MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

May 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras	Emily Clark	Jonathan Peri *(via phone)*
Carol Aichele	Sandra Dungee Glenn *(via phone)*	Mollie Phillips
Jay Badams	James Grandon	Justin Reynolds
James Barker	Kirk Hallett	Colleen Sheehan *(via phone)*
Kevin Bates	Francis Michelini	A. Lee Williams
		Larry Wittig

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Agras/Grandon** motion. The minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Williams/Peri** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

James Agras, Committee Chair, reported on activity from the May 14 meeting of the Vocational-Technical Education Committee. Mr. Agras said the Committee voted to recommend that the State Board for Vocational Education approve the petition of the Mifflin County School District seeking status as a single district Career and Technology Center.

Mr. Agras provided an overview of the circumstances that led to the submission of the petition by the Mifflin County School District (MCSD). The current Mifflin Juniata Career and Technology Center (MJCTC) – a school jointly operated by MCSD and Juniata County School District – will dissolve at the end of the 2014 school year, and vocational-technical education services in the approved attendance area will continue per the terms of a settlement agreement through June 2018. Per that settlement agreement, responsibility for operating the school will transfer to MCSD. Subsequent to the settlement agreement, MCSD sought the Board's approval to be recognized as a single district provider of career and technical education.

Mr. Agras explained that the Committee previously requested information from the governing bodies of the two school districts affected by this change to support Mifflin's petition. He reported that the governing bodies of both districts signed a letter supporting Mifflin's recognition as a single district CTC. In addition, Mifflin submitted written assurances that it will continue to operate quality vocational education programs in accordance with applicable regulations and assurances that vocational educational services for students from Juniata will not cease after the settlement agreement ends. Mifflin further stated that it intends to maintain

current program offerings, and, if possible, expand the programs offered by the CTC along with corresponding certifications. Finally, the Board received additional information from Juniata on its plans for providing Career and Technical Education after the settlement agreement expires. Mr. Agras said the materials submitted by the districts adequately responded to the information requested by the Committee to support Mifflin's request for recognition as a single district provider of career and technical education.

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

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

Perkins IV

Perkins IV has been extended for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The federal allocation remains level funded at $40,722,778. There are 33 postsecondary institutions and 97 secondary institutions that take advantage of the funding.

As part of the Perkins regulation, BCTE is required to develop Programs of Study (POS), and as part of the POS, BCTE articulates the secondary program to the postsecondary program. Currently, there are 458 Postsecondary Statewide Articulation Agreements with the 28 Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions and 13 career and technical centers offering Practical Nursing Adult Programs.

State Leadership Conferences

2014 PA DECA State Leadership Conference

- This DECA conference was held in Hershey in February 2014. Nearly 1,900 DECA students participated in over 50 different written event exams as well as 26 competitive events. Nearly 300 winning students will travel to the DECA National Conference in Atlanta, GA to participate in various career and technical education competitions among 14,000 international attendees.

27th Annual PA FFA State Legislative Leadership Conference

- This conference was held in March 2014. Nearly 100 FFA chapters and over 400 local FFA members, as well as the state's FFA officer team, participated in this mock legislative assembly. The FFA members also met with more than 60 legislators and governmental leaders, including the Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture and Education.

Annual Pennsylvania FCCLA State Leadership Conference

- The Pennsylvania Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) conference was held in March 2014. This annual meeting focuses on STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) which are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills and occupational preparation. There were 73 STAR event

evaluators that judged 311 student competitors in 30 different STAR events. At the closing ceremonies, over $46,500 in scholarships were announced.

Professional Personnel Development Centers

The Professional Personnel Development Centers, located at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania State University and Temple University, continue to provide high quality preparation programs for vocational instructors in the Commonwealth. In addition to providing teacher preparation programs, the following activities have been planned by each Center: General Workshops, Professional Development Workshops, Leadership Workshops, New Teacher Workshops, and BCTE Workshops.

Adult Accreditation

In October 2013, BCTE conducted a site review of the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center for re-accreditation of its postsecondary program by the State Board for Vocational Education. In November 2013, BCTE conducted a site review of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center for re-accreditation purposes. Preliminary Draft Reports were sent to both institutions within 30 days of their site reviews to provide an opportunity for comment. Both Preliminary Draft Reports also were given to the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group, which posed additional questions and requested further information for both institutions. The Final Draft Report on re-accreditation for each CTC should be available for the Board at its July 2014 meeting.

Dr. Burket also noted that the accreditation application of Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) was on the Board's agenda for final approval. She reminded the Board that the Department presented the final report on its findings for ICTC in January and that the Department made a positive recommendation to grant accreditation status to ICTC. Dr. Burket also provided the Board with a schedule of upcoming accreditation site reviews.

Industry Certifications

During its March 2014 meeting, Board members raised questions involving costs associated with earning Industry Certifications. As follow-up to these questions, Dr. Burket reported that she surveyed CTCs and school districts that operate approved Career and Technical Education programs; 20 responses were received from those institutions (19 CTCs and 1 SD). Dr. Burket provided members with information about certification costs compiled as a result of the survey that included the types of certification offered, certification costs and any associated costs to the school for offering the certification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

PETITION OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING STATUS AS A SINGLE DISTRICT CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A motion to approve the petition of the Mifflin County School District seeking status as a Single District Career and Technology Center was made by James Agras and seconded by James Grandon.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ACCREDITATION OF INDIANA COUNTY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A motion to approve the accreditation of Indiana Technology Center was made by James Agras and seconded by Lee Williams.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. on a **Michelini/Hallett** motion.

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Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant