

An Executive Session followed by a regular meeting of the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center Joint Operating Committee, starting at 6:55 p.m., was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 in the library at 750 Phelps Way, New Castle, PA.

During the Executive Session, the following items were discussed:

- Confidential Matters
- Labor Negotiations
- Personnel Matters

Mr. McFarland opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and then asked for a roll call of the members.

ROLL CALL OF JOC MEMBERS:

MEMBERS: Robert Curry, Jim Eppinger, for Jeff Hammerschmidt, Michael Hink, James McFarland, Denise Palkovich, Mark Panella, Anthony Ross and Scott Singer were present.

Leroy Cortez, Stephen Fornataro, Jeff Hammerschmidt, Mark Kirkwood, and Matthew Morella were absent

OTHERS: Mr. Michael Leitera, Mr. Leonard Rich, Mr. Michael Milanovich, Attorney Matt Mangino and Nancy Kolodziej were present.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Conder presented a Power Point highlighting the New Leaders in Entrepreneur Week. Seniors were given the opportunity to build their own business, online, and run it for 14 days. At the end of the 14 days, the student with the highest net income received a grand prize. Prizes consisted of: first place – box of Hershey’s fund raising candy, second place – Youngstown Phantoms Hockey ticket and third place – a LCCTC shop shirt.

Mr. Milanovich thanked Susan for her presentation and her time and effort to set up the online simulation game for the seniors.

2. NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Denise Palkovich made a motion to nominate Jim Eppinger as temporary

Chairman to oversee the nomination of Chairman. Mark Panella made a motion to close the nominations and Anthony Ross seconded the motion. Jim Eppinger presided over the meeting for the election of the new Chairman for 2017.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

James McFarland was nominated by Denise Palkovich as Chairman.

The motion to close nominations was made by Dr. Hink and seconded by Mark Panella.

By a roll call vote, James McFarland was nominated as Chairman of the JOC for 2017. All eight members present voting in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Mr. McFarland then took over as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mark Panella was nominated by Denise Palkovich as Vice-Chairman.

The motion to close nominations was made by Dr. Hink and seconded by Anthony Ross.

By a roll call vote, Mark Panella was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the JOC for 2017. All eight members present voting in the affirmative. Motion passed.

5. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEETING

On a motion by Anthony Ross and seconded by Denise Palkovich, the minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business from previous meetings.

7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRIDE AND PROMISE

The Pride and Promise recipient was unable to make the meeting. The award will be presented in January.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMMENDENTS

Mark Panella made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Articles of Agreement dated 3/1/66 for distribution to the member districts for consent and approval of the amendments to the Articles of Agreement. The motion was seconded by Scott Singer. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. APPROVE THE INVOICE PAYMENT REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER

On a motion by Anthony Ross and seconded by Scott Singer, the invoice payment register for November 2016 was approved unanimously.

D. APPROVE THE JOC MEETING DATES FOR 2017

On a motion by Scott Singer and seconded by Denise Palkovich, the JOC meeting dates for the calendar year 2017 were approved unanimously. The JOC Public Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the library of the LCCTC.

January	19
February	16
March	16
April	20
May	18
June	15
July	No Meeting
August	17
September	21
October	19
November	16
December	21

E. ACCEPT THE POLICY MANUAL ACCESS, POLICY NO. 007

On a motion by Scott Singer and seconded by Denise Palkovich, the Policy Manual Access, Policy No. 007 was accepted unanimously.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Leonard Rich, Administrative Director, reported

that the Career Center received notification that we will be receiving a state competitive equipment grant, the amount is yet to be released.

January is Keystone testing month and the Wilmington Area School Board will be holding their January meeting at the Career Center.

The visit with the Neshannock Board regarding the Career Center's roof project went well.

The Career Center will house outpatient services with Human Services for students in need at no charge.

Mr. Michael Milanovich, Principal, stated

we have had four school visits to date. The students have been very well behaved and it seems that the new format is working well. The students pick three shops that they are interested in and spend 20 minutes in each shop.

Mr. Michael Leitera, Superintendent of Record,

commended Mr. Rich on the partnership with Human Services. He also stated that Mohawk is interested in having their February board meeting at the Career Center.

Attorney Matt Mangino

did not have any comments but stated that he is available for any questions the board members may have regarding issues discussed during the executive session.

Mr. McFarland stated

Neshannock is also interested in having one of their board meetings at the Career Center. He also thanked the members for their confidence in him in regards to his nomination as JOC Chairman. He wished all members present Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Denise Palkovich and seconded by Robert Curry, the December 15th JOC meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

James McFarland, JOC Chairman

Nancy Kolodziej, JOC Secretary