



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Wilson Hess; Wendy Ault; Edmond Morin; and Paulette Bonneau; (Board Members). Dwight Littlefield, State CTE Director (Department of Education); Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager (Department of Education); and Sandra Bourget, Office Specialist, State Board of Education.

Guests: Dave Keaton, MACTE Director; Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access, Maine Community College System; Joan De Costa, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System; Julie Kenny, Director of Bath Regional Technical Center, and President of MACTE; Bobby Deetjen, Director, Mid-Coast School of Technology and Jason Judd, Executive Director of Educate Maine.

I. Call to Order:

Wilson Hess, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Committee Chair Overview: (*Wilson Hess*)

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

II. Adjustment to the Agenda: (*Wilson Hess*)

Addition of Perkins Targeted Reserve Grant Funds Exhibit under New Business.

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Edmond Morin and unanimously voted to accept the February 2, 2023; February 16, 2023; February 23, 2023; and March 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comment:

No public comment.

V. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD (*Donna Tiner*)**
 - Donna Tiner reported there are no additional reports for the fiscal quarter that ends next week. We will have the next fiscal report for April 2023.
 - The balance remains the same with the third quarter ending for FY23, January 1 – March 31, 2023.
 - Donna just received the amounts for FY24. She is going through the process of figuring out all the amounts for Secondary and Post-Secondary. Maine saw a slight increase.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD (*Donna Tiner*)**
 - The balance remains the same. All FY23 have been approved. Total balance for Briggs account is \$138,779.73.

- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - Somerset Career and Technical Center and Foster Career and Technical Center both received MJRP funds for apprenticeships. It's a great partnership with MDOE and the Department of Labor (Maine Apprenticeship Program).
 - Emily Doughty, MDOE Natural Resource Specialist, interacted with folks on Agriculture Day at the State House, which included Legislators, agricultural organizations, and FFA students.
 - Attended the Skills USA competition. It's a high-energy and great event. Approximately 850 students participated in competitions.
 - \$20 million bond is sitting in the budget. It's focused on equipment and infrastructure. It will be another opportunity for CTEs to do some upgrades.
 - 2) **Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)**
 - Moving the Data Sharing Agreement forward with MDOE.
 - Hired two Advisors from the Davis Grant. They are imbedded in four CTEs.
 - LD 837 Public Hearing took place. The language and rhetoric were very biased. There was a real bias and blindness to CTE.
 - 3) **MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton*)**
 - Attended the 2023 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC and visited Capitol Hill.
 - Along with Bobby Deetjen, discussed the Windfall Provision, affordable housing, Perkins Grant, and short-term Pell Grants.
 - Welcomed staff to visit Maine CTEs.
 - On April 28, CTE Directors will be meeting with the Curriculum Leaders Association to start work on barriers. May create templates to share with the State.
 - Gala 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 and Bobby Deetjen*)**
 - Schools are in the middle of recruitment and application season. More students are applying than before. Capacity will be a challenge.

5) Educate Maine (*Jason Judd*)

- We are one recipient of the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Expansion Grant. We were just approved as an intermediary sponsor for an HVAC Technician apprenticeship with the Jackson Laboratory.
- Will be releasing RFP in April for the Educate Maine Symposium, which will be held December 8, 2023. You can submit CTE proposals from April – June.

6) Other Updates

- No additional updates

VI. Workshop:

No Workshop Session

VII. Old Business:

No Old Business

VIII. New Business:

Request Approval to allocate Maine Carl D. Perkins Targeted Reserve Grant funds as authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

The CTE committee voted on March 14, 2023, to approve the allocation of Perkins V FY23 and FY24 targeted reserve grant funds to eligible secondary CTE schools via the FY24 Perkins V Basic Formula. Funds are to be used to purchase equipment and supplies needed for CTE curricula. This will be taken up for vote at the April 12, 2023, State Board of Education Meeting.

Transition of Leadership

Wilson Hess spoke of Edmond Morin’s roles on other committees and welcomed him as the anticipated new Chair of Career and Technical Education. Members thanked Wilson for his commitment and contributions on the CTE Committee.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- Perkins Targeted Reserve Grant Funds Exhibit

Adjournment:

The March 23, 2023, CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Maine State Board of Education