitted by Stephen Nesler, Auto Collision & Repair Instructor after attending High School Instructor Training March 11, 2026 at the Automotive Training School in Warminster, PA.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion carried.

Special Meeting - Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday – April 16, 2026

Adjournment

Mrs. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Strubinger, that the meeting adjourn. By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Christina A. Graver
Joint Operating Committee Secretary