



Career and Technical Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022 virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Wilson Hess; Wendy Ault; and Paulette Bonneau; (Board Members). 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, Bath Regional Technical Center; Jason Judd, Executive Director, Educate Maine; Mallory Cook, Director of Training and Early Educator Engagement, Maine Education Association; and TC Walton.

I. Call to Order:

Wilson Hess, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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*)

Moved Educate Maine on the agenda.

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

July 28, 2022 minutes are not on record. Will have for approval in our next meeting.

IV. Public Comment:

No public comment.

V. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD**
 - Donna Tiner reported that the report submitted is the first quarter report for FY 23, July 1-September 30, 2022
 - Second line reflects the October 1 award from the federal government, so all monies for FY 23 are noted on the report.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD**
 - Had 1 deposit of \$2,594.88. Total balance for Briggs account is \$146,827.07.

- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (*Dwight Littlefield*)**
 - Equipment/Personnel Infrastructure RFA: We are hearing of CTE's ordering equipment, just waiting for things to come in.
 - Infrastructure RFA: Award letters went out this week and have been posted on the web site.
 - Natural Resources Specialist: We are advertising for a CTE Natural Resources Specialist. Will be conducting interviews in December. This is a current vacant position with the recent retirement of Doug Robertson.
 - US Presidential Scholars: We will be seeking nomination from the CTE directors for the US Presidential Scholars Program. More information can be found here: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/eligibility.html>
 - CTE Certification Committee: We convened a small committee of CTE directors and folks from the certification team to go over the recent changes to Chapter 115. This group will continue to meet and address any new program certifications that may come on board. This also fulfills one of the requests from LD 313.
 - 2) **Grant Applications (*Donna Tiner*)**
 - Just under 1 million went out for applications to the schools, 22 of 27 initially accepted and since then 2 will not be able to use the funds.
 - Early December deadline for distribution of the funds.
 - Three schools started information in the Grant for Me System with one school that has been fully approved.
 - 3) **Community College Update (*Mercedes Pour*)**
 - We got several faculty members to the state-wide CTE conference. Lots of informal connections were made.
 - Moving through LD 1880 and we are seeing statewide inconsistencies on how early credits are being applied to high school transcripts.
 - Maine was accepted into the Launch Years Project. The program is pulling states together to come up with statewide policy or solutions to broaden math pathways from post-secondary to secondary. It's just starting and is a three-year process.

4) MACTE Update (*Dave Keaton and Julie Kenny*)

- Over 470 people attended the fall conference, it was the largest group we've had. We changed the flow of sessions, and it was well received. We had food trucks for lunch instead of Green Ladle. This gave people the opportunity to have conversations and mingle. Everything went well, now the bar is set high.
- MACTE has been watching the Comprehensive High School in Brunswick transpire and we have unanswered questions. A few people attended the feasibility study CTE Meeting, and we felt like the important questions were being brushed over. We question why we would change things or add anything because we're on an upswing right now. We ask that people listen, be careful and get the information as it comes out. We are watching the project very carefully.
- Hart Consulting is working on this and has received a sizable grant (\$250,000) from Alford. Wilson to get in contact with Pat Hart on this and LD 680.

5) Educate Maine Update (*Jason Judd*)

- CTE Committee submitted a proposal to Educate Maine to do a presentation at the December 9 symposium. The presentation will be around Systemic Barriers, Best Practices-Promoting Congruence Between CTE Coursework and High School Graduation Requirements.
- The December 9 Educate Maine Symposium is a day-long conference with 450 attendees. We're looking for panel members—people in the field who are great representation, decision makers, assistant superintendents, and upper administration. SMCC and local community partners are also presenting: Free Community College.
- We hired a new employee, Kaitlin Young, Policy and Programs Specialist and 2018 Maine Teacher of the Year.

6) Other Updates

- No additional updates.

VI. Workshop:

Educate Maine Symposium Presentation on Promoting Congruence Between CTE Coursework and High School Graduation Requirements.

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VII. Old Business:

No Old Business

VIII. New Business:

MACTE White Paper Support Request

Dave Keaton spoke on the White Paper Support Request. The CTE Committee voiced some concerns. Members would like more of an action agenda. Now is the time, we need to take a bigger stand. MACTE needs to be a leader for CTE for Maine. They need to be bold, seize the moment, and be a force to be reckoned with.

MACTE will try to revise within a short timeframe and resubmit to the committee. The committee will have a special meeting in order to bring this to the State Board Meeting on November 9, 2022.

The committee will reserve a spot on the agenda for State Board of Education Meeting on November 9.

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 Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant for the period of July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 as authorized under the strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (P.L. 115-224) at the Board's November 9, 2022 meeting.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- Carl D. Perkins Report for Period Ending September 30, 2022
- US Department of Education Grant Award Notification
- 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)
- Report of the George Briggs Funds Grant Cycle July 1 to June 30
- MACTE White Paper Request

Adjournment:

The October 27, 2022 CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 11:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bourget
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Maine State Board of Education