

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

July 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras <i>(via phone)</i>	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Colleen Sheehan <i>(via phone)</i>
Andrew Ahr	James Grandon	Lavinia Soliman
Carol Aichele	Kirk Hallett	Karen Farmer White
Jay Badams	Shirlann Harmon	A. Lee Williams
James Barker <i>(via phone)</i>	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Larry Wittig
Nicole Carnicella <i>(via phone)</i>	Maureen Lally-Green	

The minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Hallett/Lally-Green** 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 (CBTE), highlighted the following items from her written report.

Technical Assistance Program

Dr. Burket reported that more than 70 schools have indicated they will participate in the ninth year of the Technical Assistance Program offered by BCTE. Participation is voluntarily. Dr. Burket said there are a number of new services being provided through the program, such as a new effort focused on counseling and an effort to operationalize mathematics t-charts.

Perkins Update

Dr. Burket reported that Pennsylvania received a level-funded Perkins grant from the U.S. Department of Education at just over \$40 million. She said 98 secondary entities and 32 post-secondary entities have applied for the grant.

Career and Technical Education Program Approval

Dr. Burket said BCTE continues to work on re-approval of programs. This year, the Bureau is reviewing 1,369 approved programs at 83 career and technical centers and comprehensive

schools for re-approval on a five-year basis.

Adult Accreditation

An accreditation site review is scheduled for Lebanon County Career and Technology Center in November 2016. BCTE will have a draft report for the Vocational-Technical Education Committee during the March 2017 State Board of Education meeting.

Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program

Dr. Burket noted that three Pennsylvania students were selected to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program. The scholarship program allows U.S. seniors studying career and technical education to spend a year in Germany in either an educational program or an apprenticeship program and for German exchange students to pursue similar opportunities in the U.S.

Industry Relevance

The newest edition of the “Industry-Recognized Certifications for Career and Technical Education Programs: A Resource Guide for Pennsylvania’s Career and Technology Centers” was posted to PDE’s website. This guidebook for secondary schools highlights industry certifications that are aligned to each given CTC program area. Dr. Burket said 17 new certification were added to the latest guidebook.

Interagency Meeting

In April 2016, BCTE advisors met with representatives from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to discuss various educational initiatives for possible implementation into DOC’s education program. Dr. Burket said DOC is particularly interested in exploring how it might utilize certain BCTE materials for students transitioning out of corrections programs back into high school. The DOC was one of three recipients nationwide of a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help update its educational programs.

Upon time for discussion, Chairman Wittig asked Dr. Burket to speak to the composition of the 70 schools that requested technical assistance. Dr. Burket said the schools include both high schools and CTCs and that she would provide a list of the current interested schools to Board staff. She said BCTE is still accepting volunteers for the program and that she would have a better sense of who is actually participating in the various services in September.

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 3:16 p.m. on a **Grandon/Aichele** motion.

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

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant