



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the May 25, 2023 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2023, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Edmond Morin; Paulette Bonneau; Wendy Ault; and Denham Ward (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 Executive Director; Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access, Maine Community College System; Joan De Costa, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System; and Bobby Deetjen, Director, Mid-Coast School of Technology.

I. Call to Order:

Edmond Morin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 Wendy Ault, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and unanimously voted to accept the April 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

V. Public Comment:

No public comment.

VI. Legislative Update:

- On behalf of the State Board, Ed submitted testimony in support of L.D. 1942 An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State.
- Dwight Littlefield and Mercedes Pour have agreed to provide overviews of CTE legislation from a State and Community College point of view.

VII. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD (Donna Tiner)**
 - Donna Tiner noted third quarter report is January 31-March 31, 2023. Everything is on course to be spent out. Our goal is to spend out FY22 before September 30, 2023.
 - We're still in FY23 now until June 30, 2023, in which they have 30 days after June 30 to expend money. It will be after the first or second quarter before we'll know how much money is unused in FY23.
 - Donna provided an overview of funds.
 - 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 hopefully will come in July with another one to follow in January.
 - FY24 starts July 1, 2023.
 - These funds are off the interest earned from the money that Key Bank oversees.
 - Donna provided an overview of SBE and DOE roles for this trust.
- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (Dwight Littlefield)**
 - L.D. 33 An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students would change the funding in the future to go directly to CTE schools instead of SAUs like in the past with the pilot. The language in the current budget for \$500,000 sends the funding to CTE schools. The analyst states they are both different and there's no need to move forward with L.D. 33 to change the language where the current budget does send the funding to CTE schools. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee voted ought not to pass.
 - L.D. 436 An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions has passed. We are working with curriculum leaders on this MACTE bill and have 3 years to incorporate this into the cooperative agreement.
 - The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee lumped all EPS bills together and will do a study and provide feedback in January 2024.
 - L.D. 1283 Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY) passed.

- Held the FFA Convention in Presque Isle. Emily Doughty put this on. Over 200 students attended, and everything went well.
- Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan projects are moving forward.
- In the process of collecting regional calendars.
- Wrapping up the deep dive into updating our standards.
- Moving forward with the Data Sharing Agreement with the Community College System.
- We have had conceptual conversations around our rules. We are looking to have these rules updated.

2) Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)

- L.D. 18 An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students set off some panic, but it's not the main path to free college.
- We are reminding the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee that a lot of early college activity is happening in CTEs and some even originated there.
- Working with others to find out where L.D. 1820 An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education came from.
- In relation to L.D. 1713, there has been a lot of turnover on the electrical examining board. There's some confusion as to whether our electrical programs qualify a student to sit for the exams. All due to a misplaced modifier.
- Moving through with the Davis Grant project to see what we can do to ease the transition students make from their CTE program into a Community College program.
- Moving forward with the Data Sharing Agreement with MDOE.

3) MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton*)

- Testified in support of on L.D. 1942 An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State.
- CTE programs are winding down now. Some are having awards ceremonies.
- MACTE is planning the summer conclave. We should have a draft agenda soon.
- Will have a meeting in June on our research project, The Future of CTE in Maine.

4) Reports From the Field Update (*Bobby Deetjen and Paulette Bonneau*)

- Now is a chaotic but rewarding time for CTE schools. Students are finishing up, some receiving certifications and licensures.
- L.D. 436 An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions has gone forward as ought to pass, with amendments.
- Biddeford Regional Center of Technology is offering technical math, which is a dual-enrollment class with SMCC.
- Biddeford was approached by the Association of General Contractors to try some pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities in the general trades. They are running this simultaneously.

5) Other Updates

- No additional updates

VIII. Workshop:

No Workshop Session

IX. Old Business:

Approval of MACTE Award Letter. Among points of discussion was that there should be more detail such as the names and purposes of the events, where they were held, number of participants, meals and lodging, as well as other items.

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and unanimously voted to accept the MACTE Award Letter. The motion carried.

X. New Business:

Request Approval of the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant as authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and unanimously voted to approve of the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant as authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224). The motion carried.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- MACTE Award Letter
- Request Approval of the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant as authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (P.L. 115-224)
- George Briggs Funds Balance

Adjournment:

The May 25, 2023, CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Maine State Board of Education