



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022. The following were present: Committee Chair Wilson Hess; Paulette Bonneau; Kristin Bishop; and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Dwight Littlefield, State CTE Director; Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager Department of Education); and Mary Becker, Secretary Specialist, State Board of Education.

Guests: Jason Judd, Executive Director, Educate Maine; Julie Kenny, Director, Bath Regional Technical Center; Joan DeCosta, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System; and Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access, Maine Community College System.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom under Provision 1 of the State Board of Education's remote meeting policy due to the ongoing surge of COVID-19 and statewide omicron version.

I. Call to Order:

Wilson Hess, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM under the Board's Remote Meeting Policy, Item #1. The Committee will transition back to in person meetings at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 2022 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. He welcomed new Board member, Kristin Bishop from Madison, to the Committee.

III. Adjustment to the Agenda: (Wilson Hess)

No adjustments to the agenda.

IV. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wilson Hess, and voted two in favor with one member abstaining (Kristin Bishop) to accept the March 30, 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 on track.
 - The 3rd quarter ended on March 31, 2022 and funds are moving along as they should. Donna presented a report for the 3rd quarter that will go before the full SBE on May 11, 2022.
 - 2) **Perkins FY 2023**
 - Donna reported that the FY23 budget will be submitted with the State Plan to the DOE at the Federal level. She reviewed the estimated budget submitted to the Committee.
 - 3) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD**
 - A check was lost in the mail and a new check was re-issued for \$7,166.58. Total balance for Briggs account is \$172,232.19.
- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - The funding for the Middle School CTE pilots will not be renewed moving forward. At this point we will continue to provide technical assistance to any CTE that wishes to fund them locally. We also have pulled together a stakeholder group of CTE directors to work on a plan for ongoing funding and will target getting this in the next biennial budget.
 - With the recent passing of the supplemental budget there are 3 areas impacting CTE for school year 22-23:
 - **\$2 Million Industry Standards Grant**
 - This is what we historically refer to as the "equipment" grant.
 - **\$1.6 Million Instructional Supply Grant**
 - This was originally a \$3.2 million ask that MACTE presented to the commissioner.
 - **\$100,000 Early Childhood Program Expansion/Development Grant**
 - Submitted by Rep. Fecteau. I haven't received any detailed guidance on this. I will be reaching out to the commissioner's office to see if there are any perimeters we need to follow.
 - The FFA Conference will be taking place May 11-13 in Presque Isle. Anticipating about 130 students participating from Presque Isle Regional Tech Center, Caribou Tech Center, Ashland High School, Central Aroostook High School, Washburn High School and Easton High School.
 - The RFA for Personnel Infrastructure and Equipment has been published and is due May 5th. The RFA for Physical Infrastructure is being processed and should be published in the next 2-3 weeks.
 - 2) **Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)**
 - Mercedes Pour reported that the Governor's free college tuition has launched at Maine's Community Colleges. For the past week they have been working on

Maine's new budget which includes \$20 million in funding for tuition free community college for students who graduated in 2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023.

- MCCS is discussing with the DOE what program students from CTE will enroll in. Data sharing is important within entities.
- Mercedes spoke about pre-college advising. Looking to pilot a partnership.
- Joan DeCosta shared the excitement of the pre-college advising for students. It is a great opportunity for the students in the state.
- Mercedes spoke about FAFSA – Federal Student Aid.

3) MACTE Update (*Julie Kenny for Dave Keaton*)

- The winter conclave was held in March at the Samoset in Rockland. There were about 20 directors in attendance for an afternoon, overnight, and morning session. The group met with Judy Sanders on mission and vision work. They walked away with great conversations and concrete work. The direction Judy had them working in was great. The work will continue this summer with some strategic planning. Julie thanked the CTE Committee for their support in MACTE's work. Wilson Hess attended the conclave and stated that it was an extremely valuable workshop, well done, well focused and great work by the group.
- The CTE student of the year celebration was held in Lewiston on April 30.

4) Educate Maine Update (*Jason Judd*)

- Jason reported that Educate Maine will be holding the County Teacher of the Year Announcement on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Hall of Flags. Dolly Sullivan will be reaching out to Board members soon with details of the announcement. Jason will be sure Mary Becker has the invitation materials to share with all Board members.
- Jason has been working with the CTE group of 25 individuals that are working on systemic barriers for CTE and coming up with solutions. The group has been meeting every other week since March and will continue to meet through June. Taking a couple systemic barriers per meeting and diving into understanding and defining the issue and coming together for solutions for the issue. Started with some of the hardest such as graduation credits. Mercedes, Dwight, Donna and Wilson have attended some of the meetings. The meetings are recorded if anyone is interested in receiving the recorded links. The meetings are going very well. There is a long list of systemic barriers, many of which were transportation, scheduling, funding, supporting students with disabilities, meeting graduation requirements, etc.
- Jason shared a document – Update to Reserve Fund Project Discussion
 - CTE Working Committee Systemic Barriers Discussion
 - Direct Connections to Systemic Barrier Conversations
 - Opportunities for Improving Experiences for Students
 - Additional Advance CTE Ideas from the Rural CTE Reports
 - The Following Two Areas have been partially funded thanks to the support of the Governor and the 130th Legislature, but more funding is needed to address the current and long-term needs:
 - Supplies (near term catch-up given FY 22 dramatic cost increases) An additional \$3M has been added for FY 23 in the supplemental budget but not for FY 22

- Equipment (always a need. Despite recent state allocation) Did not receive the \$40M for infrastructure/equipment.

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

5) Other Updates

- No additional updates.

VII. Workshop:

Perkins V Reserve Fund Awards

The Committee tentatively scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM to discuss the Perkins V Reserve Fund Awards.

VIII. Old Business:

No Old Business

IX. New Business:

Perkins V FY 2023 Budget

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Kristin Bishop, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the FY2023 Perkins State Budget for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in accordance to §121 of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224) at the Board's business meeting on May 11, 2022.

Perkins 3rd Quarter Report – January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022

MOTION by Kristin Bishop, seconded by Paulette Bonneau, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the Quarterly report for the period January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022, of the State of Maine Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (P.L. 115-224) at the Board's business meeting on May 11, 2022.

Briggs Funding Request from MACTE

Julie Kenny spoke about MACTE's focus on CTE initiatives for FY 23 which included professional development activities – annual statewide CTE conference, Tech updates, annual Director's Conclave and the CTE Student of the Year recognition banquet.

Paulette Bonneau led the review of the request from MACTE with Committee members. Following discussion, a motion was made:

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Kristin Bishop, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education approve a FY23 George Briggs grant award, in the amount of no more than \$28,000, to the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) under the terms of its proposal dated April 6, 2022 at the Board's business meeting on May 11, 2022.

Wilson Hess stipulated that, consistent with established board precedent, a condition of the award of funds, MACTE is that the following testimonial statement shall be read at all events and displayed in printed materials associated with such events, activities, programs as may be sponsored by Briggs Trust funding. “The George M. Briggs Trust was established in February 1948 through the generosity of the late George Millett Briggs of Turner for the purposes of supporting the field of career and technical education and thereby enabling the young people of Maine to become self-supporting and useful citizens of the State. MACTE and the State Board of Education are pleased that Mr. Briggs’ memory and purposes can be furthered through activities such as [this event] for the advancement of career and technical education in Maine.”

X. May Regular Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The Committee will meet in person at the Cross State Office Building, Room 538.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes of the March 30, 2022 Committee Meeting
- Exhibit – Request Approval of the FY23 Budget Allocation 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)
- Budget – Estimated FY 2023 Perkins V
- Exhibit – 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)
- Perkins Report for Period Ending 3/31/2022
- Update to Reserve Fund Project Discussion (Jason Judd)
- Educate Maine – Perkins Stakeholder Meeting State Plan Review – March 24, 2022
- MACTE Letter requesting financial support via through the Briggs Grant for FY 23

Adjournment:

The May 5, 2022 CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

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