MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

July 1, 2010

The meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education was convened on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at the PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Dr. James Barker, Acting Chair.

Attending: Absent:
James Agras Francis Michelini Corinne Caldwell
James Barker Mollie Phillips Rep. Paul Clymer
Esther Bush Edward Sheehan, Jr. Sen. Andrew Dinniman
Connie Davis Shannon Sullivan Francine McNairy
Daniel Fogarty Karen Farmer White Sen. Jeffrey Piccola
Travis Gilbert Larry Wittig Joseph Torsella
Sandra Dungee Glenn Andrew Youstic
Arnold Hillman

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dr. Barker, seconded by Dr. Michelini, the minutes of the May 6, 2010, meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education were approved by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Lee Burket, Bureau Director, updated the Board on the proposed Technical Institute Guidelines and presented final copies of the document. Dr. Burket went on to note that 46 site visits have been scheduled for the 2010-11 school year for the Approved Program Evaluation. Over the program’s five-year cycle, 2,100 programs have been reviewed.

Two programs will receive awards from the Southern Regional Education Board: Lancaster Career and Technology Center will receive the TCTW Gold Improvement Award for increasing their mean scores by at least 10 points in reading, mathematics and science; Columbia-Montour AVTS will receive the Pacesetter Award.

Mr. Dan Fogarty delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the “Pennsylvania Project for Advanced Manufacturing Careers.” The Center’s comprehensive report speaks to the impact of the manufacturing sector on Pennsylvania’s economy and the need for strong educational supports, including education-industry partnerships in high-growth fields, to ensure an adequately prepared workforce.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jackie Cullen, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators, spoke in support of the Technical Institute Guidelines.

ACTION ITEMS

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GUIDELINES

A motion to approve the final version of the Technical Institute Guidelines was made by Dr. Arnold Hillman and seconded by Mr. Jim Agras.

Vote:

Yes Agras, Barker, Bush, Davis, Fogarty, Dow-Ford, Glenn, Hillman, Michelini, Phillips, Sheehan, Farmer-White, Williams, Wittig
None opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Barbara Baker
Administrative Assistant