



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Burton Cross State Office Building in Augusta. The following were present: Committee Chair Wilson Hess; Kristin Bishop; and Paulette Bonneau (Board Members) and Mary Becker, Secretary Specialist, State Board of Education. Fern Desjardins (Board Chair); Dwight Littlefield, State CTE Director and Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager (Department of Education) attended virtually via Zoom.

Guests: Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access, Maine Community College System (in-person).
Guests attending virtually via Zoom: Dave Keaton, MACTE Director; Bobby Deetjen, Director, Mid-Coast School of Technology; Amy Boles, Director, Hancock County Technical Center; and Joan DeCosta, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System.

I. Call to Order:

Wilson Hess, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The Committee is meeting in person with an option for the public to attend via Zoom.

II. Committee Chair Overview: (*Wilson Hess*)

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

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

No adjustments to the agenda.

IV. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Kristin Bishop, seconded by Paulette Bonneau, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the May 5, 2022 minutes as presented.

V. Public Comment:

No public comment.

VI. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD**
 - Donna Tiner reported that Perkins balances are in line with the last meetings report.
 - The 3rd quarter ended on March 31, 2022 and funds are moving along as they should.
 - Carry over reserve funds
 - \$533,051.25 (FY22)
 - 383,958.00 (FY23)
 - Total = \$917,009.25
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD**
 - No changes - Total balance for Briggs account is \$172,232.19.
- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - The RFA for Physical Infrastructure is being processed and should be published in the next couple of weeks.
 - LD 680 – Legislature is putting together a task force. Paulette has been appointed by the Speaker of the House and Wilson Hess appointed by the Senate President to serve on the task force. Dwight will serve on the task force.
 - 2) **Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)**
 - Mercedes Pour updated the Committee on the Governor's free college tuition. \$20 million in funding for tuition free community college for students who graduated in 2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023.
 - Spoke about data sharing – early college grades and outcomes and National Clearing House data.
 - MOU – Dwight Littlefield is working with Tammy Ranger, will update the MOU and share it with Mercedes Pour.
 - 3) **MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton*)**
 - The summer conclave will be held July 25 – 27, 2022 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. The agenda is being finalized and going out to all directors next week.
 - 4) **Educate Maine Update (*Jason Judd*)**
 - Jason submitted a written report as he was not available to attend the meeting. The CTE workgroup has developed some thoughts relating to the key systemic barriers of aligning CTE program requirements with graduation requirements. One of the systemic barriers for more students to thrive in career and technical education centers and regions is directly linked to high school graduation requirements. Due to scheduling issues, transportation needs, and funding limitations, CTE students often scramble to fit in all of their core requirements in order to attend their programs. Some of the best practices to address this systemic barrier include:
 - Develop innovative pathways that better align district graduation requirements with CTE programs to reduce this barrier for students

- Develop credit-bearing core courses for students to enroll in during school breaks or summer and/or provide opportunities for credit recovery
- Partner with sending schools and CTE regions/centers to develop credit or competency-based articulation agreements
- Offer core graduation courses in subjects like mathematics or English at the CTE center or region by hiring additional instructors or working with higher education institutions
- Hire staff to work with students on individualized plans to address core graduation courses
- Collaborate with adult education centers, postsecondary partners, online providers, other CTE regions/centers, or independent study partners to offer additional core courses to help students gain the credits needed for graduation.

- The Committee held discussion from Jason’s update on the CTE Working Group.

5) CTE Directors (*Bobby Deetjen and Amy Boles*)

- Bobby briefed the Committee on the Mid-Coast Senior Expo Business Fair with Senior recognition held at Owls Head Museum that they haven’t been able to hold in 3 years.
- Bobby has had more student applicants this year than in previous years.
- Amy reported that they will be holding the Senior Celebration-Awards Ceremony next week.
- Amy reported that 310 students have enrolled for the fall. She usually has an enrollment of around 220 students.

6) Other Updates

- No additional updates.

VII. Workshop:

Systemic Barriers

The Committee reviewed and discussed Jason Judd’s bullet points in his written report. The Committee may schedule a work session prior to the June 15, 2022 full Board meeting.

VIII. Old Business:

No Old Business

IX. New Business:

Perkins V FY 2023 Budget

The Committee held a discussion on FY23 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds, and unused FY22 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds, to be allocated to Maine’s secondary CTE eligible recipients to support CTE program and curricula academic integration efforts to increase congruence between CTE coursework and district-wide graduation requirements and standards.

- FY23 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds to be allocated is \$383,958.

- FY22 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds to be allocated will be finalized after the conclusion of the FY22 fiscal year, December 31, 2022, but will not be less than \$533,051 and should not exceed \$600,000. Funds will be used in accordance with section 112 (c) of the Perkins V Act and will supplement and not supplant current resources. The committee reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education.

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Kristin Bishop, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the FY23 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds, and unused FY22 Perkins V targeted reserve grant funds, be allocated to Maine’s secondary CTE eligible recipients to support CTE program and curricula academic integration efforts to increase congruence between CTE coursework and district-wide graduation requirements and standards in an amount not to exceed \$983,958.

Briggs Funding Request from MACTE

The review and discussion of an update to the request from MACTE will take place at the June Committee meeting.

X. June Regular Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM to be held in person at the Cross State Office Building and later moved to Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM. The Committee will meet virtually via Zoom.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Committee Meeting
- Update to Reserve Fund Project Discussion (Jason Judd)

Adjournment:

The May 26, 2022 CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Johnson Becker
Secretary Specialist
Maine State Board of Education