

**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
OF
MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
(FOURTH AMENDMENT)**

These Articles of Agreement were originally made and entered into this 16th day of May, A.D., 1966, by and between the School Districts of the Township of Buckingham, the Borough of Chalfont, the Borough of Doylestown, the Township of Doylestown, the Borough of New Britain, the Township of New Britain, the Township of Plumstead, the Township of Warrington, and the Township of Warwick, which shall be known after July 1, 1966, as the Central Bucks School District; the School Districts of the Borough of Newtown, the Township of Newtown, the Township of Northampton, the Township of Upper Makefield, and the Township of Wrightstown, which shall be known after July 1, 1966, as the Council Rock School District, the School Districts of the Borough of Ivyland, the Township of Upper Southampton, and the Township of Warminster, which shall be known after July 1, 1966, as the Centennial School District; and the New Hope-Solebury School District, all of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter collectively called "School Districts."

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the School Districts have, pursuant to the Act of Assembly of August 14, 1963, P.L. 1065, No. 463, Section 2, 24 P.S. 17-1707, created a Joint School Committee in order to operate the Area Vocational-Technical School presently situated on Old York Road,

Jamison, Warwick Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, any additions thereto or any additional technical schools built or erected in the Districts.

WHEREAS, Bucks County has been divided in three (3) vocational-technical areas of which the aforementioned four (4) School Districts comprise Area II; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that a marked need exists in several of our Schools to broaden the curriculum in vocational-technical education, and that such development can be planned, organized, and developed most equitably and economically by several School Districts in joint operation whose combined resources and enrollments present a broad-based and adequate foundation of support; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the School Districts of Area II to reduce to writing the sharing of all expenses in connection with the establishment of an Area II Vocational-Technical School; and

WHEREAS, all the aforementioned Board of School Directors have voted affirmatively to participate in the establishment of such a jointly operated area vocational-technical school program; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement republishes the Agreement of December 31, 1991, with Amendments, including a change of name to MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, approved by resolutions of all participating school districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the said School Districts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. Definitions:

Participating School District shall mean each School Board operating an educational program, Grades 7 to 12, inclusive, which is a party to this Agreement; namely, Central Bucks, Council Rock, Centennial, and New Hope-Solebury.

School Board shall mean the combined Boards of School Directors of the four (4) Participating School Districts.

Director shall mean a member of the Board of Directors of a Participating School District.

General Advisory Committee shall mean committee established to advise in specific matters pertaining to trade or related matters.

Executive Council shall mean a committee composed of the representative Directors from the School Boards of each of the Participating School Districts as described in Paragraph No. 5.

2. The Directors of the Participating School Districts do hereby organize and establish a Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, hereinafter referred to as the "SCHOOL" to be operated by the Executive Council within the limits of the budget recommended by the Executive Council and adopted by the Participating School Districts.

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3. The SCHOOL shall be known as the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (formerly known as Middle Bucks County Area Vocational-Technical School).

FACILITIES

4. The SCHOOL shall be conducted and operated as hereinafter set forth in facilities which shall be located, constructed, leased or purchased at a site as close as practicable to the population and geographic centers of the Participating School Districts on a site to be decided by a majority of the Participating School Districts.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

5. The Executive Council shall consist of not more than ten (10) members appointed annually, in December, from School Boards representing the Participating School Districts.

Membership on the Executive Council shall be apportioned on the basis of one (1) member for each eleven (11) percent or major fraction thereof the ratio of the average daily membership of pupils from each School District, reported to the Pennsylvania State Department of Education, on the preceding October 1 as it relates to the total average daily membership. Each Participating School District shall have at least one (1) representative and not more than three (3) thereon.

Membership on the Executive Council shall be reviewed and Participating School District representation shall be determined and appropriately adjusted once every other calendar year from the effective date of this section.

Members on the Executive Council shall be appointed by the participating Boards of School Directors in any manner they choose. One alternate may be named by each Participating School District who shall serve with authority to vote whenever a regular member is not in attendance. Vacancies on the Executive Council shall be filled for the unexpired term by the original appointing body.

GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6. The General Advisory Committee shall be composed of from nine (9) to fifteen (15) members selected at large from the area served by the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology and shall be representative of local trades, industries, business and health services, research and educational agencies, school administrators, and School Board members. Members shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Source for such names may include lists of names submitted by the chief school administrators. Committee members shall serve for a term of one (1) year and take office January 1 following appointment.

DUTIES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7. The General Advisory Committee shall assist and advise development of the general philosophy and policies of the SCHOOL and shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND OFFICERS

8. (a) The Executive Council shall meet monthly at such a time and place as shall be agreed upon. A quorum shall consist of a

majority of the voting members of the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall act by a majority vote of the voting members present. The Executive Council shall during the month of January of each year elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary from among their number, and a Treasurer who shall serve until their successors are elected in like manner. The first Executive Council shall within thirty (30) days after its appointment elect its officers who shall serve until the election of their successors.

(b) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not represent the same School District. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not serve in those offices for more than two (2) successive years, and shall not come from the same School District for successive terms. A "term" shall mean the duration of office not to exceed two (2) years.

COMMITTEE POWER

9. The Executive Council shall have all the duties and accept all responsibilities in reference to supervision, maintenance, and regulation of such area vocational-technical schools, except such duties as are herein reserved to be exercised by the combined School Boards. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Council to continually evaluate the availability of physical facilities and course offerings in relationship to the anticipated student need. Where the findings indicate the need for additional facilities, the Committee shall petition the School Board to provide such facilities as soon as possible. However, in the event the enrollment exceeds the available

course offerings, a temporary quota system as expressed in Item 20 shall apply.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

10. Any member of the Executive Council who shall be absent for three (3) consecutive meetings shall be replaced by appointment by his respective Board.

SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

11. The School Board shall, by a majority of all its voting members and by a concurring vote of three (3) of the four (4) School Boards of the Participating School Districts, perform the following:

- (a) To purchase a site or sites;
- (b) To adopt the annual budget;
- (c) To approve capital expenditures for building or equipment.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

12. A Professional Advisory Council shall be composed of the Chief Administrator Officer of each Participating School District or his representative, and the Administrative Director who shall act as Secretary. The Council shall elect annually on a rotating basis one (1) of its members who shall act as Chairman and be given authority to sign necessary documents as Chief School Administrator on behalf of the SCHOOL. The Council shall advise the Executive Council through the Administrative Director on educational matters concerning the specific

organization and operating details and policies of the Institute's Program, and shall have the power to administer the general policies on admissions of pupils and submit for approval to the Executive Council any changes in policy. This Council shall meet monthly prior to meetings of the Executive Council.

RENTAL

13. The rental to the local or state authority for the construction or acquisition of a building, for the purchase of equipment, the purchase and improvement of site, and other expenditures related to the construction of a new building shall be charged to the Participating School Districts on the basis of the proportion which the market valuation of each Participating School District bears to the total market valuation of all the Participating School Districts, as certified by the State Tax Equalization Board annually.

TITLE

14. The title of any real estate acquired for the purpose of establishing the SCHOOL shall be held in the name of the Participating School Districts, or a municipality or state Authority.

EXISTING EQUIPMENT

15. A Participating School District having equipment satisfactory to the Executive Council and transferred to the SCHOOL shall be reimbursed for such equipment at an appraised value as determined by two (2) recognized equipment appraisers.

TOTAL PUPILS

16. Whenever the Professional Advisory Council finds that additional pupils may be enrolled and all of the pupils from Participating School Districts have been accommodated, tuition pupils may be enrolled.

PRORATING OF OPERATING EXPENSES

17. The operational expenditure of the SCHOOL shall be borne by each Participating School District in proportion to its average daily membership of pupils in attendance at the SCHOOL computed at the end of the school year.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

18. The Executive Council, having due regard for the tenure provision of the Public School Code, and upon the recommendation of the Professional Advisory Council, shall employ an Administrative Director for the SCHOOL and such professional and non-professional employees as are required to operate the SCHOOL.

DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

19. Subject to the administrative and supervisory jurisdiction and responsibility of the Professional Advisory Council, the Administrative Director shall have the powers and duties hereinafter determined.

The Administrative Director shall be responsible for the filing and retention of all Executive Council forms, blanks, and documents, and for mailing out copies of the minutes and other data.

In accordance with the authority given in the School Code, the Administrative Director shall be designated as the purchasing agent for the Executive Council to purchase school supplies of the first and second class within budget limitations not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per item. He shall be responsible for the checking of all bills, authorization for the same, accuracy and budgetary allotment.

He shall be responsible for submission of bills for payment and their proper filing after payment. He shall submit preliminary budgetary data, and after approval shall be responsible for the administering of the budget. He shall also be responsible for the preparation of all data on county, state and other forms as are required of Area Vocational-Technical Schools.

He shall perform all such other administrative and supervisory tasks as may be normally assigned to a school building principal.

ADMISSION QUOTAS

20. Quotas of students shall be established for each component School District, in accordance with the percentage of average daily membership of public and resident non-public pupils in Grades 10, 11, and 12 in each Participating School District as it relates to the total average daily membership of public and resident non-public pupils in Grades 10, 11, and 12 of the four (4) Participating School Districts.

This percentage shall be based on the A.D.M. of public and resident non-public pupils as determined on February 1 of the calendar year of admission of pupils. Should any of the component School Districts in any given year have fewer applicants than this quota permits, the unfilled quota may be filled by applicants from the other School Districts as determined by the Professional Advisory Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

21. The cost of Participating School District transportation of students between their respective home school and the Institute, which shall be provided by the Participating School Districts, shall be a part of the operating budget of the SCHOOL.

AGREEMENT APPROVAL

22. This Agreement shall go into effect on execution hereof by the Presidents and Secretaries of all of said School Districts, the same to be approved prior to said execution by an affirmative vote of a majority of the School Directors of each of the Participating School Districts, and to be duly entered upon the minutes of the respective School Districts.

LENGTH OF AGREEMENT

23. This Agreement shall remain in effect until all obligation incurred by the Participating School Districts in financing the construction of the said SCHOOL or in the financing of any subsequent capital expenditures shall have been paid in full, and may

thereafter be continued in force by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

AMENDING THE AGREEMENT

24. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by agreement of all Participating School Districts. Proposed amendments that have been adopted shall be submitted in writing by the Executive Council to every Participating School District, and each Participating School District shall have sixty (60) days to take action on the amendment. Each Participating School District shall notify the Executive Council of its action within thirty (30) days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Boards of Directors of the Central Bucks, Council Rock, Centennial and New Hope-Solebury School Districts, parties hereto, have caused this Amended Articles of Agreement to be executed effective September 1, 1996.

(SEAL)

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: Elizabeth A. Yonon
President

Barbara R. Schumann
Secretary

(SEAL)

COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: Mumtaz
President

Charlotte J. Walter
Secretary

(SEAL)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: *[Signature]*
President

Betty Huff
Secretary

(SEAL)

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: *Peter L Rein*
President

President

Gregory Hogg
Secretary

The above compiles the original Agreement of the 16th day of May, 1966, as amended on the 18th day of October, 1966, with further amendments passed the 22nd day of July, 1971, and the 31st day of December, 1991, and the present amendments including a change of name adopted the 14th day of October, 1996.