

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

May 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras (*via phone*)

Andrew Ahr

James Barker

Nicole Carnicella (*via phone*)

Sandra Dungee Glenn

Pamela Gunter-Smith (*via phone*)

Kirk Hallett

Shirlann Harmon

Maureen Lally-Green
(*via phone*)

Jonathan Peri

Rep. James R. Roebuck (*via phone*)

Karen Farmer White

A. Lee Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 15, 2018, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Williams/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), highlighted the following items from her written report.

Industry Credentials

The BCTE updated the “Industry-Recognized Credentials for CTE Programs” Resource Guide to identify those credentials that are considered industry-recognized as recommended by career and technical center Occupational Advisory Committees. The resource guide, organized by career cluster, is designed to assist schools in identifying portable, industry-recognized credentials that validate that a student successfully demonstrated skill competencies in a core set of content and performance standards in a specific set of work-related tasks.

Dr. Burket then follow-up on a question raised at a prior Board meeting related to identifying a target for earning industry certifications. She said that a 10% increase in industry certifications earned by students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) has been established as the target for schools with approved CTE programs. A 10% increase would be an expectation of 38,645 industry certifications earned or an increase of 3,513 industry certifications earned for the 2018-19 school year.

Sandra Dungee Glenn asked whether schools are required to offer industry certifications if the certification is required for employment or whether offering the certification is optional. Dr. Burket shared that every state-approved CTE program is required to be based on industry standards. However, schools do not have to offer industry certifications. Ms. Dungee Glenn asked if schools will receive extra credit for offering industry certifications as part of the state's Future Ready PA Index. Dr. Burket answered in the affirmative that such offerings would be reflected in the Future Ready PA Index.

Programs of Study

Dr. Burket announced that Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant will be added as a Program of Study. The Department will pursue the establishment of statewide articulation agreements with Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions offering Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant programs for advanced credit opportunities for secondary program completers.

Technical Assistance Program

Dr. Burket said the Plan and services for the 11th year of the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) continue for the 2018-19 school year. TAP was established to assist career and technical education instructors and administrators to improve student academic and technical achievement.

Competitive Equipment Grants

Forty-seven secondary schools submitted equipment grant applications. The total amount requested was \$1,593,743. The amount of funds available was \$1,200,000. The educational programs supported by the grants must align with Pennsylvania's high-growth or high-demand careers areas. Programs must also be aligned to industry certifications and validated industry standards. Awards were announced in February for 389 schools.

Adult Accreditation

At the July 2017 Board meeting, the Board issued Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) the status of Probationary Accreditation with Stipulations for one year. Dr. Burket said BCTE has met several times with LCCTC throughout the year, working on and implementing an improvement plan to address its deficiencies in meeting accreditation standards. In April 2018, BCTE staff conducted a final site visit to LCCTC to review and collect evidence of progress over the year. A report will be generated and given to the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group (IAAG) for recommendation of accreditation status. BCTE will present the recommendation and report to the Board at its July 2018 meeting.

BCTE also is conducting a re-accreditation site visit at Schuylkill Technology Center in July 2018 and at Indiana Career and Technology Center in September 2018.

Upon time for discussion, Kirk Hallett asked for clarification between the number of industry certifications earned and students earning industry certifications. Dr. Burket explained that differential in the totals is due to some students earning multiple certifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

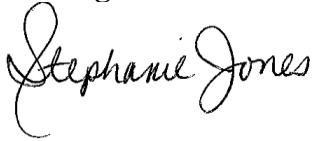
There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m. on a **Peri/Agras** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant