MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Honors Suite, 1st Floor
333 Market Street
Harrisburg

November 18, 2010

The meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education was convened on Thursday, November 18, 2010. 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, Chair.

Attending:
James Agras (via telephone)
James Barker (via telephone)
Wendy Beetlestone
David Collins
Connie Davis
Daniel Fogarty
Travis Gilbert
Francis Michelini
Ivory Nelson
Jonathan Peri
Mollie Phillips
Edward Sheehan, Jr.
Shannon Sullivan
Joseph Torsella
Karen Farmer White
A. Lee Williams
Larry Wittig
Andrew Youstic

Absent:
Rep. Paul Clymer
Sen. Andrew Dinniman
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Kirk Hallett
Francine McNairy
Sen. Jeffrey Piccola
Rep. James Roebuck Jr.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Chairperson Torsella welcomed the new members of the State Board of Education: Ms. Wendy Beetlestone, Mr. Kirk Hallett, Dr. Ivory Nelson and Mr. Jonathan Peri.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 16, 2010, meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education were approved by unanimous voice vote on a Wittig/Agras motion.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Bureau Director, outlined information presented in her written report, including industry certifications, the technical assistance program, and accreditation. She noted that the Board was provided with a draft copy of the U.S.D.E. Accreditation Petition at the September 16 meeting for review. If the petition is approved by the Board, it will be submitted to U.S.D.E. for consideration. If approved, the petition will allow the Bureau to accredit postsecondary CTE programs. The Bureau began accrediting career and technical centers when the only previous accrediting organization—Middle States—discontinued its services.

Middle States has since re-entered the field of accreditation. The deadline for submission of our petition to USDE is June 2011 with a tentative hearing date of December 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1118.1 APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: ACCREDITATION STATUS FOR BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A motion to approve and submit the accreditation application as presented by the Bureau passed unanimously on a Wittig/Sheehan motion.

VOTE:

Yes: Agras, Barker, Beetlestone, Davis, Fogarty, Michelini, Nelson, Peri, Phillips, Sheehan, Farmer White, Williams, Wittig, Torsella

No: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Adam Schott /sf

Adam Schott, Executive Director