MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

July 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras
James Barker
Kevin Bates
Wendy Beetlestone
Connie Davis (via Phone)
Maureen Lally-Green
Paul Ferrera (via Phone)
Francis Michelini
Jonathan Peri
Mollie Phillips
Colleen Sheehan (via Phone)
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 10, 2012, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Agras/Lally-Green** motion.

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

Dr. Burket highlighted the following items from the written report prepared by the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE):

State Leadership Transition Committee

- An interagency committee comprised of representatives from the Departments of Education, Public Welfare, Labor and Industry and Health.
- The Committee has established a Memorandum of Understanding to promote interagency collaboration and cooperation to assist students and young adults with any type of disability as they transition to a job or postsecondary education or independent living.

Approved Program Evaluation (APE)

- 33 schools are scheduled for onsite visits during the 2012-2013 school year.
- A key component of each visit is to evaluate and ascertain that academic standards are integrated into all approved career and technical education programs delivered at school.
- Volunteers will review each approved career and technical education program at the school to ensure each program is meeting levels of performance on each performance indicator and is complying with applicable regulations. At the same time, the APE team will learn what procedures are considered to be best practices at the school being visited to carry back to their sites.

Career and Technical Education Program Approval

- The process for accepting new electronic program approval submissions for the 2012-2013 school year opened in February 2012 and closed on May 31, 2012.
- 175 schools requested 385 new program approvals consisting of submissions for either Tech Prep and/or Program of Study delivery.
- There are 65 schools submitting 115 new program deliveries for program approval.
- It is anticipated that all new program approval requests will be evaluated for approval by October 15, 2012.
- Each program submitted for approval is reviewed against the standards outlined in Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessment) and Chapter 339 (Vocational Standards). Alignment with these standards provides assurance that a quality career and technical education program is established and offered.

Pennsylvania Automotive Association Foundation

The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) has updated their national industry standards specifically for the Automotive Technology Repair program. BCTE will continue to work with NATEF to ensure that its state-developed program of study is meeting the revision to the NATEF standards.

Out-of-State Articulation

- Bureau staff visited the State University of New York (SUNY) Cobleskill Campus in May 2012 to continue discussion of establishing an out-of-state career and technical education articulation agreement aligned to the Agricultural Mechanization Program of Study.
- The two program areas for articulation with SUNY include Agricultural Engineering and Technology and Agricultural Business.
- The articulation agreements were signed by the SUNY Cobleskill Administration and received by the Bureau in June 2012. The Agreements allow for ten credits to be awarded for secondary coursework completed in the SOAR Agricultural Mechanization Program. Those 10 credits will transfer into the following SUNY/Cobleskill Postsecondary Programs:
    - Agricultural Business, AAS Degree, Agricultural Business Management, BS Degree, Agricultural Business Management BT (Bachelor of Technology) Degree, Agricultural Equipment Technology, BT Degree, Agricultural Power and Machinery, AAS Degree, Diesel Technology, AAS Degree
- Pennsylvania students enrolled in the Program of Study for Agriculture Mechanization have the opportunity to take advantage of the Articulation Agreement.

Corrections Education

- BCTE recently contacted the Pennsylvania Corrections Education to discuss the state Programs of Study.

- There are five alternative youth centers that offer career and technical education programs, including food service, building trades, drafting and computer applications.
- BCTE explained the Programs of Study and explained how they would allow correctional instructors to incorporate industry approved tasks into their curriculum ensuring that youth to have the skills and knowledge necessary in today's job market.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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