MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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May 9, 2012

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

Attending:

Erin Agnew	Maureen Lally-Green	Colleen Sheehan
James Barker	Kirk Hallett	Shannon Sullivan
Wendy Beetlestone	Francine McNairy	Karen Farmer White (via phone)
David Collins	Francis Michelini	A. Lee Williams
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Jonathan Peri	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 15, 2012, meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education were approved on a **Michelini/McNairy** 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):

Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)

- The US Department of Education has notified PDE that they have accepted the Perkins IV, 2011 CAR. This acceptance indicates that the data submitted were reliable and accurate and the narrative was sufficient to describe and explain how Pennsylvania is addressing the implementation of the Pennsylvania Perkins IV State Plan.
- BCTE staff continues to work in cooperation with the Bureau of Special Education and PaTTAN to develop and maintain ongoing professional development, technical assistance and the dissemination of strategies to improve career and technical education student academic achievement.
- Additional technical assistance is under development for the 26 districts that received Perkins IV funds. Proposed activities include workshops that focus on (a) changing the culture of a school to establish one where everyone expects students to meet high standards and be successful, and incorporating literacy strategies in each classroom.
- Three Perkins IV workshops were held in April 2012. The purpose of the workshops was to inform the Perkins IV recipients of (a) Perkins Local Guidelines and e-Grant changes for the 2012-2013 funding cycle; (b) data review including NOCTI cut score methodology; (c) BCTE POS and Statewide Articulation Revision process; (d) new

method for administering the PDE on-line follow-up survey to obtain a higher return rate; and (e) a brief discussion on upcoming Perkins V emphasis on placement and earnings.

Business Education Standards

- House Bill 101/Act 104 mandated that PDE develop Business, Computer and Information Technology (BCIT) standards that had not existed previously.
- Nine teachers from across the state, representing elementary, middle, high school and postsecondary levels, along with a former business education professor serving as the project facilitator, completed the standards writing process for nine BCIT topic areas. Accounting, Career Management, Communications, Computer Technologies, Entrepreneurship, Finance and Economics, Global Business, Management and Marketing.
- The drafts are currently being reviewed by curriculum specialists
- The team will begin developing resources for the Standards Aligned System (SAS), which will make the BCIT standards easily accessible to all teachers as business topics should be assimilated into all areas of learning in the current global marketplace.

Programs of Study (POS) Statewide Articulation Initiative

- Pennsylvania College of Technology held a workshop on April 4th with 55 secondary school counselors and instructors in attendance from across the Commonwealth. This activity highlighted the state developed POS/Articulation opportunities, marketing to increase secondary CTE program enrollment and orientation and credit transfer data base at www.collegetransfer.net.
- BCTE staff is working with Delaware Valley College to develop an articulation for agricultural education.
    - Local education agencies with agricultural education curriculum submitted specific information to Delaware Valley College to establish one-to-one articulation agreements.
    - The long-term goal is for PDE and Delaware Valley College to develop a statewide articulation agreement that would include a specific, required secondary school agriculture curriculum.
    - There is currently no statewide articulation agreement available for students enrolled in the PDE POS for Agricultural Mechanization.
    - BCTE staff is exploring out-of-state agricultural education articulation opportunities in New York and Ohio.
- The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) is working to identify a set of national common technical core standards for various cluster areas.

Industry Partnerships to Link CTE to Industry Standards

The BCTE is currently partnering with several industry foundations and industry associations to further align CTE program offering with industry standards.

- Pennsylvania Tourism and Lodging Association (PTLA)
- Pennsylvania Automotive Association Foundation (PAA)

- Industry Apprenticeship Training Articulation Agreement

Adult Accreditation

- January 2012, BCTE reviewed the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center for the purpose of their re-accreditation through the Pennsylvania State Board for Vocational Education (PASBVE). The Final recommendation in April from the IAAG was to continue accreditation of the Lebanon County CTC's adult technical education programs.
- The Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center is seeking initial PASBVE accreditation. A site visit will be scheduled for September 2012.
- Letters have been sent to Clearfield County CTC, Greater Johnstown CTC and Indiana CTC regarding the expiration of their PDE accreditation in 2013. The letter explains the reapplication process if the school is interesting in seeking reaccreditation.
- Other schools seeking PASBVE accreditation include Steel Center Career and Technology Center, Monroe Career and Technology Center and Delaware County CTC.

Leadership Conferences

Dr. Burket gave an update on three of the Career and Technical Student Organization Leadership Conferences: Pennsylvania FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Pennsylvania DECA State Career Development Conference and Pennsylvania FFA State Legislative Leaders Conference.

- There were over 3,000 students in attendance
- Workshops for students to demonstrate skills that they are picking up in their Career and Technical Program
- $87,000 in scholarships was awarded to a number of students. The scholarships are supported by business and industry.

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 8:55 a.m.

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