

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

January 9, 2014

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

Attending:

Sec. Carol Aichele	Bruce Grover	Justin Reynolds
Kevin Bates <i>(via phone)</i>	Kirk Hallett	Colleen Sheehan <i>(via phone)</i>
Wendy Beetlestone <i>(via phone)</i>	Francis Michelini	Craig Snider <i>(via phone)</i>
Emily Clark	Maureen Lally-Green <i>(via phone)</i>	Karen Farmer White <i>(via phone)</i>
James Grandon	Jonathan Peri <i>(via phone)</i>	Lee Williams
	Mollie Phillips <i>(via phone)</i>	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2013, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Michelini/Williams** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Due to Chairman James Agras's absence, Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Educational (BCTE), provided an update to the State Board about the Committee meeting held that morning and actions taken by the Committee.

Dr. Burket reported that the Committee approved the Department's recommendation to re-accredit Schuylkill Technology Center's (STC) postsecondary programs for a 5-year period, and that the application now is before by the full Board for final action. She said the Committee also reviewed and approved petition criteria identifying information the Committee felt necessary to inform a decision on a pending petition to transition the Mifflin Juniata Career and Technical Center to single district status. The next step is for the State Board for Vocational Education to send the criteria to the Mifflin County and Juniata County School Districts. The Board will request responses based on the criteria by April 14, 2014 in order for the Board to review and take action on the petition during its May 2014 meeting.

The Committee also reviewed a final draft report recommending re-accreditation of Indiana County Technology Center's (ICTC) postsecondary programs. A copy of the report was available for all Board members in their meeting binders. Dr. Burket said the Department conducted a site visit to ICTC during September 2013. Next, the State Board for Vocational Education will send the final draft report and recommendation to ICTC and notify ICTC of its opportunity to appeal the recommendation.

Finally, Dr. Burket said the BCTE previously was asked to develop a cost analysis on accreditation opportunities available to career and technical centers that offer adult career and technical education of 300 hours or longer. She made a presentation to the Committee on costs of accreditation at the state level compared to costs of services by private entities. Dr. Burket said the Committee has additional questions and will explore this topic further at a meeting in March 2014.

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):

Program of Study (POS)

All Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions have aligned for advanced credit offerings in at least one POS area, and offer advanced credit opportunities. As of December 3, 2013, the BCTE holds 442 finalized Postsecondary Statewide Articulation Agreements (Agreements) with the 28 Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions and 13 career and technical centers offering Practical Nursing Adult Programs. Currently, there are 42 POS that the Department has developed with over 1,441 POS approvals at secondary schools.

The Pennsylvania POS framework includes the following components:

- Validated statewide tasks lists;
- Technical task lists aligned to the 11th grade Pennsylvania academic standards;
- Signed statewide and out-of-state articulation agreements;
- Secondary technical assessments aligned to the POS performance task lists.

Adult Accreditation

In December 2013, staff from BCTE attended the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity committee meeting to defend the petition submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to renew the State Board for Vocational Education's (SBVE) recognition to accredit career and technical centers' postsecondary non-degree programs. Dr. Burket reported that USDE staff recommended renewal of SBVE's recognition for two years.

Industry Certifications

BCTE continues to research and recommend industry certifications that are appropriate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) students to earn as they prepare themselves for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations. New industry-recognized student certifications were added to the list of reportable certifications for 24 CTE programs as the 2011-2012 school year began. The Department continues to encourage the schools to offer the industry certifications however; resources remain an issue for the schools. Resources are required for students to take the industry examinations and to train the instructors.

Career and Technical Education Information Systems (CATS)

CATS closed May 31, 2013 to new Program submissions. Annually, BCTE receives requests for new career and technical education programs from school districts, charter schools and career and technical centers. BCTE staff review each request based on the requirements of Chapter 339. BCTE made modifications to the system this past year to allow schools that offer a four-year program to resubmit for an approved Pathway (cluster) program. The modifications to the CATS system will be tested once the system is closed. The system will be ready to reopen by January 20, 2014.

Perkins 2012 Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) ED FACTS

BCTE has prepared Perkins data required for submission to the USDE, however; issues with the electronic Ed Facts and Consolidated Annual Report systems has led USDE to extend the submission deadline for all states to January 15, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

ACCREDITATION OF SCHUYLKILL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A motion to approve the accreditation of Schuylkill Technology Center was made by James Grandon and seconded by Kirk Hallett.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The meeting was adjourned on a **Williams/Grandon** motion.

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant