

September 21, 2023

BETHLEHEM AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Committee was held on the evening of the above date, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, 3300 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem, PA, for the purpose of reviewing and discussing Articles of Agreement amendment options.

Members Present: Directors Faccinetto, Patrick, Schenkel, White, Dettmar, Eichfeld, Makary, Gogel - eight; Absent: Director Donaher – one.

Others Present: Mr. Joseph Kovalchik, Superintendent of Northampton Area School District and BAVTS Superintendent of Record, Mr. Adam S. Lazarchak, Executive Director of BAVTS; Mr. Donald Spry, II, Solicitor; Mrs. Debra Miller, Business Administrator; Mrs. Susan Fahrenkopf, Secretary/Treasurer, and interested staff members.

An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The Joint Committee members present reviewed and discussed various Articles of Agreement amendment options. After lengthy debate, it was suggested that the Joint Committee members go back to their District Superintendents and Business Managers to relay the various suggestions that were discussed in hopes that an amenable proposal can be brought before the Joint Committee at a subsequent meeting.

Saucon Valley School District Board members Shawn Welch and Michael Karabin were in attendance and both conveyed their opinions during courtesy of the floor to visitors.

Mr. Lazarchak informed that Joint Committee members that the event celebrating the unveiling of the electric vehicle was well attended and received press coverage from WFMZ. Additionally, a photo of the event was featured on the front page of The Morning Call.

Director Schenkel informed the Joint Committee members present that The Bridges Foundation is seeking Board members. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested, they should contact her.

Mr. Lazarchak informed the Joint Committee members present that every Tuesday in September and October from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. we will be hosting a food truck event. Our truck will of course be featured, and we have extended invitations to others to participate. The first two weeks saw a great turnout.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on motion of Director Faccinetto, seconded by Director Eichfeld.