

Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center

Highlights

October 26, 2021 Regular Meeting

1. Minutes approved from September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills approved.
3. Correspondence - None
4. Items for Information Only - None
5. Approved the Committee of the Whole Agenda, as follows:
 - A. ITEMS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
 1. Approved based on the second reading, the following policy manual updates:
 - a. Policy 006 Meetings
 - b. Policy 218.1 Weapons
 - c. Policy 218.2 Terroristic Threats
 - d. Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment
 - e. Policy 247 Hazing
 - f. Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - g. Policies 800.1 Electronic Signatures/Records
 - h. Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response and Safe2Say Something Procedures (Attachment)
 - i. Policy 903 Public Participation in Joint Operating Committee Meetings
 2. Approval was given to the corrected 2021-2022 School Calendar.
 3. Approved Ms. Susan Gardner as the LPN Coordinator, effective October 27, 2021.
 4. Adult Education HEERF CARES Grant – The administration informed the JOC that we are going to BID for a tri-axle truck and a dump truck.
 5. Approved the recommended revisions to the Financial Aid Handbook, updating our student progress evaluation timeline. This update is in line with the U.S. Department of Education's recommendation.
 6. Approved the administration's recommendation to resume Act 121 Police Academy Training.

B. ITEMS RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

1. Retroactively approved one student, from a non-participating school district, to attend GJCTC as a tuition student for the 2021-2022 school year at the established tuition student rate of \$12,144.43 per student per year. Retroactive to September 22, 2021.

C. ITEMS RELATING TO BUILDING AND GROUNDS

1. Approved the following use of facility request:
 - a. Soccer Shots, Winter Session, Wednesdays/Thursdays, September 22 – November 11, 2021, Outside Field/E211.
2. Approved the agreement between GJCTC and Mishler Auction Services for an online auction.
3. Approved the administration's requests to sell the presented items via an online auction.
4. Energy Services contracting Organization (ESCO) Project Update.
 - a. Approved the administration's recommendation for an in-kind rooftop HVAC replacement.
5. Secondary Education ESSER Grant.
 - a. Approved utilizing the grant for carpet and HVAC updates in the amount of \$170,000.

D. ITEMS RELATING TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES - None

E. OTHER BUSINESS - None

6. **Mr. Randy Roxby, Supervisor of Building and Grounds**, updated the Board on the highlights from October, as related to Building and Grounds. The maintenance department has continued with updates to high school and adult education program areas. Representatives from TEN have continued their assessments of GJCTC. Additionally, the maintenance crew is prepping for a large Use of Facility event.
7. **Dr. Jason Hicks, Assistant Administrator of Secondary Education**, presented the attached High School Report. Additionally, Dr. Hicks shared a video presentation announcing the GJCTC Career Foundation Scholarship winners. Ms. Alexis McLucas and Ms. Madasen Knopp thanked the scholarship committee for the opportunities the scholarships will allow them. During the video presentation, scholarship committee member and GJCTC graduate, Mr. Lou Mihalko, praised GJCTC for the opportunities it has afforded him and fellow graduates and he encouraged community participation in the scholarship fund.
8. **Mrs. Tricia Rummel, Supervisor of Adult Education**, presented the attached Adult Education Report.

9. **Mr. John S. Augustine II, Administrative Director**, presented the attached Director's Report. Additionally, Mr. Augustine shared with the board a summary of Mr. Tresnicky's 19.5 years of service to the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center and thanked him for all he has done for the students, teachers, staff, and educational services provided here at GJCTC. Mr. Augustine also recognized and thanked Mr. Joseph Felix, outgoing GJCTC Board Secretary; Mr. Kevin Sheehan and Mrs. Valerie Wojcik, outgoing Windber Area School District Board Members and GJCTC Representatives; and Mrs. Lisa Drennen, outgoing Westmont Hilltop School District Board Member and GJCTC Representative.
10. **Mr. Thomas Kakabar, Chief School Administrator**, shared that at the recent Conemaugh Township Board meeting, Mr. Tresnicky was honored for his 20 years of service to their board and the Conemaugh Township community. Additionally, Mr. Kakabar shared that the PAC met on October 21, 2021. The budget process has started with a focus on the enrollment, which is currently at 475. Mr. Kakabar added that the superintendents all value the education that GJCTC provides and they feel that Dr. Hicks has greatly improved communications with the homeschools. Parents and students are seeing the value of career and technical education.
11. **Mr. Gary Costlow, Solicitor**, had nothing to report on the legal front, but did take a few moments to express to the board that it has been a great experience working with Mr. Tresnicky for these past years.
12. **Mr. Alan Tresnicky, J.O.C. Chairperson**, thanked everyone, Mr. Augustine, Ms. McCall, Mrs. Rummel, all the JOC members, Mr. Kakabar and all of the administration, for all that is here done for the students. They all have Mr. Tresnicky's appreciation.
13. **Currently a November Regular Meeting of the Joint Operating Committee is not scheduled. A November meeting may be called for ESCO purposes. The December Reorganizational and Regular Meeting of the Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. A Christmas dinner for JOC members will be served prior to the start of the JOC meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

There will be a Personnel and Negotiations Committee Meeting in the Board Room following the Joint Operating Committee Meeting.



High School Report

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Every month the teachers are tasked with picking a student of the month. The criteria for student of the month is good work ethic, good attendance, a valuable team member to the work and classroom environment. The following students have received student of the month.

Auto Technology – Nicholas Collier (Westmont)
Collision Repair – Alyssa McAdams (Richland)
Construction Technology – Nathan Yockey (Richland)
Cosmetology – Morgan Phillips (Forest Hills)
Culinary Arts – Abigail Golden (C. Township)
Diesel Mechanics – Nathaniel Denault (C. Township)
Early Childhood – Abby Shriver (C. Township)
Graphic Design – Arriana Dixon (Westmont)
Health Assistant – Hannah Tallion (Windber)
Lab Technology – Paris Vess (Westmont)
Machine Tool – Mason Barr (Westmont)
Poly-Technical – Caiden Allen (Windber)
Sports Medicine - Trenton Brenneman (C. Township)
Welding – Ryan Kovach (Westmont)

Cooperative Education

- 3 placed; 7 pending

Sports Medicine

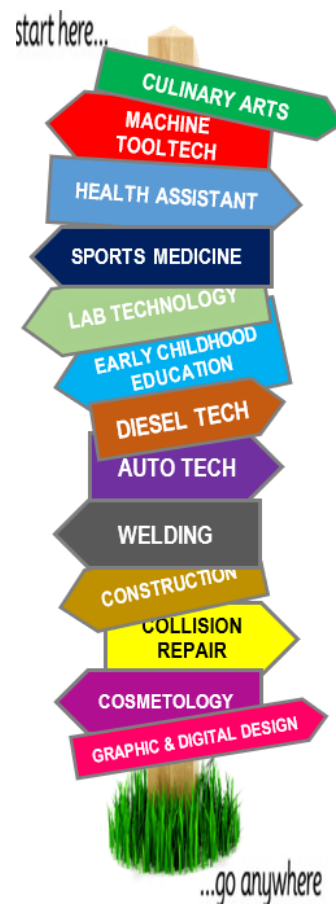
- Monthly GJCTC visit

GJCTC Career Foundation Scholarship

- 2021 - 2022 underway

Career Safe - OSHA 10

- 2020-2021 Data: 238 Students
- 2021 Data (Current): 17 Passed; 63 In-Progress



Culinary Arts

Meat and Cheese Charcuterie



Adult Education Report

October 26, 2021

Program Audits:

American Welding Society (AWS) Audit-August 27-GJCTC passed with only recommendations- the auditor “strongly recommended renewal” and stated GJCTC was an “excellent facility with an excellent staff.”

Third-Party Commercial Driver Testing Audit: August 31-GJCTC passed the audit successfully with no findings.

Student Scholarships:

A student in the Electrical Technology program and one in the HVAC Technology program were awarded scholarships through the PFC Henry A. Ciner Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding for training programs that offer certification in high priority skilled trades positions.



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Justin Brown, HVAC student, Jessie Laney, HVAC Instructor, Bill Olecki, Electrical Tech instructor, Michael Slaninka, Electrical Tech student

Program Graduation: The Practical Nursing Program in Monroeville graduated on October 13th, 2021 and a new class began on October 25, 2021.

Bedford Welding students attended a job fair at Corle Building on Friday, October 22.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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2021-2022 Goals

Mission

Ensure Student Success

Vision

Our graduates, through knowledge and experience, will contribute to the success of an ever-changing workforce.

What can happen in 19.5 years?

May 2002

- Mr. Tresnicky's 1st meeting included a JOC decision to adopt a budget that did not include ROTC and Sports

August 2003

- GJCTC switches to a part-time delivery system
 - 297 student @ apx. \$9,950 per student
 - Only 9% of students pass the NOCTI

August 2004

- GJSD withdrawals secondary enrollment

May 2005

- Mr. Tresnicky is elected Chairman of the JOC

July 2006 – Present

- GJCTC sets a new direction with the renaming of the building to the Trades Technology Complex and a new era of operation begins
- Secondary Education programs are streamlined
- Adult Education Programs expand to the Pittsburgh, Ebensburg, Somerset, and Bedford areas
- Outside educational tenants occupy unused GJCTC space, and the building is in full operation

October 2021

- Today, 19.5, years later GJCTC experiences its highest enrollment in modern times.
 - 475 students @ apx. \$8,407 per student
 - A 60% increase in enrollment and 18 years later a 15% decrease in costs/student
 - A past 5 year overall average of 90% of students passing the NOCTI
 - A 900% increase in academic achievement, since becoming chairman!
- And, to finish his support of career and technical education, GJCTC is scheduled to begin a building-wide Mechanical and Electrical systems renovation project

Mr. Tresnicky, this evening your gavel will fall one last time as Chairman of GJCTC, on behalf of all the students you have served, THANK YOU for believing in Career and Technical Education.

Point of Interest:

Special thanks to our Health Assistant students. On the misty morning of Saturday, October 23, 20 students walked to raise funds for the 1st ever Cambria County American Heart Associations Heart Walk. The students raised funds and helped the AHA reach their goal of \$84K.



Upcoming events:

- 12-9-21 Christmas Dinner 5:30
- 12-9-21 JOC meeting 6:30
- 12-9-21 Personnel Committee meeting to follow the JOC meeting

COVID Corner:

- **Current + case count is at 1 student.**