

Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee

Meeting Minutes: 1/15/2026

The monthly meeting of the Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee was held on Thursday evening, 1/15/2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Dorothy Gindlesperger.

I. Call to Order

A. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Dorothy Gindlesperger led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call** - Of the eight member districts, roll call showed a total of seven districts were represented as follows:

Members:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Dively	Berlin Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mandy Marteney	Meyersdale Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lance Shawley	North Star Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noah Wareham	Rockwood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Swank	Shanksville-Stonycreek Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Summers	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Brant	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Diehl	Turkeyfoot Valley Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dorothy Gindlesperger	Shade-Central City Area

Introductions/Visitors:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Remick	Administrative Director - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Danel	Principal - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Tracey Karlie	Superintendent of Record
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Booth	Fiscal Manager - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Cicmansky	Director of Adult Education - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Smiach	Assistant Principal
	Others:	Al Conrad

II. Public Comment

III. Acceptance of Agenda and Agenda Items:

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to accept the agenda and agenda items as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

IV. Executive Session

A motion by Lance Shawley, seconded by Michael Diehl, prevailed to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:02 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

V. Minutes:

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Joint Operating Committee meeting held 12/18/2025. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VI. Financial Reports: Chairperson- Michael Diehl**A. Treasurer's Report as of 1/09/2026 for General and Adult Education Funds.****B. Approval/ratification of bills.**

1. General Fund bills totaling \$201,587.60
2. Adult Fund bills totaling \$11,487.89
3. Practical Nursing bills totaling \$23,826.00
4. Activity Fund bills totaling \$3,555.00.

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to approve financial reports listed under section VI, Financial Reports, paragraphs A and B as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VII. Program/Project Reports

Director's Report – Karen Remick

Principal's Report – Matthew Danel

Adult Education Report – Kim Cicmansky

Financial Report – Jennifer Booth

VIII. Committee and Administrative Reports**A. Education & Personnel Report: Chairperson- Brian Brant**

1. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to ratify and approve the staff trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
2. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank prevailed to ratify and approve the student trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
3. Approve the 2026-27 school calendar. (tabled)
4. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to approve the student quotas for the 2026-27 school year. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried..
5. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to approve the retirement of Mark Lyons, Masonry Instructor, effective June 30th, 2026.

Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

6. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to advertise for replacement of the instructor opening. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
7. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Joe Swank, prevailed to approve to advertise for a Construction Trades Instructor with emphasis on Masonry. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

B. Buildings, Grounds, Equipment & Supply Committee: Chairperson- Joe Swank

1. Approve the obsolete item list. (tabled)
2. A motion by Joe Swank, seconded by Brian Brant, approved to award the bid for the roof project to Triangle Roofing in the amount of \$411,038.00. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

C. Negotiations Committee: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

D. Budget & Finance: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to approve the proposed secondary budget and the proposed adult education budget for the 2026-2027 school year be submitted to the participating districts along with resolutions. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

E. Policy Committee: Chairperson- James Summers

F. Grievance Committee: Chairperson- Donna Dively

IX. Correspondence and Information

X. Executive Sessions

XI. Other Items For Action

XII. Additional Items

1. The February meeting of the Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Somerset County Technology Center.
2. The Spring OAC Meeting will be held March 24th at 6:00 pm.
3. Awards night will be held at 6:00 pm on May 19th.
4. The Certificate Ceremony is on May 22nd at 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Adjournment

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.