

**Virginia Advisory Committee Meeting
For
Career and Technical Education
November 3, 2010**

**Charlottesville Technical Education Center
Charlottesville, Virginia**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Anne Carson, Robert Mayfield, Karen Black, Patricia Lynn May, Byron Hinton, Sandy Hespe, Fred Norman, Jerry Stewart, Allan Melton, Jane S. Foy, Chad Ratliff, Brenda Long, Alan Hawthorne, Anne Rowe.

Chairman Jerry Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:05 and welcomed all to Charlottesville. A special welcome was made to our new members: Anne Carson, Robert Mayfield, and Karen Black.

Minutes from the September meeting were presented and approved.

VACTE Update by Brenda Long:

- Overview of conference to be held in Richmond, January 13-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This is an opportunity for CTE folks to travel to Capitol Hill to meet with members of the General Assembly to share with them the great things CTE is doing and also to let them know how much we appreciate their continued support of CTE in Virginia.
- Discussed the brochure, "CTE: Education for a Strong Economy". Both this and the Issues and Solutions are on the VACTE Web site.
- David Bailey is our Public Policy Advisor—he replaced Dick Pulley who is now retired.
- Public hearings on the budget will begin **January 6, 2011**. There will be hearings in five sites across the state. Attend these hearings as private citizens. The main items for CTE include: equipment, industry credentials, and the CTE Resource Center.
- Be aware of the following: **November 16-17**- The House Appropriations Committee will have budget talks, **November 18-19** – The Senate Finance Committee will have budget discussion, and **December 17** – the Governor will address joint money committees.
- Agencies have been asked to present budgets based on 2, 4, 6% reductions in anticipation of budget cuts.

- The Governor’s Forum – Aligning Agendas, was recently held in Richmond, and was geared more toward the adult workforce.

Department of Education Updates, presented by Anne Rowe

- Make sure to complete reimbursement forms.
- The State Director position is still vacant, but hopefully an announcement will be made within the next two weeks.
- George Willcox lost his wife two weeks ago—our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.
- A list of office staff was shared with committee members.
- Perkins Performance Standards require completers to have industry certifications. The results from the 2009-2010 school year were shared with the committee. The goal of participation is 50%. Certification for the new Economics and Personal Finance course is W!SE.
- The Workplace Readiness Skills (WRS) requirement in all CTE courses has increased from 13 to 21. A WRS assessment will be proposed for approval to the State Board in January and will be available for use by April 1.
- From The National State Director’s Meeting in Baltimore, a handout was shared with the committee: “Reflect, Transform, Lead”. Also, there will be changes to Career Pathways coming soon.
- Anne demonstrated how to navigate through the state Web site.

Program of Work - Jerry Stewart

- Jerry led a review of the current Program of Work.
- Some discussion of whether or not some items should be removed.
- Committee agreed to focus on:

Image of CTE

Outreach to local advisory councils

Promote Issues & Solution from VACTE

Dual Enrollment Concerns

- Mr. Norman raised the question of whether or not we could include end-of-course tests versus industry certification tests under “Concern Monitoring”. A possible way to approach this matter may be through David Bailey with Mr. Bailey providing feedback to this committee on dual enrollment concerns.
- Jane brought up the idea of possibly conducting a survey for Region V as a way of improving the image of CTE—more to come.

General:

- Jerry and Byron participated in the New Administrator’s Workshop prior to the VACTEA Fall Conference in Virginia Beach. This is one of the areas the Program of Work addresses.
- Along those same lines, there will be a “Legislative Information Session” during Region II’s November 17th meeting in Suffolk at the Pruden Center.

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- Byron shared a listing of CTE Administrator Regional Representatives with proposed State CTE Committee Member Alignment.
- The principal of CATEC came in and shared information about the programs offered. Shared concerns involving CTE: (1) still viewed as vocational education, (2) counselors do not understand, (3) teacher requirements make it difficult to hire personnel, (4) students have to convince parents and counselors that it is OK to attend CATEC, (5) image of CTE needs to be improved.

DOE School Board Presentation – Jerry Stewart

- Review of draft and let Jerry know if there are any changes no later than November 12, 2010.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **January 13, 2011** - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Richmond 10:00 – 2:00
- **April 27, 2011** - Wytheville 9:00 – 1:00
- **June 16, 2011** - Doubletree Hotel, Airport, Richmond, time TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hespe, Secretary