

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

September 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras	Sen. John Eichelberger	Maureen Lally-Green
Carol Aichele	Donald Fey	Jonathan Peri
James Barker	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Arynn Pratt
Nicole Carnicella	<i>(via phone)</i>	Ashley Svec
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Kirk Hallett	Karen Farmer White
		A. Lee Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 12, 2018, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Dungee Glenn/Carnicella** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

James Agras, Committee Chairman, reported that the Committee met on July 11. First, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board grant re-accreditation status to the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). Mr. Agras reported that LCCTC is operating under a one-year probationary period with stipulations. He said that over the past year LCCTC worked to enact changes in its policies and procedures that demonstrate compliance with the issues identified in accreditation review from the year prior. He further noted that the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) worked with the Institutional Advisory Group (IAG) to review LCCTC's progress and both the BCTE and IAG support granting full accreditation to LCCTC.

Mr. Agras said the Committee then accepted two new petitions seeking to change the assigned AVTS attendance areas for the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center and the Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School. The petitions would remove the Harmony Area School District from Clearfield and move it to Admiral Peary. The contents of the petitions were reviewed in detail by the Committee, and Mr. Agras said Harmony's Superintendent and Admiral Peary's Executive Director both attended the Committee meeting and provided additional insight into the rationale for pursuing a change in attendance areas. Mr. Agras highlighted information presented in the petitions in support of the change – including capacity related to student enrollment, impact on program offerings, and transportation times. He said the petitions will be presented to the Board for final consideration in September.

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), highlighted the following items from her written report.

Technical Assistance Program

Dr. Burket shared that the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) continues to increase the quality and impact of career and technical education (CTE) in secondary public schools statewide. She noted that specialized training and coaching in integrating mathematics and reading and writing into CTE will be provided to 5 new schools and that coaching will continue at the sites that participated during the 2017-18 school year.

Perkins Updates

Dr. Burket reported that Perkins IV was extended for the 2018-19 fiscal year and said the state allocation for Perkins increased by over 3 percent. She noted that there are 98 secondary and 31 postsecondary Perkins recipients for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Civil Rights Activities

In 2017-18, one postsecondary and five secondary institutions were reviewed for compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The reviews were conducted per requirements of the U.S. Office for Civil Rights. Dr. Burket reported that non-compliance issues were identified at all of the institutions reviewed. The most common non-compliance issue dealt with lack of program/building accessibility. The institutions must submit a method of remedies for the identified areas of non-compliance and must provide evidence of improvement after the non-compliance issues are addressed.

Program of Study Update

Dr. Burket announced that the process of revising Phases I, II, and V Program of Study task grids has concluded. Following the updates, 26 revised task grids were distributed to postsecondary institutions for input concerning the proposed revisions and the impact that the revisions would have on current articulation agreements. Following review of feedback from postsecondary institutions, the revised task grids were posted and will be in effect for the 2018-19 school year.

Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program

Three students from Pennsylvania (attending Eastern Center for Arts and Technology in Montgomery County, Creative and Performing Arts High School in Philadelphia, and Exeter Township Senior High School) were selected to participate in this German and American Vocational Exchange Scholarship Program. They will spend the 2019-19 school year in Germany participating in either an educational or employment experience.

2016-17 Approved Career and Technical Education Program Updates

Dr. Burket reported that there were 1,747 approved CTE secondary programs enrolling 67,294 students in the 2016-17 school year. That figures includes 14,672 students enrolled in 320 programs with a Tech Prep delivery, which requires at minimum one postsecondary articulation agreement. Further, there were 52,622 students enrolled in 1,427 programs with Programs of Study deliveries, which include Statewide Postsecondary Articulations agreements. There also were 36 secondary students in Registered Apprenticeships. Dr. Burket provided a detailed breakdown by program area of student enrollments, percentage of students competent or advanced, percentage of students employed in related fields, and more.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

Petition to Change the Attendance Area of Clearfield County Career and Technology Center

A motion to approve the petition submitted by the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center seeking to amend its attendance area by removing the Harmony Area School District from its attendance boundaries was made by James Agras and seconded by Jonathan Peri.

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

Petition to Change the Attendance Area of the Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School

A motion to approve the petition submitted by the Admiral Peary Vocational Technical School seeking to amend its attendance area by adding the Harmony Area School District to its attendance boundaries was made by James Agras and seconded by Jonathan Peri.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on a **Williams/Lally-Green** motion.

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

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant