

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 Friday, March 21, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. It began at 1:30 pm CT.

Present:

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

Also present: Pat Phillips, Dan Spellerberg, Mike Hanson, Heidi Eckart, Eric Ripley and Lorie Ruff

Funding Policy Exercise

Levi Bachmeier had developed a funding spreadsheet that was sent to members prior to the meeting. This formulated spreadsheet contained areas that each member could enter percentages and see how it modified totals.

Sonia Meehl asked each member to reflect on the numbers they had entered. It was agreed that this was a helpful tool and simplified the areas on consensus and non-consensus. Areas of similarity included base funding at 80%, incentive funding at 20%, combining plant operation/management to possible rename as CTE infrastructure and considering Career Development as a program. It was felt that comprehensive high schools are missing from the formula. Areas of non-consensus include incentive categories and percentages. Much discussion was held on what amount is a meaningful incentive.

Mike McHugh reported that he has researched other states and how they fund programs. He informed members that Illinois funds at 90% of the year before and uses the labor market to determine which programs should be considered for the weighted factor as incentives.

Another tool will be developed prior to the next meeting to include comprehensive high schools and multipliers.

Review Draft Policy Versions

It was clarified that the document sent to members was only the clean version of our policy and that nothing was changed since the last meeting. Wayde Sick felt that it would be easier to digest with a clean version.

Next Steps

Revised funding exercise tool will be sent to members by Tuesday, March 25.

Next Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, March 27 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.