



Career and Technical Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Wilson Hess; Fern Desjardins; 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, Secretary 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.

I. Call to Order:

Wilson Hess, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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)*

No adjustments to the agenda.

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wendy Ault and unanimously voted to accept the January 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried. The February 2, 2023 were unavailable for review at this time.

IV. Public Comment:

No public comment.

V. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD**
 - Donna Tiner reported that the balance remains the same with the second quarter ending for FY 23, October 1 – December 31, 2023.
 - The \$32,837 in FY 22 Reserve funds that were released by vote at the February 2nd meeting are in the process of being added to the current FY 23 applications.
 - The Reserve amount remains the same, and we need to determine use for the FY 23 Reserve funds.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD**
 - The balance remains the same. Total balance for Briggs account is \$138,779.73.
 - The MACTE Award has been finalized.
 - If MACTE is going to request an award for FY 24, that should be submitted soon.

- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - MJRP funding - Steve will be doing some visits to St. Croix and Tri-County Technical Center.
 - On February 27, Governor Mills will be visiting Oxford Hills – Region 11 to celebrate what they've received on their Equipment Grant and their Infrastructure Grant. She will also be holding a Read to Me Challenge at one of the Elementary Schools.
 - Certification Committee has reconvened. We continue to review programs and new programs to align what teachers need for certification. Will give an update at our next meeting.
 - Joe Haney is reviewing all of the standards.
 - 2) **Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)**
 - Mercedes recognized Dwight and Shawn for their thoughtful, helpful, and incredible work on the Data Sharing Agreement.
 - Pilot on College Access Advisors Grant was not entirely funded.
 - Looking for lessons about how we can proactively support our CTE partners.
 - The report that came out of LD 1880 will go in front of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, and we'll see what direction we're going in regarding funding Dual Enrollment publicly.
 - 3) **MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton*)**
 - LD 257 – Bill for Late Start – will impact CTE directly. We're hoping this goes nowhere.
 - Made Deputy Commissioner aware of an issue with two levels of certification on LD 313 – Student Services Coordinator and Career Counselor. They currently do not have an endorsement.
 - LD 436 – High School credit for CTE. We're really trying to push this forward. We may have a professional development day in late April to continue work on this issue.

- 4) **Reports From the Field Update** (*Julie Kenny and Paulette Bonneau*)
 - Schools have been busy with the recruitment process making sure they're meeting their incoming student's needs.
 - Working on budgets now. Land valuations impact our budgets.
- 5) **Educate Maine** (*Jason Judd*)
 - Hoping to see more CTE nominations for Teacher of the Year.
- 6) **Other Updates**
 - No additional updates

VI. Workshop:

MEPRI Extended Learning Opportunity Programs document for SBE Planning review

- There is no state oversight.
- Bifurcated systems of responsibility.
- Most successful programs have a dedicated coordinator.
- Will CTE's get credit for working on ELOs for a long time?
- CTE is given reference throughout the document, but probably not it's just due.
- Workforce development does not appear to be *the* driving goal of ELOs in Maine.
- Report appears to be a very unsatisfying document in terms of helping to lay out a path by which ELOs participate in workforce development. Should be a unified approach not separate.

Carl D. Perkins Reserve Funds FY 23

- Discussed disbursing the funds by formula.
- Discussed rolling it over to the existing grant and apply it to support the program. Funds will need to be expended by June 30, 2023.
- Discussed using the funds to advance policies, issues, and practices related to the Strategic Plan.

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wendy Ault, to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the disbursement of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Funds by formula at the March 8, 2023, Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by the principles without any action being taken.

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wendy Ault, to recommend that the State Board of Education consider the disbursement of the FY 2023 Maine Carl D. Perkins Funds by formula at the March 8, 2023, Board Meeting. A special Committee meeting to discuss these options further will be scheduled at the earliest possible time. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Old Business:

No Old Business

VIII. New Business:

No New Business

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- MEPRI Extended Learning Opportunity Programs document

Adjournment:

The February 16, 2023, CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bourget
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Maine State Board of Education