

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 Tuesday, December 3, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. It began at 1:00 pm CT.

Present:

Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Ms. Sonia Meehl
Mr. Mike McHugh
Mr. Levi Bachmeier
Mr. Wayde Sick
Mr. Mark Wagner
Ms. Gwen Ferderer

Also present: Lorie Ruff

Wayde reviewed the agenda and received everyone's approval to continue.

Policy alignment with Board Goals and Funding Committee Principles

Wayde went over the document that was sent to committee members and it was agreed that this would be a good starting point for developing documentation that will be used to present to our stakeholders. Discussion was held on flat funding concept and concerns of what schools will do to compensate funding. Schools will need to rely on their local needs assessment to assist them in determining what needs to be offered in their community.

Review of Interim Funding Policy

Sonia asked that this document be included as a reminder to committee members what is currently being used as a funding policy for school reimbursement. Gwen disclosed that school reimbursements are currently being sent and that centers and schools are very appreciative to receive this funding now and not waiting until the end of the fiscal year.

Review of Proposed Policy

Discussion was held if a minimum of three occupational programs should be increased. Previously it was five programs but this was reduced with the change in the Perkins law. It was expressed to currently leave at three but to emphasize to schools this may increase. It was agreed to develop a clarifying definition what an occupational program is.

The base level funding was reviewed and Wayde reminded members that these amounts may change due to legislative session. Much discussion was held on local administration cost and what that consists of. For clarity it was suggested to break this column into 2 parts, administration and operating dollars, or renaming to operating and personnel expenses.

Discussion was also held on virtual centers versus virtual programming and clarifying definition to reference the delivery method of the program.

Due to other commitments, Levi Bachmeier left meeting at 2:33 pm.

Future Steps

It was agreed that the committee is not prepared to present a policy before the full Board in December and concern was expressed regarding time factor with legislative session and schools preparing their budgets.

Prior to next meeting, CTE staff will:

- Clarify language and funding amounts for local administration
- Establish virtual center versus virtual programming clarifying definition
- Develop program approval rubric

Next December meeting will be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.