

GACTC

JOC Summary

February 23, 2009

The meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 2009, in Room C237 of the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center and began at 6:50 p.m.

EDUCATION

School Calendar: approved the 2009-10 school calendar.

School Calendar: recommended that the 2008-09 school calendar be modified to reflect an evening inservice on Thursday, April 16 (in conjunction with Open House) to replace an a.m. teacher inservice on Friday, March 13.

Out of State Conference – retroactively approved Dr. Lanny Ross to attend COE Commission annual meeting in Pensacola, Florida, February 7-10, 2009, at no cost to the school.

Out of State Field Trip – approved Visual Arts Technologies field trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor/Baltimore Museum on May 1, 2009, at no cost to the school.

Postsecondary Full-Time Program Approvals for 2008-09: approved the following programs and fees for next school term:

Program	Hours	Tuition	
		2008-09	2009-10
Culinary Arts	900	6400	6784
Baker/Pastry Cook	900	5100	5410
HVAC/Plumbing	1080	6300	6675
Medical Administrative Specialist	1080	6400	6785
Medical Assistant	1395	8200	8700
Administrative Asst/Software Spec	1080	6400	6785
Full-Time Intergenerational Programs	900	4500	4725

Practical Nursing Tuition: approved increase in the tuition for the Practical Nursing Program to \$9,300 for 2009-10 school year. This is a \$500 increase over the current tuition rate of 8,800. (LPN tuition remains lowest in the area.)

FYI: The day of school lost due to weather conditions on January 28 was made up on February 13 which was the next scheduled snow make-up day.

PERSONNEL

Resignations/Retirements: accepted the retirement notice submitted by the following and awarded the retirement incentive bonus as it applies to each:

- William Garlick, Instructor, effective the end of the 2008-09 school year
- Marcella Blackie, Kitchen Mgr., eff. the end of the 2008-09 school year
- Rick Conway, Teacher Asst, effective the end of the 2008-09 school year
- Donna Lesniak, Teacher Aide, effective the end of the 2008-09 school year
- Thomas Russell, Maintenance, effective October 31, 2009
- Rodney Wray, Maintenance, effective October 31, 2009

Employment:

- Teacher Aide: hired Melissa Latini as teacher aide, eff. 1/23/09; and as a daily substitute.

- b. Teacher Substitute: hired Patricia Carnell as teacher substitute in Emergency Services.
- c. Part-time Continuing Education: hired the following part-time instructors to teach various classes: Stoehr, Figurelle, Carter, Chilcote, Rhodes, Miller, Harris, Gentsch, Endress, Holdren, Baker, Bowser, McCloskey, Williamson, and Gaut; Kathy Depiro to work as sub/as-needed Part-Time evening Supervisor; and Karen Chirdon to work as sub/as-needed Part-Time evening Supervisor
- d. Student Workers: hired the following student banquet worker: Baker

Credit Reimbursement: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) Curran, Keener, Kelley, Sidney, Cunningham, Reighard

Salary Increment (FYI): awarded a salary increment to Jennifer Womer for receiving Vocational II (permanent) certification, according to school policy.

FINANCE

2008-09 Budget: Permission granted to amend the budget to record revenues and expenses for the following grants:

New Choices/New Options - \$130,352 (final approval)

Practical Nursing Shortage and Education Grant – additional \$2,000

*The Equipment Grant was removed from this list. It has not received final approval and was listed erroneously on the agenda. If it is approved within the next month as anticipated, it will be included on the March agenda.

FYI: Project Financing - JOC previously authorized administration to enter into a municipal loan agreement with First Commonwealth Bank. The Center was able to negotiate and enter into a \$750,000 municipal loan agreement at 3.25% which was well below the original 3.55% rate given. Payments on this loan will wrap-around the current parking lot lease and will keep payments approximately level with current payment amount.

EFIS Project: Recommended action concerning 4th and 5th floor façade project and all alternates including #3 and 4 having to do with soffit, soffit insulation, and asbestos abatement. The Building Committee met prior to dinner at 5:10 p.m. and reached a consensus regarding key project components. Dennis Hallinan, Building Committee Chair, asked Dr. Ross to give the members a brief overview of the bids that were received along with the alternates being considered. Eric Irwin questioned the low bid award. Dr. Ross responded that the cost of asbestos abatement must be included when considering the general contract award. Mr. Hallinan then presented the following motions:

- Mr. Hallinan made the motion to award the bid to J.C. Orr as general contractor with all alternates included at a cost of \$426,085, seconded by Mr. Lockard. Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote from all members present.
- Mr. Hallinan made the motion to award the bid to PCS for asbestos abatement at a cost of \$57,974, seconded by Ms. Hendricks. Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote from all members present.
- Mr. Hallinan made the motion to authorize administration to hire a clerk of the works at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 pending a review by Dr. Murray and Dr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Tyler. Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote from all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

JOC Subcommittees: Presented final subcommittee list.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Conduct for JOC Members of PA School Boards: Reaffirmed adoption of the Code of Conduct for board members originally adopted at the March 2006 meeting. PSBA has suggested that the Code of Conduct be reaffirmed annually by JOC members at the January meeting.

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Prepared by Kortney Berry

Because Kortney was unable to attend the meeting, Dr. Ross related student organization updates:

DECA

A Hollidaysburg Senior in the Logistics & Materials Management program, won 1st place in Materials Handling Logistics at the recent State DECA competition. He became GACTC's only 1st place state winner in the chapter's history; A sophomore in RM/E was awarded second place in job interview; and 15 metals were earned by 14 students.

HOSA

Health and Dental students are preparing for HOSA state competition which will be held in April.

FFA

Horticulture students are currently preparing interiorscapes for the Blair County Home Show and the Logan Valley Mall.

SKILLSUSA

SkillsUSA hosted District 7 competition at the GACTC on January 19, 2009. The list of winners was published in the board newsletter.

The GACTC student organizations are considered co-curricular, as opposed to extracurricular, activities and required by the state. Dr. Ross commended the advisors for their commitment to the success of student organizations.