



Career and Technical Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 24, 2024 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024 virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Edmond Morin, Wendy Ault, Committee Member, Paulette Bonneau, Committee Member, Dwight Littlefield, State CTE Director (Department of Education).

Guests: Amanda Peterson, Director, United Technology Center, and President of MACTE; Dave Keaton, Executive Director of MACTE; Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access and Secondary Partnerships, Maine's Community College Foundation; Joan DeCosta, Academic Program Coordinator, Maine Community College System; Jason Judd, Executive Director, Educate Maine; and Kate Howell, Director of Workforce Partnerships, Educate Maine.

- I. **Call to Order:** Edmond Morin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 to accept minutes, as amended; seconded by Paulette Bonneau. Motion to accept minutes as amended passed unanimously.
- V. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
- VI. **Standing Reports/Updates:**
 - A. Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD (*Dwight Littlefield*):** Dwight reported that they just finished the first quarter of Perkins and provided an update.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD (*Dwight Littlefield*):** Dwight stated that the balance in the Briggs' fund is over \$250,000.

B. Updates

1) State Director's Update: (Dwight Littlefield): Dwight stated that they participated in the MACTE conference again this year. Joe Haney met with a couple of groups around standards and has follow up meetings scheduled. Dwight attended a session on LD 436 and was able to meet with Representative Woodsome. Dwight and his team continue to monitor CTE enrollment numbers, which continue to grow. Dwight, Melissa Sherwood, and Sean Legasse attended a conference hosted by Bruman.

2) Community College Update: (Mercedes Pour/Joan DeCosta): Mercedes presented the Early College Pathways module and demonstrated what that looked like for students. They have over 6,000 early college students. In addition, MCCA is piloting with SMCC to send a college or career advisor into half a dozen CTE's. Joan reported as the Perkins Grant coordinator for the 7 community colleges, she's working with all the colleges for planning and budgeting and spending their funds in accordance with what their needs are.

3) MACTE Director's Update: (Dave Keaton): Dave reported that over 530 people attended the MACTE conference, which is a 20% increase from last year. The sponsors and exhibitors were all from Maine. Four CTE Excellence Awards were given. The conference evaluation forms were sent out and resulted in a lot of positive feedback.

5) Reports from the Field; Tech Update at the MACTE Conference: (Amanda Peterson): Amanda reported that she sat with the CTE exploratory group. The Tech update group is developing goals. Students can work with Score representatives (retired business professionals). Amanda said that the MACTE Innovations Committee will be going to Massachusetts to visit CTE schools in late November.

6) Educate Maine: (Jason Judd/Kate Howell): Jason reported that registration is open for the Education Symposium on December 13, 2024 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. He is expecting around 500 people for this event.

VIII. Old Business – Nothing was discussed

IX. New Business: Request of 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).

This meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM