

**VENANGO TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
1 Vo-Tech Drive  
Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301**

**MINUTES**

**March 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Venango Technology Center Joint Committee was held this evening in the Conference Room of the Venango Technology Center, 1 Vo-Tech Drive, Oil City, PA 16301. Mrs. Ferry called the meeting to order at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m.

Mrs. Ferry asked the members to pause for a moment of silence.

Mrs. Ferry asked the members to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Troy Johnston, Robert Blauser, Jim Come, Shari Neely, Misty Nalepa, Mark Marterella, Charlene Eggleston, Cheryl Ferry

Absent: Todd Carson, Joe Womer

Also Present: Mr. Mario Fontanazza, Dr. Pam Dye

Mrs. Ferry stated the Joint Committee members had received copies of the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting in the mail. She asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions.

Ms. Nalepa, seconded by Mr. Marterella, moved to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting as submitted.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Troy Johnston, Robert Blauser, Jim Come, Shari Neely, Misty Nalepa, Mark Marterella, Charlene Eggleston, Cheryl Ferry

Nayes: None, motion carried.

The Treasurer and Secretary's Report as of 3/4/19 was submitted for information.

Ms. Nalepa, seconded by Mrs. Eggleston, moved to accept the Treasurer and Secretary's Report as of 3/4/19 as submitted.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A list of bills in the amount of \$487,823.65 was presented for approval.

Ms. Nalepa, seconded by Mrs. Eggleston, moved to approve the list of bills as presented.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Troy Johnston, Robert Blauser, Jim Come, Shari Neely, Misty Nalepa, Mark Marterella, Charlene Eggleston, Cheryl Ferry

Nayes: None, motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Adams stepped out of the room.

Mr. Adams returned to the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Under Communications, Mr. Fontanazza discussed the Professional Advisory Committee minutes. He also discussed the Calendar of Events for the month of February and the Monthly Enrollment Report as of 3/4/19 were submitted.

Mrs. Ferry requested approval of the action items as presented. Item i.- v. in one motion.

Mr. Marterella, seconded by Ms. Nalepa, moved to approve action items i.- v. as follows:

- i) Approve 2019 – 2020 school calendar.
- ii) Approve Class Trip for Skills USA students to compete in Hershey April 18 – 20, 2019 a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00 – \$7,285.00 Funding Local, \$1,215.00 TANF
- iii) Approve Class Trip for VTC students to attend the Robobot competition at Meadville High School on March 30, 2019.
- iv) Approve Mark Baughman to attend the EMS Symposium in Erie, March 22 – 23, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$450.00 – Funding Local
- v) Approve textbook for Building Construction – Modern Plumbing, Eighth edition, Goodheart Wilcox, E. Keith Blankenbaker.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Troy Johnston, Robert Blauser, Jim Come, Shari Neely, Misty Nalepa, Mark Marterella, Charlene Eggleston, Cheryl Ferry

Nayes: None, motion carried.

Mr. Fontanazza reviewed his Issues/Activities for February 2019.

Mrs. Ferry asked if there was any old business.

None was noted.

Under new business, Mrs. Ferry indicated that there was a report on the voting of the 2019 – 2020 budget.

Also, under new business, Mr. Adams discussed the reason for leaving the meeting earlier. He indicated that Mr. Bret Wagner requested permission to speak at the meeting. Mr. Adams explained to him that there was a procedure for requesting to speak at a meeting and that if he followed the procedure, he would be able to come back to speak at next month's meeting.

Mr. Adams then indicated that Mr. Wagner had contacted him regarding the bus contracts for Forest area schools. Mr. Wagner stated that he could save the Center money. Mr. Adams indicated that he had told Mr. Wagner that if and when the bus route was put out to bid, Mr. Wagner and any other contractor could submit a proposal. Mr. Adams indicated that Mr. Wagner requested to submit a proposal anyhow, and Mr. Adams said he could send whatever he chose.

Mr. Adams went on to explain some history regarding the last time this bus route was put out to bid. Mr. Wagner attempted to purchase the busses and Forest Schools route from Muccio Transportation. After submitting his bid, Mr. Wagner was not able to secure the necessary funding from the bank and Muccio Transportation stepped in and honored the submission of Mr. Wagner. The Center has had Muccio transporting the Forest students since 2017 without any issues. Mr. Adams indicated that the bus companies used for all schools are the contractors that are used by the Center.

Mr. Adams indicated that he had referred this matter to the Solicitor. He also indicated that to his knowledge, Mr. Wagner did not currently own busses. He stated that he did not believe it would be prudent to consider moving the contract to an unproven contractor with no bus transportation background or history.

Upon motion by Mr. Marterella, seconded by Ms. Nalepa, the meeting adjourned at seven forty-nine (7:49) p.m.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Adams", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Patrick M. Adams  
Secretary, Joint Committee