

# Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee Minutes

## Regular Meeting April 16, 2026

The Carbon Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee met **Thursday - April 16, 2026** for its Regular meeting. The meeting, held in the dining room of the School, 150 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Chairman, Ms. Heather Neff, at 6:11 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. Jeffrey 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: Hailey Barachie, Cosmetology Senior (LASD), Emily DeFuso, Cosmetology Junior (JTASD), Macie DeVino, Cosmetology Junior (PASD), Isabella Harris, Digital Marketing & Business Fundamentals Freshman (JTASD), Kiera Lager, Graphic Design Sophomore (JTASD), Katerena Papahristos, Cosmetology Senior (PASD), Analysisia Rodriguez, Cosmetology Senior (LASD); Stephanie Russo, Cosmetology Senior (JTASD); Members of the Public: Sophia Hackl, Nicole Harris, Ashlyn Henry, Nathan Lager, Amy Ohl, Tanya Papahristos; CCTI Staff: Carly Rinda, Digital Marketing & Business Fundamentals Instructor/DECA Advisor, Jose Jimenez, Math Teacher, Tammy Marshall, Cosmetology Instructor, Jeremy Pease, Drafting & Design 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 Mr. Alabovitz to approve the inclusion of an Addendum to the April 16, 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

- B. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mr. Strubinger to approve the Minutes of the March 31, 2026 Special Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

**Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors**

NONE

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report (March 2026)**

- A. MOTION by Mr. Strubinger, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March 2026 showing a final balance of \$6,500,780.06 in the General Fund, and \$108,226.18 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 - Lehighton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried.

## Approval of Payment of Bills

- A. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Walters 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 - Lehighton	<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. Tammy Marshall, Cosmetology Instructor with students Emily DeFuso (JTASD Junior), Macie DeVino PASD Junior), Katerena Papahristos (PASD Senior), and Analysia Rodriguez (LASD Senior)
- Ms. Marshall introduced herself and explained that after an activity such as this, she assigns her students a presentation. She introduced her students who shared their slide presentation including their favorite parts of the day and how they spent most of their time (i.e. the waxing stand, wellness premium products, Bonblissity hand scrub, DNA hair tools) after attending a trip to the Javits Center for the Be Well Beauty and Wellness Show in New York, NY on March 10, 2026. Following are partial quotes from the girls' presentation:
- Ana - "My favorite part of the entire trip to the hair show was seeing Wayne Tuggle! I was so excited to see his work in person."
- Emily - "I think the show was very beneficial when it comes to learning about how may different products and hair care there really are, and also just walking around and seeing how cool everything was."
- Rena - "I definitely think the show is beneficial for future stylists to see all the different brands and products that can be used in a spa or salon."
- Macie - "I enjoyed my time at the New York Hair Show. There was a lot of people there who were very knowledgeable about the hair business."
- b. Carly Rinda, Digital Marketing & Business Fundamentals Instructor with students Isabella Harris (JTASD Freshman) and Kiera Lager (JTASD Sophomore)
- Mrs. Rinda and her students shared a slide presentation and their experience after attending Bloomsburg University's Husky Dog Pound (a shark-tank inspired business pitch competition) on March 26, 2026.
- Team 1: KIBE Bag, made up of Isabella Harris, Kiera Lager, and Victoria Thomas (PASD Sophomore)
- Isabella and Kiera demonstrated their project and explained their ideas behind it. They shared that although a prototype was not mandatory, they hand-made their bag.
- Team 2: Slugger Sleeve, made up of Jeremiah Donadi (WASD Junior) and Ethan Zettlemoyer (PVSD Freshman) - awarded a \$100 prize (each) for their 13<sup>th</sup> place finish

Due to scheduling conflicts, the two individuals were unavailable to attend this evening's meeting. Mrs. Rinda gave a quick synopsis of their project.

c. Jose Jimenez, Math Teacher

Jose introduced himself and shared the following:

Educational Background:

- Bachelors of Applied Mathematics, New York City College of Technology. (2014)
- Masters of Science, CUNY Herbert Lehman College (2018)
- Doctorate of Philosophy, West Virginia University (2026)

Teaching Experience:

He taught Physics at Bethlehem catholic high school and Allentown Central Catholic High school since 2020, and he taught mathematics at the university level since 2015.

Current goals, projects, assignments, curricula, courses, etc. working on now with CCTI students/classes:

- Current research " looking" at Jet scattering angles along the quark-gluon plasma.
- Current classes instructed at CCTI: Algebra 2, and geometry. Current topics with students are finding x-intercepts, y-intercepts, vertices. Constructing and proving quadrilaterals in 2D space and 3D space.
- Current classes instructed at East Stroudsburg University: Differential equations. Current topics with students are Laplacian mechanics and power series approaches to higher level ordinary differential equations.

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

Mr. Lesisko proudly reported that today we completed day two of NOCTI testing online exams. The 29<sup>th</sup> will be the performance part of the test. The exams are designed by industry professionals – people who understand what students need to be entry level employees. Mr. Lesisko shared that as an incentive to the students, Mr. Jimenez and another teacher on the CCTI staff, Mr. Valentini have agreed to shave their heads if the students as a whole receive between 95-100% advanced on the testing.

A TV-13 report recorded at CCTI with graphic design students and instructor, Mark Barthel on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the Classroom was shared with those in attendance.

Please see complete Principal's Report provided by Mr. Lesisko following this evening's Briefs.

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

- Update on the 2026-2027 CCTI Budget
- Update on the 2025-2026 Participating District's Payments

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 with 504 Service Plans - 25

Students with Gifted IEPs - 2

ELL students - 3

Homeless/Unaccompanied students - 8

**CTE Field Trip: Career Readiness Benefits**

Cosmetology:

Last month, I had the opportunity to accompany our Cosmetology students and instructors on a field trip to the *International Beauty Show* at the Jacob Javits Center in New York. This experience provided students with meaningful, real-world learning that enhanced both their technical skills and career readiness. Through live demonstrations and hands-on workshops led by industry professionals, students were exposed to current techniques in hair, skin, nails, and makeup, allowing them to connect classroom learning to industry practice.

In addition, students explored a wide range of career pathways by engaging with employers, brands, educators, and influencers, broadening their understanding of opportunities beyond traditional salon roles, including entrepreneurship and product representation. The event also offered exposure to emerging trends, innovative tools, and new products within the rapidly evolving cosmetology field. Many students were able to purchase professional-grade tools at reduced prices, supporting the development of their personal kits.

Overall, the experience fostered student engagement, motivation, and professional growth. On behalf of the Cosmetology instructors and students, I would like to thank the JOC members for their support of this valuable opportunity.

Digital Marketing:

On March 29th, CCTI's Digital Marketing students participated in Bloomsburg University's College of Business 9th Annual Husky Dog Pound Competition. This event provided students with valuable, hands-on experience in developing and executing marketing strategies in a real-world setting. During the competition, students promoted a product or concept by identifying a specific problem and demonstrating how their product or service offered an effective solution. In preparation, students rehearsed their presentations with volunteer faculty and staff, enhancing their skills in design, storytelling, branding, collaboration, and teamwork. A comprehensive scoring rubric evaluated each team on criteria including clarity of the product explanation, identification of the problem, investment potential, and overall presentation effectiveness.

**Spring Updates**

Students with IEPs and 504 Plans will receive the accommodations outlined in their IEP/504 plan, based on their specific needs, during the administration of state assessments (NOCTI, NIMS).

Transition meetings for applicants with an IEP or 504 Service Plan are currently underway. In preparation for these meetings, all IEP documentation is reviewed by the CTE Special Education Facilitator, summarized into concise briefing notes, and shared with technical instructors in advance. This process ensures that instructors are equipped with foundational information about each applicant and can prepare targeted questions to better understand the student's disability, strengths, and required supports and services.

In preparation for the 2026-2027 School Year, at an August and October staff in-service, academic and technical teachers will participate in a series of structured literacy professional development sessions aligned with Pennsylvania's required structured literacy practices with the emphasis of improving comprehension using evidence-based approaches.

In addition, a homeless/foster professional development training for faculty and staff will be provided with the focus on providing an overview of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and to provide staff with information so they are equipped to recognize, support, and appropriately respond to students experiencing housing instability.

Mr. Reinbold added the following information regarding recent and upcoming staff development/presentations at CCTI:

- March 11, 2026  
STEELS (Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy, and Sustainability) Presentation provided by Monica Pangaio, Staff Development Facilitator, CLIU 21
- April 29, 2026  
AI (Artificial Intelligence) by Lauren Patterson from Tool Use to Instructional Leverage
- June 4, 2026  
Autism Presentation by Ben Hartranft of Benergy1 Family

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

- Google Admin Console - Mass updates to 3rd party apps and permissions. Account cleanup and security features also reviewed/modified. Also 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).
- Chromebook repairs done by the CCTI Technology Department.
- SkillsUSA Technology prep work and technology support for State Competition in Hershey.
- NOCTI - Technology support for online exams.
- Continued daily technology support/service - For all of CCTI.
- eSports: The Hornets finished up the PSEL (Pennsylvania Scholastic eSports League) regular season in 25<sup>th</sup> place out of 63 teams and a record of 5-3 in the Rocket League.

Mr. Rinda shared the following statement from JamiLynn Johannsen, Yearbook Advisor: The 2026 CCTI Yearbook has been successfully submitted for production. Delivery should be before the end of May. Thank you for your continued support!

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

Mr. Walters shared the following prepared report:

- Routine maintenance and preventative work continued. Minor repairs, equipment moves, and repair of a drainage box sinkhole in the carpentry parking lot (caused by a failed connection between upper and lower structures) were completed. Building systems are operational and being monitored.
- One development during this period was the completion of the easement and right-of-way agreement with Jim Thorpe Borough, positioning the district for future infrastructure improvements. Planning continues for the maintenance garage heating system replacement, with student involvement.
- The department continues to support instructional programs and school operations. Initial discussions with SHINE are underway regarding a potential program at CCTI next year; preliminary cost information has been provided.
- Grant equipment update: four welders and a 3D printer have been received and are in use. Remaining items – a surface planer, European sink, tire changing machine, and combi oven – are still on order.

Mr. Reinold added that the following items were procured with funds from the recent grant approval:

European Hair Wash Sink (Cosmetology), \$6,000

Combi Oven (Culinary Arts), \$12,000

Tire-Changer (Auto Service & Technology), \$26,000

- The roof repair grant application remains under review through the Public School Facilities Improvement Grant program; decisions are expected fall 2026.
- The previously approved forklift remains in production, with delivery expected in early June.
- Focus remains on preventative maintenance, cost control, and extending the life of facility systems.

G. Superintendent of Record Report – Mr. Jason Moser, Lehigh Area School District Superintendent

Nothing to report this evening.

## Items of Business

### *Personnel*

#### **Letter of Resignation Accepted**

- A. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mr. Alabovitz to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement received from Lisa Zurn, Business Office Assistant/Secretary (Payroll), effective June 30, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Alabovitz and the members of the board thanked Lisa for her years of service. Mr. Deutsch, Business Administrator added that Lisa is an excellent employee, a hard worker, his right hand person, and very detailed. He said he didn't ever have to worry about anything. He said she's just been a great employee for 30 years here at CCTI and that he really, really appreciates all the effort she gave over the years. Mr. Reinbold wished to publicly thank her as well, stating that she was a rock in that business office for a long time. She's very dedicated to CCTI. We'll definitely miss her, but we wish her well in her new chapter.

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

**CCTI Summer Career Academy Instructors Approved**

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

Kristen Powis

Rhina Rivera

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

**CCTI Summer Career Academy Van Drivers Approved**

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

Kristen Powis

Rhina Rivera

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

**Substitute Approved**

- D. that the below listed individual be approved to substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rates, as follows:

Eric Bott - Custodial/Maintenance/Groundskeeper/Cleaner\*

Note: \*through August 2026

**Homebound Instructors Approved**

- E. to approve the following homebound instructors on an as needed basis, at the approved hourly rate:

Jo Lynn Gazo  
Jeremy Pease

### **Adult Education GED Instructor Appointed**

- F. to appoint Joey Roetz Adult Education GED Instructor at a rate of \$24.00/hour on an as needed basis effective March 20, 2026 through April 2027.

### **Adult Education Instructor Approved**

- G. to approve the following individual as Adult Education Instructor on an as needed basis, as a rate of \$26.00/hour effective April 22, 2026 through April 2027:

Harold Resh

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

Motions carried.

### **Letter of Resignation Accepted**

- H. MOTION by Mr. Alabovitz, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement received from Eugene Colosimo, Guidance Counselor, effective June 30, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Alabovitz and the board members thanked Gene for his years of service. Christine Trovato, Facilitator of Special Education who works closely with Gene said that there will be big shoes to fill when Gene is gone. Mr. Reinbold said that he has a big, interesting career in technical education and in careers in general and how the students fit into the into the work world. He said that they use to call him "the hardest working man in show business." He'd be here at seven o'clock at night. We'd walk by his office, his light would be on and he'd still be in there banging away on his computer. We'll definitely miss him.

### ***Education***

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

### **Homebound Instruction Approved**

- A. that homebound instruction be approved for student #9225 for 5 hours per week from April 9, 2026 through April 24, 2026.

### **Educational Trip Approved**

- B. that thirteen (13) Graphic Design students attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology's "Graphic Designers Day" May 1, 2026 in Williamsport, PA. The event will be chaperoned by Mark Barthel, Graphic Design Instructor and JamiLynn Johannsen, Assistant to the Director of Technology/Student Support Services.

### **Educational Trip Approved**

- C. that four (4) Drafting & Design Technology (DDT) students attend Dorney Park's "Engineering Day" May 8, 2026 in Allentown, PA. The event will be chaperoned by Jeremy Pease, DDT Instructor.

### **Competition Attendance Approved**

- D. that one (1) Health Medical student and one (1) advisor attend the HOSA International Leadership Conference (competition) June 17 - June 21, 2026 in Indianapolis, IN in the amount of \$4,400.00 to cover the cost of registration, transportation, lodging, and meals. Donna McClain, Health Medical Instructor/HOSA Advisor will chaperone this event.

Note: Advisor cost - \$2,200.00

Student Cost - \$2,200.00; \$1,200.00 of student cost will be offset by fundraising and donations. \$1,000.00 will be taken from the School Sponsored Student Activities fund. The Activities Fund balance is \$12,000.00.

### **Competition Attendance Approved**

- E. that one (1) SkillsUSA student and one (1) advisor attend the SkillsUSA National Competition June 1 - June 6, 2026 in Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of registration, transportation, lodging, and meals. Josh Reif, SkillsUSA Advisor will chaperone this event.

Note: Advisor cost - \$1,500.00

Student cost - \$1,500.00; \$1,000.00 of the student cost will be offset by fundraising and donations. \$500.00 will be taken from the School Sponsored Student Activities fund. The Activities Fund balance is \$12,000.00

### **Competition Attendance Approved**

- F. that Jeremy Pease, Drafting & Design Technology Instructor attend the SkillsUSA National Competition June 1 - June 6, 2026 in Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$471.80 to cover the cost of transportation and meals.

Note: Funds from the Drafting & Design Technology (DDT) Transportation budget will be used to cover the costs. The DDT Transportation Fund balance is \$2,000.00.

**Curriculum Addition Approved**

- G. to approve the purchase of three (3) Building Construction Illustrated, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition for the Drafting Design & Technology class at a cost of \$128.49.

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**

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

**Receipt of Resolutions Acknowledged**

- A. 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**

**Out of County or Charter School Student Tuition (Non-Special Education) Approved**

- B. to approve the following out of county or charter school student tuition rates (non-Special Education) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Half Year - Half Day	\$ 5,175	(\$ 57.50 per day)
Half Year - Full Day	\$10,350	(\$115.00 per day)
Full Year - Half Day	\$10,350	(\$ 57.50 per day)
Full Year - Full Day	\$20,700	(\$115.00 per day)

Note: Rates reflect no increase from previous year.

**Out of County or Charter School Student Tuition (Special Education) Approved**

- C. MOTION by \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the following out of county or charter school student tuition rates (Special Education) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Half Year - Half Day	\$ 6,075	(\$ 67.50 per day)
Half Year - Full Day	\$12,150	(\$135.00 per day)
Full Year - Half Day	\$12,150	(\$ 67.50 per day)
Full Year - Full Day	\$24,300	(\$135.00 per day)

Note: Rates reflect no increase from previous year.

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

Motions carried.

***Building & Grounds***

NONE

***Administrative***

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

**FID Submission Approved**

- A. to approve submitting the FID (Flexible Instruction Days) Program application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

## **CLIU #21 Agreement Approved**

- B. to enter into an agreement with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 (CLIU 21) for participation in the Technology in Education Legal Counsel Consortium if available and offered for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Note: Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP is offering this service on a consortium basis through CLIU 21. This service is designed to provide legal support in the complicated and ever-changing legal landscape that surrounds technology in an educational setting. The Technology Counsel Consortium provides proactive strategies, training and model policies designed to prevent digital-age problems that can lead to liability. The overall pricing for this valuable service is anticipated to be \$555.00 based on the number of participants.

## **Law Firm Appointed**

- C. to appoint the law firm of King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC for specialized work for the 2026-2027 fiscal year on an as- needed basis, as presented.

## **First Reading Policies Approved**

- D. to approve the first reading of the following CCTI policies, as presented:
- #103 Attachment 2 (PROGRAMS) - Discrimination Complaint Procedures
  - #103 Attachment 3 (PROGRAMS) - Title IX Sexual Harassment Procedures and Grievance Process for Formal Complaints
  - #311 (ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES) - Reduction of Staff
  - #411 (PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES) - Reduction of Staff
  - #511 (CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES) - Reduction of Staff

## **Second Reading and Adoption Policies Approved**

- E. to approve the second reading and adoption of the following CCTI policies, as presented:
- #105.2 (PROGRAMS) - Exemption from Instruction
  - #111 (PROGRAMS) - Instructional Planning

## **Reviewed Policies Approved**

- F. to approve the following reviewed CCTI policies, as presented:
- #203.2 (PUPILS) - Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens
  - #215.1 (PUPILS) Competency Tracking

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

Motions carried.

## Administrative Reports

- A. MOTION by Mrs. Walters, 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

- A. MOTION by Mrs. Snyder, SECONDED by Mr. Alabovitz to acknowledge receipt of the conference report submitted by Brandi Schmoyer, Physical Education/Health Teacher after attending Health & Physical Education Administration and K-12 Teacher Training April 7, 2026 at Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21.

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

Motion carried.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday – May 21, 2026**

## Adjournment

Mrs. Snyder moved, seconded by Mr. Alabovitz, that the meeting adjourn. By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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Christina A. Graver  
Joint Operating Committee Secretary