



# CRAWFORD TECH

Crawford County Career & Technical Center

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Members in attendance: Tim McQuiston, Kevin Merritt, John Burnham, Brian Custard, Monica Hargenrater, Ryan Klink, Fred Bryant

Members absent: Michael Chausse, Jeffrey Rose

Others in attendance: Kevin Sprong, Mike Costa, Ryan Smith, Adam Jardina, Jenn Galdon, Patty Fiely, Jordan Shuber, Mike Crowley

The regular meeting of the Joint Operating Committee of Crawford Tech was called to order by Chairperson Merritt at 6:30 p.m.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Klink

Second: Mr. Burnham

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

## III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. McQuiston

Second: Mr. Custard

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve and accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

## IV. FINANCIAL (see addenda)

Motion: Ms. Hargenrater

Second: Mr. Burnham

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve and accept the following financial items:

A. **Expenditures** – General Fund bills for February and March totaling

\$888,350.23 and Student Activity Funds totaling \$4,133.19, as presented to the JOC members prior to the meeting for review.  
A copy of the listing to be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

**B. Reports for March as presented:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report**
- 2. Activities Report - 2025-2026 school year**
- 3. Shop Report**
- 4. Enrollment Report (information only)**

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**V. COMMUNICATION –**

- Meadville Tribune: Jacob Jackson Thumbs Up
- Meadville Tribune: Blueprint for Success
- Meadville Tribune: Gold and Silver List
- Meadville Tribune: Possible Asbestos Exposure
- Meadville Tribune: Ups 'n' Downs
- Meadville Tribune: Crawford Tech Remains Silent on Extent of Asbestos Exposure

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –** Executive Session was held on February 27, 2026, for Legal Matters.

An Executive Session was held at the end of this meeting for Contract Negotiations, Personnel, and Legal Matters, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and concluded at 8:02 p.m.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Travel**

Motion: Mr. McQuiston

Second: Mr. Burnham

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the following travel items:

1. Nick Shearer, Alice Williams, and 31 Diesel students, Cummins Engine Plant, Lakewood, OH, 4/16/2026. The cost to the JOC for a school bus is approximately \$497.
2. Cindy Saulsbery, Rob Kightlinger, Laura Peterson, and five students, SkillsUSA State Competition, Hershey, PA, 4/7-10/2026. The cost to the JOC for staff lodging, rental van, staff food, gas, and substitutes is approximately \$4,113. The cost to SkillsUSA for student lodging, student food, and registration is approximately \$3,422.

- 3. Cindy Saulsbery, Health Occupations Professional Development Workshop, Charleroi, PA, 5/6/2026. The cost to the JOC for mileage and a substitute is approximately \$349.
- 4. Brad Custard, Evan Moutsos, and 44 students, Lincoln Electric, Cleveland, OH, 4/24/2026. The cost to the JOC for a school bus is approximately \$678.
- 5. Nick Shearer, Colt Wetherell Sr., and four students, Ohio State ATI, Wooster, OH, 4/11/2026. The cost to the JOC for gas for the school vehicle is approximately \$90.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**B. Tentative 2026-2027 Budget**

Motion: Ms. Hargenrater  
Second: Mr. McQuiston

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$8,396,113. as follows, and that it be sent out to the participating districts' Boards for adoption:  
Operating Expenditures \$7,221,895.; Estimated Gross debt Services \$715,950.  
Secondary Perkins, Grants, and Adult Education \$458,268.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**C. 2026-2027 School Calendar**

Motion: Ms. Hargenrater  
Second: Mr. Klink

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the 2026-2027 Crawford Tech School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**D. Amark Environmental**

Motion : Mr. MQuiston  
Second : Mr. Custard

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the agreement with Amark Environmental for asbestos testing and abatement, retroactive to February 27, 2026, and pursuant to 24 P.S. Sec. 7-751(a.2).

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**E. Wofford Agreement**

Motion: Mr. Custard  
Second: Mr. Burnham

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve and engage Matthew L. Wofford, Esquire, as environmental special counsel per the terms of the retainer agreement, retroactive to February 27, 2026.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**F. Resolution Amendment for School Facilities Grant- Flooring and Abatement**

Motion: Mr. Burnham  
Second: Ms. Hargenrater

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the Public School Facility Improvement Grant application for the Flooring and Abatement Project amended resolution, as presented.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**G. Resolution Amendment for School Facilities Grant-Annex Renovation**

Motion: Mr. Burnham  
Second: Mr. Klink

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the Public School Facility Improvement Grant application for the Annex Renovations amended resolution, as presented.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**H. Policy 006.1**

Motion: Mr. Burnham  
Second: Mr. Custard

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve a first reading, second reading, and adoption of policy 006.1, Joint Operating Procedures: Attendance at meetings via electronic communication, as presented.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**I. Biomass Bid**

**Motion to Amend:**

Motion: Mr. McQuiston  
Second: Ms. Hargenrater

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the bid as returned and presented from \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the Former Biomass Facility Mezzanine Structure & Miscellaneous Demolition.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**Amended Motion:**

Motion: Mr. McQuiston  
Second: Mr. Burnham

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve the bid as returned and presented from Dynast Construction regarding the Former Biomass Facility Mezzanine Structure & Miscellaneous Demolition, pending Solicitor and Board Counsel review.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**J. Integrity Auto Building**

Motion: Mr. Klink  
Second: Mr. Burnham

RESOLVED, the Crawford Tech JOC approve and advertise for additional bids for asbestos testing and abatement to be due back no later than April 1, 2026.

Roll Call

Mr. Bryant	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Custard	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McQuiston	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Burnham	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Hargenrater	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Merritt	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Chausse	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Klink	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Rose	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried

**IX. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**X. SUPERINTENDENTS’ COMMENTS**

**XI. JOC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**XII. NEXT MEETING –**

Professional Contract Negotiations Meetings were held on February 25; March 11, 2026.

Professional Contract Negotiations Meetings are scheduled for: April 8 and April 30, 2026.

Next JOC Meeting: April 15, 2026

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. McQuiston, Seconded by Mr. Klink at 7:25 p.m.  
All in favor.



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Ryan Smith  
Business Manager/Board Secretary