MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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March 15, 2012

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

Attending:

Erin Agnew	Maureen Lally-Green (via phone)	Sen. Jeffrey Piccola
James Agras (via phone)	Paul Ferrera	Colleen Sheehan
James Barker	Kirk Hallett	Ed Sheehan
Wendy Beetlestone	Francine McNairy	Shannon Sullivan
David Collins	Francis Michelini	Karen Farmer White
Connie Davis	Jon Peri	Lee Williams
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Mollie Phillips	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 12, 2011, meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education were approved on a **Phillips/Michelini** motion. Chairman Wittig welcomed the Honorable Maureen Lally-Green as the newest State Board member.

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

School Library Study

Dr. Lee Burket reported that the follow-up to the School Library Study questionnaire her staff conducted with comprehensive Career and Technical Centers was complete and the final report reflecting format and data changes was available in Board members' binders.

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

Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)

- Annually, BCTE must report to the U.S. Department of Education on 8 secondary and 6 postsecondary performance indicators. The most recent report showed that Pennsylvania continues to meet postsecondary indicators; secondary indicators have one issue.
- In 2011, there was a 7% increase in the proportion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) concentrators proficient or advanced on the 11th grade PSSA reading test and a 15% increase for math. Additionally, the number of CTE concentrators competent or advanced on the NOCTI (technical skill assessment) increased by 12%.Academic

improvements were even more impressive for CTE students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). IEP students showed a 30% increase in the proportion of CTE concentrators proficient or advanced on the 11th grade PSSA reading test; a 69% increase on the PSSA math test; and a 23% increase in the proportion competent or advanced on the NOCTI over the 2010 CAR data.

- For 2011, CTE Perkins data reflects a low than anticipated number of males enrolled in programs nontraditional to their gender. This is the second year Pennsylvania has not met this performance indicator. BCTE is engaging in two activities in Allegheny, Lycoming and Tioga counties to try to improve in this area.
- BCTE also is working with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to provide three workshops to engage females in STEM-related careers.

CTE Program Approval and Re-approval

- BCTE will conduct 17 Approved Program Evaluation visits this spring. These 3-day reviews occur every 5 years to ensure that programs are operating in compliance with Chapter 4 and Chapter 339.
- In addition, approved CTE programs at 65 school districts will be evaluated for re-approval through the online career and technical education system (CATS). BCTE is hosting re-approval workshops to assist districts in preparing for the re-approval process.
- Approved CTE programs offered at career and technical centers were evaluated for re-approval in 2011. In 2011, not all programs were re-approved due to lack of certified staff, lack of articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions, and inability to meet the technical, instructional hours required. These schools will be able to reapply for approval once program changes are made.

Industry Apprenticeship Training Articulation Agreement

BCTE has written a Statewide Articulation Agreement outlining terms and conditions needed to allow credit alignment between secondary career and technical education Programs of Study (POS) and Industry Organization Apprenticeship Training Programs. The agreement will facilitate the transfer of credit or equivalent clock hours of instruction from secondary POS into Industry Apprenticeship Training Opportunities, allowing those training organizations to meet future workforce needs. Eleven trade unions currently offer industry apprenticeship training in Pennsylvania that align to the POS. BCTE will contact each trade organization to determine its interest in establishing such an agreement.

Out-of-State Articulation Agreement

The current statewide articulation agreement associated with POS is designed for postsecondary entities that received federal Perkins IV funds. At the time the agreement was developed, the Pennsylvania State University was a Perkins recipient and provided an articulation path for students in the Agriculture Mechanization POS, however, Penn State decided to no longer apply for Perkins IV funds. Since no other in state entity provided this particular articulation path, BCTE staff began researching alternative pathways for secondary POS graduates, including out-of-state articulations, which are encouraged by Perkins regulations. Discussions were held with postsecondary entities in Maryland, Ohio and New York. The State

University of New York (SUNY), Cobleskill Campus informed BCTE that SUNY expects to complete PDE's approval process for an out-of-state institution to be a PDE-authorized credit-issuing institution. This authorization will allow SUNY to begin course articulation with the PDE approved Agriculture Mechanization Programs of Study. BCTE staff has planned a site visit to SUNY in May 2012 to finalize the agreement.

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 8:50 a.m.

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