

Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education Funding Subcommittee

The meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education Funding Subcommittee was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in the CTE Conference Room. It began at 12:00 pm CT.

Present:

Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Mr. Josh Johnson
Mr. Wayde Sick
Mr. Mark Wagner
Ms. Gwen Ferderer

Also present: Lorie Ruff

Wayde Sick reminded those present that this is an open meeting.

Discussion was held on what the objectives should be for a new funding policy. It was agreed that the new policy should:

- Ensure quality programs
- Equitable access for students
- Focus on outputs instead of inputs
- Simplify the process for schools and centers
- Lessen time burden on CTE staff

The comparison of program funding and the historical background was discussed. Currently Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Technology and Engineering Education are underfunded in relation to the other CTE programs as these were considered exploratory and/or non-occupational. Gwen Ferderer reported that to fund these as the other programs would cost approximately 2 million dollars.

Discussion was held on funding Career Advisors versus Career Counselors. It is felt that Career Counselors are required to do more responsibilities like proctoring tests rather than counseling students and doing CTE duties. There are currently fewer than 20 Career Advisors in the state and they are not funded.

It was asked how outputs have changed with the current new funding model? Wayde Sick will discuss this with the CTE Administrators at their meeting on November 6-7 and report back to committee.

The next meeting will be November 27, 2023, at 8:00 am CT in the CTE Conference Room and a few focal points include:

- Definition of a satellite site
- Funding ideas of satellite sites, schools and centers
- Definition of a CTE Career Development Counselor
- How to fund Business Education courses that currently are not funded
- Data resources to use for funding and which year to use - current or previous year

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.