

Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education was held on Monday, April 25, 2022, in the CTE Conference Room and via Microsoft Teams. It began at 9:04 am CT and was presided over by Chairperson Dr. Jeff Fastnacht.

Voting Members Present:

Ms. Kirsten Baesler
Mr. Patrick Bertagnolli
Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Ms. Lisa Johnson proxy for Dr. Mark Hagerott
Dr. Steven Holen
Mr. Burdell Johnson
Mr. Josh Johnson
Ms. Sonia Meehl

Also present: Wayde Sick, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Allyson Hicks, Karl Lembke, Kayla Effertz Kleven, Dawn Ulmer, Ronald Black Cloud, David Schaibley, Kelly Pierce, Dan Spellerberg, Blaine Booher, Eric Ripley, Lyle Krueger, Kyle Davison, Julie Hersch, Greg Tehven and Lorie Ruff.

Meeting chat information for this meeting does exist.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, meeting as submitted was made by Ms. Meehl and seconded by Ms. Kirsten Baesler. With no discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Ms. Baesler – Aye
Mr. Bertagnolli – Aye
Ms. Engstrom – Aye
Ms. Johnson - Aye
Dr. Holen - Aye
Mr. Burdell Johnson - Aye
Mr. Josh Johnson - Aye
Ms. Meehl – Aye
Dr. Fastnacht – Aye
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Financial Reports for CTE and CDE:

Ms. Ferderer presented the CTE Appropriation Status Report and Administrative Budget. Nothing new to reports and we are aligning where we should. Mr. Sick reported on CDE in Dr. Lonn's absence. CDE is slowly exceeding their current spending authority and will reevaluate their budget in June and go before the Emergency Commission to increase their Special Fund authority to accommodate the additional costs associated with the increase in virtual enrollments that has occurred since the pandemic.

Mr. Josh Johnson made a motion to approve the CTE and CDE financial reports as presented and seconded by Mr. Burdell Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

K-12 Coordination Council Distance Learning Recommendation Presentation:

Mr. Karl Lembke and Ms. Kayla Effertz Kleven presented the Board with the results of the SWOT Analysis and recommendations completed by the K-12 Replication and Duplication subcommittee on CTE Virtual Education. This analysis looked into the ways that CTE students are receiving courses and any duplication of efforts in delivering them. The report gave strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the delivery of virtual CTE offerings for North Dakota students. Also included in this report were Recommendations that will need to be acted upon by the CTE Agency and Board. Discussion was held on how to make courses consistent across the state and what would be needed to complete the recommendations. It was moved by Ms. Baesler to accept the recommendations and ask CTE staff to review, put a plan in place on what they need to achieve them and report back to the Board at the June meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Meehl and passed unanimously.

State Director's Report:

As a request from the Board, Mr. Sick compiled a list of the Summer Camp Grant Award applications and the camps that will be offered this summer. These will use the ESSER funds that CTE received from the Department of Public Instruction in the amount of \$200,000. There are ten camps totaling \$170,269 in requests and Mr. Sick will report this Fall on their accomplishments. It was asked what will happen to the remaining \$29,000. Mr. Sick reported that we can either give the dollars back to the Department of Public Instruction or ask for more funding for another round of camps next summer.

Mr. Sick reported on meetings and activities that he has been involved in which includes:

March 29 - Marketplace for Kids and NDFSCS Quarterly Advisory Meeting

March 31 – RUPReady ND Work-Based Learning demo and Guest Speaker at NDSU informing students what is NDCTE and how we can assist them

April 7-8 – Attended and presented at Hunt Institute Legislative Retreat. Also visited with several new legislators.

April 19 – Attended Farm Management Summit to discuss budget and upcoming legislative priorities

Upcoming events include last CTE Vision Visit for the year with Turtle Mountain Community College, Golden Path Solutions webinar and Advance CTE State Directors Retreat in Baltimore

CDE Report:

Mr. Sick reviewed CDE's dashboard and the current enrollment numbers are approximately 10,000.

Postsecondary Career Schools Approval Process:

Dr. Fastnacht referred to the Postsecondary Career Schools information that was distributed to the Board in their material packet. Each year these school's license renewals are brought before this Board for approval and the material distributed is for background information for members to become familiar with the process.

When receiving initial license application, a provisional license may be granted to allow time for schools to receive national or regional accreditation. Discussion was held on whether a school could be exempt from or receive an exception from needing national or regional accreditation based on offering low-census occupation training and what the definition of low-census occupation is. This was addressed during the 2005 Legislative Session when Ms. Huber testified before the House Education Committee regarding SB 2120 that low-census occupation is whether an occupation contains so few numbers that it is not listed in Job Service Employment Projections data.

Dr. Fastnacht informed members that Emerging Digital Academy has requested an exception from accreditation as they feel that their program is not a degree program and that they meet the low-census definition because their cohorts are small. Mr. David Schaibley, Assistant Attorney General, explained that prior to the 2005 Legislative Session having small enrollment numbers (10 or fewer) focused on the cohort size whereas the law now explains that the criteria is on whether the occupation itself is low census. Board members felt that at this time they did not have enough information to vote on this and that the Emerging Digital Academy needs to submit their renewal application. In the meantime, Board members have asked CTE staff to gather more information and report during next meeting.

Future Meetings:

Future Regular meetings are May 23, June 27, and September 26.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.