MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

May 6, 2010

The meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education was convened on Thursday, May 6, 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 8:35 a.m. by Mr. Joseph Torsella, Chairperson.

Attending:
Joseph Torsella, Chairperson
Dr. James Barker
Esther Bush
Corrinne Caldwell
Connie Davis
Sen. Andrew Dinniman
Shannon Farrelly
Daniel Fogarty
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Travis Gilbert
Arnold Hillman
Gardiner Kreglow
Francine McNairy
Francis Michelini
Mollie Phillips
Edward Sheehan, Jr.
Shannon Sullivan
Karen Farmer White
A. Lee Williams
Larry Wittig
Andrew Youstic

Absent:
James Agras
Sheila Dow Ford
Senator Jeffrey Piccola
Rep. James Roebuck, Jr.
Rep. Paul Clymer

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Torsella opened the meeting by thanking Dr. Arnold Hillman for providing each Board member with a copy of Diane Ravitch's latest book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System.*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Larry Wittig, seconded by Dr. Hillman, the minutes of the March 18, 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, along with staff members Ms. Lydia Hess and Mr. David Garnes, provided a second update for the Board on the draft technical institute guidelines. Dr. Burket clarified several issues raised at the March 18 meeting by reviewing the purpose of a technical institute, the background/related regulations and statutes, and the application guidelines. Dr. Burket noted that 56 of 67 counties statewide have career technical centers and school districts that offer adult career and technical education.

Mr. Garnes reviewed the public comments received on the draft guidelines, dividing them into four areas: student audience (those who may enroll in the technical institutes), articulation plans, professional development planning, and adult placement. Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn requested a copy of the public comments (comments were e-mailed to members on June 12). Chairman Torsella requested that a report be presented on Pennsylvania's level of preparedness to provide training for workers in the area of drilling in the Marcellus Shale region.

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

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final versions of the policies outlining the appeals processes for students denied admission to vocational education programs were included in the documents provided to Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. by motion of Mr. Edward Sheehan, Jr., seconded by Dr. Francis Michelini.

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