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JRTC Board Meeting Notes

What follows are the notes from the January 10, 2017 meeting of the Jackson River Technical Center Joint Board of Control. You are encouraged to contact Eugene Kotulka if you have questions regarding this information.

Present: Cindy Bennett (Covington City), Bert Baker (Covington City), Eddy Clemons (Covington City), Gerald Franson (Alleghany County), Jennifer Seckner (Alleghany County), Glenn Spangler (JRTC Director), Christy Armentrout (Clerk), Melinda Snead-Johnson (Covington City Superintendent) and Eugene Kotulka (Alleghany County Superintendent).

1. The minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. Mr. Spangler reported the current enrollment is 324, which is higher than this same time last year (302).
3. The Marketing Goals Committee met on December 14. They discussed a Facebook page for JRTC. The link will be added to the JRTC website. Also discussed was a new sign at the corner. A marketing student created a design. The carpentry class can build the frame for the sign. Mr. Spangler will show the proposed sign at the next board meeting, before it goes to production. The committee also discussed creating short videos of the programs at JRTC. The videos could be posted on the JRTC website. JRTC would like to introduce their programs to 5th grade students in both school systems and possibly have JRTC visits, a CTE Fair, and showcase videos. The committee would like for guidance counselors, teachers, administrators, and local governing bodies to market JRTC programs more. The committee believes it is important to have parents involved as well.
4. The Impediments to Collaboration Committee met on December 15, 2016. They discussed funding, scheduling, Covington's Advanced Studies availability, history and lack of trust, academic calendars, and transportation.
5. The Needs Assessment Committee met on December 16, 2016. The committee watched a video about Pulaski County. The video compared the following areas: household income, employment rates for managerial positions, production/transportation/material moving, manufacturing, projected growth for the region by 2022 in IT/Health Sciences/Finance/Science, Technology, Engineering and Math/Education and Training. The video was shared with the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation. The committee also reviewed a survey of 9th grade

students examining student interest in both current and potential programs at JRTC. This information was provided the Board.

6. The Increased Collaboration Committee met on December 19, 2016. The committee discussed all of the programs and how both school divisions can work together to give the best educational opportunities possible to all students. The Welding program was specifically discussed and how to work with DSLCC to make it successful for those students. All other programs will also be evaluated.
7. New Tech update – There are upcoming joint meetings to discuss New Tech. The Board was reminded the documentary “Most Likely to Succeed” would be shown on January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Jeter Watson and January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Clifton Middle School.
8. A field trip for the Health Occupation Students of America was approved. The trip is March 10-12 and will be held in Williamsburg.
9. Bills in the amount of \$44,958.14 were approved. Bills and salaries in the amount of \$80,324.24 were also paid in accordance with approved salary and benefit schedules.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 14 at 12:00 p.m.