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JRTC Board Meeting Notes

What follows are the notes from the February 14, 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), Craig Lane (Alleghany County), Jennifer Seckner (Alleghany County), Randy Tucker (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 January 10, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Mr. Spangler reported 24% of students made A Honor Roll and 24% made A/B Honor Roll for the first semester.
3. Mr. Spangler gave an enrollment update of 360 students for first semester and 319 for second semester, which are increases from last year.
4. Mr. Spangler presented the SEDF report, noting it is difficult to meet the state goal because of limited number of programs and a small student body.
5. Mr. Spangler gave the dual enrollment report.
6. Mr. Spangler presented the Annual Performance Report. He noted all standards of the performance summary were met with the exception of non-traditional students and secondary placement. He reminded the Board that because of small student body size, non-traditional numbers are difficult to meet.
7. Mr. Spangler presented the budget for the last 3 years including actual expenditures for each year.
8. Mr. Spangler noted that freshmen tours were scheduled for February 23, 2017 for Covington High School students and on February 28, 2017 for Alleghany High School students. He noted February is Career and Technical Education month and they will be having an open house on February 22.
9. Marketing Committee: Discussed the new sign that was designed by the marketing class. The Facebook page for JRTC is now up and running and the new website has been built and is being assessed for further alteration.
10. Increased Collaboration Committee: Mr. Huffman and Mr. Spangler have met with administration and faculty from DSLCC regarding Welding Dual Enrollment regarding a career studies certificate. An additional meeting with DSLCC is needed. There has also been discussion of collaboration with DSLCC for Early Childhood Education and working in some capacity with Boy's Home.
11. Increased Board Engagement Committee: No report.
12. Impediments to Collaboration Committee: No report.

13. Mr. Spangler reported he and Mr. Huffman met with members of the teaching faculty and administration of DSLCC regarding establishing a dual enrollment program with the Welding program. The cost would be approximately \$9,000/per graduating class if all students in a full class participated. There could also be additional instructor costs. The program has not yet been agreed upon by JRTC and DSLCC.
14. Mr. Spangler asked the board to consider bringing back the Computer Systems Technology program next year. He noted that this program is now a 2 year program instead of a 3 year program. An instructor could possibly be shared with DSLCC or surplus funds could be used to cover the salary of an additional staff member for this year, with the expectation that the school divisions will need to budget for this salary the following year. The maximum salary/benefits package required would be \$90,000. Other expenses would include books and possibly some new hardware, which VPSA money could cover. The Board unanimously approved to move forward with plans to bring back CST with the salary for the instructor coming from surplus funds for this year and the localities to provide the funding for it in the future.
15. New Tech Program: There was discussion to hold New Tech at JRTC while the Allegheny Foundation was willing to aid in funding the program. The Allegheny County School Board already approved moving forward with pursuing this, but Covington Board had not acted on it at this point. There was a discussion regarding a financial plan for the annual costs once the Allegheny Foundation ceases their funding of the project. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the location of New Tech at JRTC for at least two years or until JRTC expands its programs and needs the space. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker. The motion was passed on a 4-3 vote. (Baker – No, Bennett – No, Clemons – No, Franson – Yes, Lane – Yes, Seckner – Yes, Tucker – Yes)
16. Bills in the amount of \$20,865.31 were approved. Bills and salaries in the amount of \$80,347.31 were also paid in accordance with approved salary and benefit schedules.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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