

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

April 20, 2015

Members of the State Board for Career and Technical Education met at 9:30 a.m. CST, in Meeting Room F, Comfort Inn, Bismarck. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brian Duchscherer, Chair. The following members were present:

Ms. Cheri Giesen, Member
Mr. Jeff Lind, Member
Ms. Debby Marshall, Vice Chair
Ms. Sonia Meehl, Member
Mr. David Richter, Member

Wayne Kutzer, Dwight Crabtree, Brenda Schuler, Gwen Ferderer, Marilyn Orgaard, Doug Vannurden and Carrol Burchinal were also present. Dr. Duchscherer welcomed the board and audience members.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – Dr. Duchscherer presented Mr. Crabtree with a service award plaque for his ten years of CTE service and the board congratulated Mr. Crabtree on his retirement.

Mr. Crabtree stated that it has been a good 10+ years with CTE.

CONSIDERATION OF MARCH 16, 2015 MINUTES – Mr. Lind moved and Ms. Giesen seconded to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Kutzer reviewed the Appropriation Status Report and the Administrative Budget and Expenditures Report for month ended March, 2015, reporting that the total budget expended is in line with the time elapsed.

Following a brief discussion, Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Richter seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Mark Wagner has accepted the Assistant State Director position and will begin employment on July 1, 2015.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – Mr. Kutzer reported that he will be attending the fourth conference committee meeting on HB1019, the agency budget bill, stating that as of now, there is an increase of \$1.8 million (which includes \$900,000 to increase reimbursement rates to 27% for family and consumer sciences and \$500,000 for the cost to continue).

Mr. Kutzer reviewed Engrossed HB1019 with Senate Amendments and the 2015-2017 Biennium Budget with the changes made by the House and Senate, reporting that whatever the final budget figures are, the board decides how those dollars will be spent. Mr. Kutzer stated that his goal is to have a preliminary 2015-17 budget at the May meeting.

Mr. Kutzer reported on HB1393, the STEM funding bill, which has been signed by the Governor. CTE will receive \$100,000 to administer and provide two statewide conferences and STEM Day activities. The current ND STEM Executive Committee, which includes Mr. Don Fischer, will remain in place but used as a sounding board for the agency on STEM activities and committee members will hopefully continue to bring information from their regions. It is anticipated that an individual will be hired to work with Mr. Fischer and the committee on STEM activities.

Discussion was held on current STEM funding for matching grants, Education by Design (EbD), Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and STEM Infusion with Mr. Kutzer reporting that it is anticipated that funding would continue at the same level in 2015-17 for these activities.

Discussion was held on HB1053, a bill that would require agencies to have desktop support services provided through ITD. The bill was defeated; however, the desktop support

services requirement for agencies with 40 or fewer employees has now been included in the ITD budget bill. Mr. Kutzer will contact Mr. Mike Ressler, ITD, to get further information on how it would affect the agency.

Following discussion, the board thanked Mr. Kutzer for his report.

RUREADYND.COM UPDATE – Ms. Marilyn Orgaard, Career Resource Network Supervisor, presented information on RUReadyND.com, reporting that there are three main initiatives in the Career Resource Network area: (1) Career Outlook Publication; (2) RUReadyND.com; and, (3) Career Resource Regional Coordinators providing services.

Ms. Orgaard distributed the 2014-2015 Career Outlook publication, reporting that the publication is currently being revised and will be distributed in August.

Ms. Orgaard then distributed information on the mission and goals of the North Dakota Career Resource Coordinators and the web-based career ready delivery system, RUReadyND.com, reporting that the Bank of North Dakota has been paying the subscription fee since 2005 in order for schools to receive RUReadyND.com for free.

Summary information on the usage of the RUReadyND.com system and survey results of career assessments, career clusters and interest inventories were reviewed.

During RUReadyND.com discussion, Ms. Orgaard responded that it is used from the elementary level through college and beyond and explained the PAWS in Job Land in RUReadyND.Com that is geared toward the elementary level.

Following a brief discussion, the board thanked Ms. Orgaard for her report.

CTE CORE COURSE UPDATE – Mr. Kutzer reviewed the CTE Courses/Core Courses document, reporting that the information provided shows the courses that CTE considers to have either academic content or are dual credit courses. Also reviewed was the Diploma and Scholarship Alignment Chart and High School Core for NDUS Admissions provided by the

Department of Public Instruction. This document is not a definitive list and continues to be updated. The courses highlighted in the document are considered by DPI and CTE as approved core courses, dual credit or both for University System admission requirements.

Mr. Kutzer reported that there are ongoing meetings with CTE, the University System and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on making recommendations of the courses that CTE considers to have academic content. From DPI's standpoint, the courses highlighted are equivalent core courses for scholarship and admission requirements and the hope is that NDSU and UND will recognize them as well.

Discussion was held on the mixed message, misconception or lack of information provided to schools, counselors, parents, and students regarding what core courses students need to graduate or receive scholarships versus what the University System admission requirements are. It was agreed that this information needs to be discussed with school districts so that the correct information is provided to everyone.

Discussion was also held on what is being used, such as crosswalks, to determine what CTE courses meet academic content. Mr. Kutzer responded that he is working with state staff and will be discussing this at the CTE Administrators Meeting being held April 27-28, to get their input.

Following further discussion, Mr. Kutzer reported that the goal is to have the information finalized by this spring.

SECONDARY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS – Validating Courses for License Renewal - Mr. Kutzer reported that the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) is the agency that determines and approves all acceptable courses for teacher licensing renewals except in the T & I area and that the Department of Career and Technical Education can only approve courses for renewal in the T & I area.

T & I Licensed Instructors and the Praxis – Mr. Kutzer reported that ESPB has changed their policy regarding T & I licensed instructors. The new policy allows T & I licensed instructors who have not gone through the teacher education program but have taught for two or more years, to teach in another subject area, if they pass the Praxis exam in that subject area and take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) course.

Discussion was held on the impact this may have on schools and the rigor of Praxis tests. It was agreed that it may bring challenges of ensuring that teachers are qualified to teach in other areas but it also provides more opportunities for T & I instructors to be licensed in academic areas.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES –

Mr. Kutzer invited board members to attend the FFA Conference that will be held in June and asked board members to contact him if interested in bringing greetings at the conference banquet.

FUTURE MEETINGS – The May board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015, in Bismarck.

The June board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015.

OTHER – Ms. Giesen reported that she would like to get a discussion going on what Job Service should be involved with regarding soft skills criteria and the competencies students should have prior to entering college or the workforce.

Mr. Kutzer responded that Mr. Michael Netzloff, CTE Curriculum and Standards Specialist, is currently working on career ready practices and has been meeting with the Governor's Office, the Chamber of Commerce and with Century High School instructors as a possible pilot project. Mr. Kutzer stated that he will have Mr. Netzloff contact Job Service to

get them involved in the process. An update regarding the career ready practices pilot project will be provided at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Brian Duchscherer
SBCTE Chairperson