

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

May 17, 2021

Members of the State Board for Career and Technical Education met at 10:00 a.m., CT, in the Peace Garden Room, State Capitol, Bismarck and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Fastnacht, Chair. The following members were present:

- Ms. Kirsten Baesler, Member
- Ms. Maria Effertz Hanson
- Mr. Jeff Fastnacht, Member
- Dr. Mark Hagerott, Member
- Dr. Steve Holen, Member
- Mr. Burdell Johnson, Member
- Mr. Josh Johnson, Member
- Mr. Bryan Klipfel, Member
- Ms. Sonia Meehl, Member

Wayde Sick, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Dr. Tonya Greywind, Dr. Matthew Lonn, Eric Ripley, Michael Netzloff, Jessica DeVaal, Melana Howe, Kyle Davison, Julie Hersch, Blaine Booher, Greg Tehven, Laura Glasser and Lorie Ruff were also present.

CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 19, 2021 MINUTES – A motion was made by Ms. Meehl and seconded by Mr. Josh Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – CTE and CDE – Ms. Ferderer reviewed the Appropriation Status Report and informed Board that we are short on funding by approximately \$450,000 to reimburse at the current rate. Plans are due from schools on June 30 and Ms. Ferderer will not be paying out any funds until after due date to determine if a reduction in the reimbursement rate is needed. At June Board meeting Ms. Ferderer will have a better idea of what is available as it will be closer to plan due dates. Mr. Sick informed the Board that another option to recover some funds and save time could be to not ask schools to submit

travel receipts but then to increase the reimbursement rate.

Dr. Lonn reported that the CDE budget is on track. Budgeted general funds have been expended to 95% but special funds dollars there are still around 60% spending authority. A reminder that CDE has little income in July and August and needs those carryover dollars for expenses during those months.

A motion was made by Ms. Effertz Hanson and seconded by Mr. Burdell Johnson to approve the CTE and CDE financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Sick reported staffing update of Brenda Schuler and Bonnie Schuchard have retired. Mr. Sick thanked Laura Glasser for being the interim for the Board and that Lorie Ruff will be the new Administrative Assistant for Ms. Ferderer, Mr. Wagner and himself. CTE is currently reviewing applications for a new Administrative Assistant who will work with Trade, Industry, Technical & Health Sciences, Information Technology and Technology & Engineering.

Mr. Sick informed members of a couple retirements around the state that will impact CTE. Mr. Dan Rood, CTE Director from SE Region Career & Technology Center in Wahpeton and also Mr. Harvey Link from ND State College of Science.

Mr. Sick and Mr. Wagner provided Choice Ready Grant Training on April 19 & 20. Training included Work-Based Learning, Industry Certification and Career Exploration Experiences to assist schools in applying for those dollars.

Mr. Sick attended a ND Department of Labor Grant Advisory Committee Meeting and has also gave project ideas to Department of Public Instruction for the ESSER fund usage.

Mr. Sick met with XAP, creator of our RUPReady platform, on how to integrate Work-Based Learning and employer matching opportunities within the system to increase the value of RUPReady.

Mr. Sick reported that on May 6 they held in person the Quarterly Directors Meeting in

Bismarck. There were presentations from Bismarck State College on Polytechnic Update, and Lake Region State College on their Apprenticeship Grant and AdvanceCTE Shared Vision.

Upcoming events, Mr. Sick reported that he will be a part of HB1478 Administrative Rules Committee and also involved in the CTE Without Limits discussion on a national level. Mr. Sick will be co-presenting on Work-Based Learning with Mr. Mike Hanson, CTE Director from North Valley Area CTC, at the Innovation in Education Summit. Mr. Sick has also been invited to be on a panel during Innovation Education Week and will be discussing IT and cybersecurity.

Mr. Sick reported that the Legislative Session ended on April 29. Following are bills that CTE had been watching:

- HB1015 is the ND OMB budget bill and the \$70M for CTE expansions across the state.
- HB1375 allows for a scholarship for students that have completed dual credit courses and enrolls in a ND college or university. This is a \$750 maximum scholarship.
- HB1380 is the Legacy Fund streaming bill – starting in the 23-25 biennium, up to \$30M would be set aside for workforce enrichment projects.
- HB1478 would allow for alternative education opportunities outside the classroom for course credit. SB2018 is the Department of Commerce appropriations where the AHEC funding is housed which operates HOSA.
- SB2019 is the CTE appropriations bill - CTE secondary grants were increased by \$2.25M which includes \$1.25M for cost to continue and \$1M for new and expanding. Marketplace for Kids is back to \$300K and TrainND is back to \$2M. CDE was held whole. Farm Management Education program was cut but received an additional \$50,000. They ended with \$1,706,138 and should operate fine for the next biennium.

Salaries will be discussed at the June meeting. The OMB bill passed 1.5% or minimum of

\$100 per month the first year and 2% average in the second year. CTE line item is reduced due to elimination of 2 unfilled FTE.

- SB2196 allows for school boards to develop alternate graduation pathways
- SB2272 continues the Career Builders program including \$2.25M in grants for high-demand jobs.

CDE REPORT – Dr. Lonn reported that enrollment is up and that they have summer school enrollments currently coming in. The completion rates are around 80% which has been the national trend.

Dr. Lonn review the 2020-2021 CDE Organizational Objectives with Key Results with the Board. The organization had set 3 objectives for the year – 1) Increase the amount of students taking CDE online courses, 2) Increase student learning and 3) Improve organizational efficiencies and process performances. Two of the three objectives were met with increase student learning not achieving what the organization had set at 90% or greater. Due to completion rate across the board going down this also effected CDE.

Dr. Lonn reported that a new “Go Live” business platform will launch on May 24, 2021. This will clean up some old processes and will be faster to enroll students as their initial information will be populated using their student ID number.

Dr. Lonn tabled the 2021-2022 CDE Pricing Proposal until the June meeting as the are currently revising these numbers.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Mr. Sick reviewed the CTE 21-23 Administrative Budget. Professional Services had a large increase due to the addition of LRSC Apprenticeship Grant and Supplies increased with RUReady.

CDE 21-23 Administrative Budget was reviewed. It was clarified that supplies line item is fees to their vendor for student curriculum.

Mr. Fastnacht requested that in June bring the Administrative Budget showing on one

page the full two years and for the last biennium and next biennium.

Mr. Sick also reviewed the CTE 2021-23 Biennium General Fund Projections and FY2022 Program Budgets. Concern was expressed by Board members on how tight the budget is. When the Fall Revised Budgets are submitted, we will have a better idea of what allocation requests will be. New and expanded requests may not be approved during the second part of the biennium due to no funding available. Mr. Sick reviewed the Total Carl Perkins Funds Obligated and the allocation. This will be discussed in more detail at the June meeting.

New and Expanded Program requests were due April 30 from schools. From those applications we received requests for \$141,186 for new programs and \$327,287 for expanded programs for the fiscal year 2022. This will also be reviewed in more detail at the June meeting.

PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL PRESENTATION – Greg Tehven, Director and Co-Founder and Blaine Booher, Program Director, with Emerging Digital Academy gave an overview of their services. They are North Dakota’s first immersive coding school and provides a project-focused technical training to students specializing in full stack web engineering. Training consists of 20 weeks of intensive training, mentors from local companies and group and individual projects. They have graduated 31 students in the first year with a vast majority working in the field.

LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE – US DOL APPRENTICEHIP GRANT UPDATE – Melana Howe from Lake Region State College reviewed the \$438,000 grant that they have received through the US Department of Labor. Grant goals are to provide high-quality apprenticeship in the state, increase the number and quality of apprenticeships and improve data collection, sharing and integrity.

READING LANGUAGE ARTS PERFORMANCE DISCUSSION – Mr. Sick reviewed the request to reset the English Language Arts Target for school year 2020-21 from 48.76% to 46.90%. The

request for public comment was conducted March 16, 2021 to April 15, 2021. We only received one submission stating in favor of lowering the rate. A motion was made by Mr. Josh Johnson to lower the rate and seconded by Dr. Hagerott. The motion passed unanimously.

DRAFT RFP – FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR CTE CENTERS – Mr. Sick reviewed that this grant of \$70 million is available to school districts to increase their CTE opportunities through additional centers and programs. Awards may range from \$500,000 to \$10,000,000 and must be matched with private or local funds. Applications for these funds are due June 30, 2022, and will then be reviewed by a committee with funds being allocated by December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Josh Johnson to hold a special meeting to discuss the guidelines further and seconded by Dr. Holen. A special meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021, at 2:00-4:00 pm in the CTE Conference Room and will also be offered virtual.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM STATE STANDARDS – Due to time restraints Mr. Netzloff was not able to present and item will be moved to June meeting.

PROGRAM ORIENTATION – BUSINESS EDUCATION – Due to time restraints Ms. DeVaal was not able to present and item will be moved to a future meeting.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES – Mr. Sick informed the Board on upcoming activities: FFA State Conference June 7-10 in Fargo and CTSO Officer Leadership Training will be June 14-16 in Bismarck.

FUTURE MEETINGS – A June Special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021 at the CTE Conference Room on 15th Floor and the regular June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021.

No meetings are currently scheduled for July or August 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.