



Career and Technical Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2023, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Edmond Morin; Paulette Bonneau; Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; and Denham Ward (Board Members). Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager (Department of Education).

Guests: Dave Keaton, MACTE Executive Director; Joan De Costa, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System; Julie Kenny, Director of Bath Regional Technical Center, and President of MACTE; and Jason Judd, Executive Director of Educate Maine.

I. Call to Order:

Edmond Morin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM under the State Board's remote meeting policy.

II. Committee Chair Overview: (*Edmond Morin*)

Ed welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

III. Adjustment to the Agenda: (*Edmond Morin*)

No Adjustments to the Agenda.

IV. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Edmond Morin and unanimously voted to accept the March 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

V. Public Comment:

No public comment.

VI. Legislative Update:

Busy few weeks for CTE in the Legislature. Ed has testified twice before the Joint Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs.

- On behalf of the State Board, Ed testified neither for nor against on L.D. 1158 An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula. This got rolled into L.D. 1160 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Study on the Equity of the State Education Subsidy Formula.
- Ed testified neither for nor against on L.D. 1283 Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY).

VII. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD (*Donna Tiner*)**
 - Donna Tiner reported third quarter ended March 30, 2023. She will have the next fiscal report for the May meeting.
 - Waiting for invoicing from some schools on the Reserve Fund Grant.
 - Reserve Fund Grant for Integration has been extended through the summer. These are FY22 funds and need to be invoiced by September 30, 2023.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD (*Donna Tiner*)**
 - The balance remains the same. Total balance for Briggs account is \$138,779.73. The first check for FY24 will come in July or August.
- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Donna Tiner for Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - Moving forward with Legislation for CTE.
 - Working on the process for rewriting roles for CTE Education, Chapter 232.
 - 2) **Community College Update (*Joan De Costa*)**
 - Moving forward with the Data Sharing Agreement with MDOE.
 - 3) **MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton*)**
 - Testified neither for nor against on L.D. 1283 Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY). Requested to have two members on the committee when it is formed, so they can have good representation.
 - L.D. 1158 An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula. This got rolled into L.D. 1160 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Study on the Equity of the State Education Subsidy Formula. There's no mechanism for equipment in the EPS funding for CTE.

- On April 28, Curriculum Coordinators Association of Maine, CTE Directors, and the Community College System will meet at CMCC to start their work on barriers. Looking to have follow up meetings and maybe meetings on a regional basis.
 - CTE Student of the Year celebration is on April 29, 2023, at the Green Ladle and all committee members are welcome to attend.
- 4) Reports From the Field Update (*Julie Kenny*)**
- Schools are busy finishing the enrollment process. In some cases, almost twice as many students applied than open slots available, so a lot of students did not get in the program of their choice. CTE is expanding as more people understand the importance of it.
- 5) Educate Maine (*Jason Judd*)**
- We've been approached by the Manufacturers Association of Maine to have a formal partnership around apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship. We have a formal MOU to be the intermediary sponsor for many manufacturing companies around the state.
 - Kicking off the Aqua Cultures Pioneers Program, which is an experiential learning program centered around college students interning at aqua culture employers. We are trying to bring the age level down to include high school students.
 - Recruiting for Educators Leaders Experience, which is a cohort program where we bring educational leaders from around the state to different counties each month and teach them about different parts of the economy.
 - Maine Teacher of the Year announcement is at the Hall of Flags on May 11, 2023 at 2:00PM.
- 6) Other Updates**
- No additional updates

VIII. Workshop:

No Workshop Session

IX. Old Business:

No Old Business

X. New Business:

MACTE request for \$34,500 in financial support via the Briggs Grant for FY24. Among points of discussion was whether there should be more information about results and outcomes of past Briggs funding for MACTE and how the grant money will address tough structural issues.

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and unanimously voted to accept the MACTE request for \$34,500 in financial support via the Briggs Grant for FY24. The motion carried.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- MACTE financial support request

Adjournment:

The April 27, 2023, CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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