



AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Highlights, February 18, 2021

The SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee at their regular meeting held February 18, 2021, acted on the following items:

- Heard from the Administrative Director, Jennifer Hain:
 - ✓ Student Recognition
 - Raphael Gearhart, Lewisburg/HVAC, Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month, January
 - Tyler Nevil, Lewisburg/Electrical Systems, Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month, February
 - Taliah Fenton, Mifflinburg/Health 114, Young American, January
 - Andrea Ruhl, Selinsgrove/Computer Networking, Young American, February
 - ✓ SUN is still in an in-person learning model. January 19th was our last required shutdown due to cases. We have had 16 positive cases since we returned from Christmas break, resulting in two shutdowns an up to as many as 8 programs quarantined. Currently only one program is quarantined.
 - ✓ The 2021-22 SY February 1st Preliminary Enrollment indicates 252 students have registered to attend in the upcoming school year.
 - ✓ A recommendation is made to suspend Policy 136, for the 2020-21 SY for 2021-22 SY enrollment, to take the added stress from the instructors, as traditional recruitment, visitations, and Open House could not be held this year.
 - ✓ There is an option offered to CTC's this year to apply for a NOCTI/NIMS Waiver. There are only two programs that wish to offer NOCTI, and the NIMS testing will be required due to the Apprenticeship program.
 - ✓ A donation of PPE including gloves, masks and gowns was received from The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chambers of Commerce and Geisinger Medical Center with a value of \$6,108.94.
 - ✓ A PEMA grant was received in the amount of \$13,543.37 to assist with PPE and other safety equipment due to COVID-19.
 - ✓ Senator John Gordner called last week noting Workforce Development funding in the amount of \$150,000 for equipment.
 - ✓ An ISO 9001:2015 audit was conducted, and SUN Tech received unconditional registration approval.
 - ✓ February is Career and Technical Education month; we have been celebrating with daily social media posts and newspaper articles.
 - ✓ A virtual Open House is being planned for March.
 - ✓ Options for Health Professions internships/clinicals need to be further investigated.

Heard from Superintendent of Record, Mr. Daniel Lichtel:

- ✓ The numbers of COVID-19 are improving, and vaccines are on the way for school employees, we need to patient as we await them,
 - ✓ The current weather situation is adding some additional bumps to the road, but all districts are working through these issues.
 - ✓ All districts are beginning to work on End of Year activities such as scheduling and graduations, as well as preparing for Beginning of Year planning for the upcoming school year.
 - ✓ All districts are currently going through the process of approving the SUN Tech budget which is good. Keep in mind that other budget discussions are being held within each of the districts concerning their own budgets.
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- Approved to extend the Family First Coronavirus Response Act through March 31, 2021.
 - Approved the retirement resignation of Debra Benfer, Cafeteria, effective May 26, 2021.
 - Approved to hire Dan Guzinski, Middleburg, PA, as a substitute instructor.
 - Approved a request for FMLA.
 - Approved the updated Threat Assessment Team.
 - Approved to ratify the November and December Motorcycle Safety Program agreement and approved a new agreement beginning March 1st.
 - Awarded contracts for Bid No. 010821-1, Consumable Supplies for the 2021-22 school year, to 27 vendors for a total amount of \$100,696.11.
 - Approved to suspend Policy 136 for the 2020-21 SY, regarding 2021-22 SY enrollment.
 - Approved the second reading and approval of the following policies:
 - Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - Policy 113.2 Behavior Support
 - Policy 113.3 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
 - Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities
 - Approved the revisions to policy 610 Finances – Purchases Subject to Bid and Policy 611 – Finances – Purchases Budgeted.
 - Approved the first reading of the following policies:
 - Policy 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students – revised
 - Policy 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault – new
 - Policy 252 – Dating Violence - revised
 - Approved a retirement Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Approved to temporarily suspend enrollment for the Electronics Technology program for the 2021-22 SY.
 - Approved the NOCTI/NIMS Waiver submission for the 2020-21 SY.