MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

July 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras	James Grandon	Justin Reynolds
James Barker *(via phone)*	Bruce Grover	Colleen Sheehan *(via phone)*
Kevin Bates *(via phone)*	Kirk Hallett	Ed Sheehan
Wendy Beetlestone	Maureen Lally-Green *(via phone)*	Karen Farmer White *(via phone)*
Emily Clark	Francis Michelini	Lee Williams
Andrew Dinniman	Jonathan Peri *(via phone)*	Larry Wittig
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Mollie Phillips *(via phone)*	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2013, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Grandon/Beetlestone** motion.

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

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

Technical Assistance Program

The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) was established to assist career and technical education instructors and administration at career and technical centers to improve student academic and technical achievement. TAP is entering its sixth year of providing voluntary services. The program began with just 20 volunteers and, as of the 2012-13 school year, included 62 career and technical centers.

High School Technical Assistance Program

Southern Regional Education Board/High Schools That Work will work with the BCTE to increase student access to challenging career and technical education programs with a major emphasis on Project Based Learning (PBL) to engage students in academic and technical education. Emphasis will be placed on improving the quality of career and technical studies to ensure career and technical programs provide students with opportunities for placement in high-

wage, high-skill and high-demand careers or to prepare students for postsecondary study. Twenty-six school districts that receive federal Perkins IV funds have been invited to participate.

Nontraditional Program Enrollments

Nontraditional program participation and enrollment are two of the federal Perkins IV performance indicators. Pennsylvania did not meet the nontraditional participation indicator at the secondary level. BCTE continues to implement strategies to assist schools in addressing low enrollments of genders in programs that lead to nontraditional careers. In conjunction with this assistance, emphasis continues to be placed on STEM career awareness. Professional development resources, such as the STEM Counselor Toolkit, have been purchased for those schools who continue to struggle to meet the targeted nontraditional participation levels. These recourses will be provided to schools in the fall.

Career and Technical Education Program Approval

The process for accepting new electronic program approval submissions for the 2013-2014 school year opened in February 2013 and closed on May 31, 2013. During that time there were 96 schools that requested 162 new program approvals consisting of submissions for either the Tech Prep and/or Program of Study (POS) delivery. Four schools have submitted POS programs for consideration for the Pathway initiative totaling 14 programs. Each program submitted for approval is reviewed against the standards outlined in Chapter (Academic Standards and Assessments) and Chapter 339 (Vocational Standards).

Jim Grandon asked how BCTE works with community colleges. Dr. Burket explained that there are articulation agreements in place that provide for a student, upon graduation from a career and technical school, to use relevant credits at a community college. Sandra Dungee Glenn asked if there is a certification connected to the Pathways initiative. Dr. Burket stated that some programs are not aligned to industry certifications, yet some are aligned.

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 1:25 p.m. The meeting was adjourned on an **Michelini/Beetlestone** motion.

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant