

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

May 10, 2017

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

Attending:

James Agras (<i>via phone</i>)	Nicole Carnicella	Shirlann Harmon
Andrew Ahr	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Maureen Lally-Green
Carol Aichele	Sen. John Eichelberger	Jonathan Peri
James Barker (<i>via phone</i>)	James Grandon	Joshita Varshney
Nathan Barrett	Kirk Hallett	Karen Farmer White
		Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 9, 2017, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Grandon/Dungee Glenn** motion.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), provided an update from the Board's Vocational-Technical Education Committee meeting that was held on May 9, 2017. Dr. Burket reported on the following two discussion items that were before the Committee.

Petitions for AVTS Attendance Area Changes

Dr. Burket explained that authority for establishing and amending Area Vocational-Technical School (AVTS) attendance areas lies with the State Board for Vocational Education and said many of these boundaries were established in the 1960's and 1970's. She noted that the Board recently received petitions from the Harrisburg School District and Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS) seeking to alter their attendance areas. Dr. Burket explained that Harrisburg currently is recognized as a single-district AVTS, and said Harrisburg is petitioning the Board to remove its single-district status and to join the AVTS attendance area served by Dauphin County Technical School. Dr. Burket said the Board also received a petition from DCTS to change its attendance area to incorporate the Harrisburg School District.

Dr. Burket said both Harrisburg and DCTS submitted supporting materials related to the rationale for their petitions and the impact of the requested AVTS attendance area changes both in terms of the fiscal impact and the impact on students. She also reported that both entities were

represented at the Committee meeting and expressed that this would be a great opportunity for Harrisburg students and does not provide any disincentive or disservice to the current six-member school districts of DCTS. Dr. Burket said the petitions now are being presented to the Board for its review over the next few months and that she anticipates a request will be made to consider these petitions as an action item at the July 2017 Board meeting.

Lebanon County Career and Technology Center

Dr. Burket said she presented the Vocational-Technical Education Committee with the BCTE's final draft report on the accreditation application submitted by Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). She noted that LCCTC currently holds accreditation through the State Board for Vocational Education, which means postsecondary students attending the institution are eligible to receive federal Title IV loans and Pell Grants. She also noted that entities accredited by the Board must be re-accredited every five years.

Dr. Burket said the BCTE conducted an accreditation site visit and found that LCCTC had several non-compliant findings. She said a preliminary draft report asking for additional input related to those areas of non-compliance was submitted to LCCTC. After providing additional input, Dr. Burket said LCCTC continues to have two areas of non-compliance related to the standards for accreditation pertaining to community involvement and methods for monitoring and tracking student learning. As such, she said the BCTE is recommending that the institution be granted probationary accreditation with stipulations for one year.

Dr. Burket explained that, during the proposed probationary period, the BCTE would ensure that LCCTC's Adult Education Coordinator is taking certain actions to address the areas of concern, would conduct quarterly check-ins with the school, and would conduct another accreditation site visit during the 2017-18 school year. At the end of the probationary period, LCCTC would submit a report to PDE and the BCTE would formulate another recommendation for the Board's consideration to either continue or deny accreditation based on whether the areas of non-compliance have been adequately addressed.

Dr. Burket said the next steps on the accreditation application are for the Board to send the final draft report to LCCTC and provide the institution with an opportunity for appeal of the recommended accreditation status. If the Board does not receive a request for appeal within 30 days, Dr. Burket said she anticipates that the accreditation application will come before the Board for action at its July 2017 meeting.

Following the conclusion of her report, James Agras asked if the current member school districts of DCTS would continue to pay into the institution's debt. Dr. Burket responded that they would and noted that materials submitted with the petitions include detail on the allocation of payments in support of DCTS if Harrisburg is added as a member of its AVTS attendance area.

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 8:42 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Jones".

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant