MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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May 14, 2015

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

Attending:

James Agras	James Grandon	Justin Reynolds
Carol Aichele	Kirk Hallett	Colleen Sheehan
Jay Badams	Teresa Lebo	Craig Snider *(via phone)*
James Barker	Donald LeCompte	Karen White *(via phone)*
Nicole Carnicella	Jonathan Peri	A. Lee Williams
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Mollie Phillips *(via phone)*	Larry Wittig

The minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Williams/Dungee Glenn** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairman James Agras stated that the Committee approved a petition to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) seeking renewal of the Board's approval as an accrediting authority for postsecondary career and technical programs and recommended positive action on the application by the Board. If approved, the petition will be submitted to USDE by June. USDE then would assign members of a national review Board to assess the petition and hold a hearing on it in December, at which time staff from the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) would respond to any questions or concerns regarding the petition. The national review Board then would make a recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Education regarding the petition.

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

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

Perkins IV

Perkins IV was extended for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Dr. Burket discussed the allocation and process for distribution of funds. Dr. Burket also discussed regional workshops conducted by BCTE for current Perkins recipients.

Program of Study Postsecondary Opportunities

Dr. Burket reported that all Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions have aligned for and offer advanced credit opportunities in at least one program of study area. As of March 25, 2015, BCTE holds 529 total Postsecondary Statewide Articulation Agreements with the 28 Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions and 13 career and technical centers offering Practical Nursing Adult Programs.

Dr. Burket also noted that the Allegheny College of Maryland (ACM) notified BCTE that they are interested and will be signing an Out-of-State Articulation Agreement. Under such an agreement, students living in Pennsylvania would be able to attend one of ACM campuses in Pennsylvania or Maryland and receive college credit for the secondary technical coursework.

Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

The plan and services for the seventh year of the TAP have been underway for the 2014-2015 school year. The TAP is a voluntary program established to assist career and technical education instructors and administrators at career and technical centers and high schools to improve student academic and technical achievement. Professional development and technical assistance sessions covers the unique challenges facing CTE instructors.

Postsecondary Accreditation

Dr. Burket briefly reviewed the petition presented earlier in the meeting by Mr. Agras and provided an opportunity for Board members to ask any follow-up questions prior to the petition being presented for action.

Dr, Burket also provided a status update on pending applications for accreditation. She reported that BCTE conducted an on-site review at Reading-Muhlenberg Career and Technical Center. During the visit, BCTE staff determined that Reading-Muhlenberg did not have sufficient practices and procedures in place to warrant issuing accreditation. The CTC has withdrawn its consideration for accreditation at this time. BCTE also completed an on-site review of Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center in April, and will visit Lehigh Career and Technical Institute in May.

Upon time for discussion, James Grandon asked if Pennsylvania students attending an Allegheny College of Maryland campus located in Maryland would be charged a higher tuition rate. Dr. Burket stated that she would follow-up to locate this information for Mr. Grandon.

Donald LeCompte shared that he is the newly elected state President of Pennsylvania DECA. Mr. LeCompte stated that Pennsylvania sent 400 students to compete in Orlando at DECA's national conference and noted that Pennsylvania continues to have students participate in leadership roles within the larger DECA organization.

Sandra Dungee Glenn asked if Dr. Burket could provide the Board with a list of the Career and Technical Centers and high schools that are participating in the TAP program and, if possible, separate them by county. Dr. Burket said she would provide this information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: ACCREDITATION STATUS FOR BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A motion to approve the Application to the U.S. Department of Education: Accreditation Status for Bureau of Career and Technical Education was made by James Grandon and seconded by James Agras.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. on a **Peri/Williams** motion.

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