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JRTC Board Meeting Notes

What follows are the notes from the March 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), 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 February 14, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Mr. Spangler gave a budget report noting VRS costs increased this year. He noted health insurance may change but should have a minimal impact on premiums.
3. Mr. Spangler gave an update on the Welding grant, noting the ventilation unit is installed, at a total cost of \$6,900. He reported Mr. Huffman would like to purchase and install 7 more ventilation units. The board approved invitation to bid for these units.
4. Mr. Spangler discussed a recent study done by REL Appalachia for the Pulaski region which studied employment needs. A study for our area would cost approximately \$25,000-\$30,000, he noted, and suggested an in-house study be done instead. It was suggested that the marketing class be involved in the study.
5. Mr. Spangler noted Jimmy Fridley was selected as the Educator of the Year for JRTC.
6. Mr. Spangler reported two JRTC students competed at the HOSA state conference in Williamsburg and placed 3rd and 4th in Human Growth and Development. Also, another student placed first in the Nurse Aide Skills test.
7. Mr. Spangler explained because the new CST program is in its first year, the instructor won't have enough teaching responsibilities to fill up an entire day. He suggested hiring a full-time instructor to teach two blocks each day and use the third block to address computer and networking issues at JRTC. The board agreed with Mr. Spangler's suggestion.
8. Jeff Alleman discussed the infrastructure and network capabilities at JRTC. He recommended that JRTC have upgraded network capacity to support Chromebook use at JRTC. He noted a portion of the funding could be used from VPSA and E-rate funds. A board member requested Mr. Spangler provide more funding information before moving forward.
9. Bills in the amount of \$19,573.11 were approved. Bills and salaries in the amount of \$76,241.55 were also paid in accordance with approved salary and benefit schedules.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 11 at 6:00 p.m.