

**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 September 12 and approved two petitions seeking to change the assigned Area Vocational Technical School (AVTS) attendance areas for the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center and the Admiral Peary AVTS. The petitions would remove the Harmony Area School District from Clearfield and move it to the attendance area for Admiral Peary. Mr. Agras highlighted information presented in support of the change, including capacity related to student enrollment, impact on program offerings, and transportation times. Mr. Agras said the petitions would be presented to the Board for action later in the meeting and reiterated the Committee's recommendation to support both petitions.

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.

Perkins IV

Dr. Burket reviewed data from the 2017 Consolidated Annual Report, which reported on 2016-17 indicators, and identified where data required improvement plans to be developed. She

further discussed forthcoming compliance monitoring visits that the BCTE will conduct at 25 local education agencies and the technical assistance that will be available to the sites reviewed following monitoring visits that will occur in 2018-19.

Perkins IV Reauthorization

Dr. Burket shared that, in July 2018, President Trump signed the bipartisan Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act which reauthorized the federal investment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for six years through June 30, 2025. Dr. Burket said the Act is focused on the development and implementation of high-quality CTE programs and programs of study and she reviewed new provisions in the reauthorized Perkins Act. She noted that the Act takes effect in July 2019 and allows for a one-year transition period. Dr. Burket said BCTE will work with the Governor and with the State Board of Vocational Education in the development of a new state Perkins Plan that is responsive to the updated federal law.

Program Approval

Dr. Burket reported that the Program Standards and Quality Assurance Division will visit six Philadelphia Career and Technical Centers (CTCs), six Pittsburgh schools with approved programs, eight CTCs, and 42 high schools with approved CTE programs to ensure regulations in Chapter 4 and Chapter 339 are being followed. Visits are conducted by a team of volunteers from other schools that are supervised by BCTE program specialists. During each visit, Dr. Burket said the team will review each approved CTE program at the school against performance indicator and to ensure the school is complying with applicable regulations. At the same time, the team will work to identify procedures considered to be promising practices at each school and the Department later will share identified promising practices with all schools.

Senator John Eichelberger asked Dr. Burket to provide data on the current number of CTCs in Pennsylvania and enrollment trends. James Barker asked for data about the inclusion of minority students in CTE programs. Dr. Burket said she would provide the data to staff to share with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

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 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 9:15 a.m. on a **Williams/Lally-Green** motion.



Stephanie Jones
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