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Full Council Meeting  
Duncan Center  
Dover, Delaware  
June 06, 2018

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Bacon, Angela Case, Mark Freidly, Henry Harper, Michael Jahnigen, Sam Lathem, Janis Nesterak, Karen Pickard, Dennis Savage, Jim Sturgis, Bob Suppe, Manera Constantine, Ed Wilchinski and Janet Nichols

Guest: Mark Noval, Education Training Specialist, Fire Protection, Innovation and Technology Center Delaware Technical and Community College

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Janis Nesterak moved to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Council Meeting as presented. Mark Freidly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of June 05, 2018 was distributed to the Council. Michael Jahnigen moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Constantine informed the Council that she has received notification from our Budget Analyst that DACCTE's funding request was approved by the Joint Finance Committee in mark-up on May 22 for Fiscal Year 2019 at the requested amount.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### *DACCTE School Monitoring Visits*

The Spring monitoring visits were completed in April and May. Dr. Ed Wilchinski leads the team which includes a Council Member and a representative from the CTE division at the Department of Education.

The visits confirmed that there are dedicated teachers and supportive administrative staff for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the schools they visited. The teams found that the funding resources are reaching the programs and teachers are satisfied with

the money they received. The State is transitioning from Career Pathways to Programs of Study (POS) and some issues have been identified regarding the work-based learning requirements of Programs of Study and some of the fees associated with the certifications that are required.

- April 17: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Dr. Henry Harper and Rita Hovermale, Education Associate at the Department of Education (DOE) visited Newark High School. Teachers are committed to their students and program and receiving the necessary funds for their programs. The Culinary Arts program needs upgraded commercial equipment, but the school is old and can't physically handle the needed improvements. CTE teachers expressed concern regarding a new plan to have each high school in the Christina School District offer specific CTE courses. They expressed concern about what will happen to their programs in the coming school year.
- April 24: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Michael Jahnigen, and Dr. Bart Gill, Education Associate at the Department of Education visited Woodbridge High School. Mr. Jahnigen was thankful for the opportunity to attend the visit. The programs are growing and while two career pathways are being eliminated, two new pathways in Academy of Finance and the Teacher Academy are being added. They are also considering the addition of a pathway in Computer Science.
- May 2: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Bob Suppe, and Dr. Peg Enslin, Education Associate at the Department of Education visited Brandywine High School. Total enrollment is down since our last visit in 2015. CTE teachers are anxious to grow and expand their programs. Two of the programs need renovated classrooms and upgraded equipment.
- May 9: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Bob Suppe, and Dr. Peg Enslin, Education Associate at the Department of Education visited McKean High School. Programs at McKean seem to be on track and very hands-on offering simple automotive services, plant sales and a day care program to generate extra funds for their programs. The teachers there would like to see their programs grow and expand. There is a need to provide more work-based learning opportunities for CTE students.

### Spring Career and Technical Education (CTE) Workshop

Dr. Constantine reported that Council in partnership with Luke Rhine, CTE State Director and his staff from the Department of Education (DOE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) area held the annual spring DACCTE/CTE workshop on April 18, 2018. The workshop was held at DOE's Collette Education Resource Center in Dover. Participants had the choice of attending two of the four break-out sessions being offered. There were approximately sixty-five CTE Teachers, Counselors, Assistant Principals and Principals pre-registered for the meeting. A copy of the workshop invitation was shared with Council Members.

Delaware Career Compass and Teacher Guide

DACCTE continues to provide sponsorship of the Delaware Career Compass and Teacher Guide which is developed and published by the Department of Labor. In addition to the funding provided, Dr. Constantine serves as a member of the Compass Advisory Committee which provides input for content and format of the annual publication. Also serving on the committee are teachers, counselors and Department of Education CTE Ed Associate, Lisa Stoner-Torbert.

Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG)

On May 10 Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) held their annual awards ceremony with over 500 students, Principals, school administrators, the Governor and Legislators attending in Dover. Dr. Constantine is a former Member of the Board of Directors and now serves on their Advisory Committee.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

The Council was able to provide support for Family and Consumer Sciences students to attend the National FCCLA convention. Many of the National Award winners from the various CTSOs are from Delaware.

Perkins Reauthorization/Federal Funding

There has not been any recent movement in the US Senate regarding the reauthorization of the Perkins Act to report since our March meeting. The U.S. House past their version of the Perkins bill last fall. The Omnibus bill passed in Washington, DC which adds \$75 million to the Perkins State grants for this year. Lawmakers are working on the Fiscal Year 2019 federal budget and are requesting that additional funds be made available for education.

There is currently tremendous national support for Career and Technical Education (CTE) from the President and Congress and our Delaware Congressional delegation is very supportive of CTE.

Council Member Resignation

Dr. Constantine reported that Dr. Richard Bacon will be moving out-of-state and resigning from the Council. She thanked him for his service to the Council and his dedication to the students of our state and congratulated him on his retirement.

Dr. Bacon told Council Members he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Council and work with them.

Awards Selection Committee

The Awards Selection Committee consisting of Leann Hornung, Angela Case and Dr. Henry Harper met in the Council office on May 1 to select this year's Award winners. The mailing for nominations is sent to the Superintendents, High School Principals, Council Members and DOE/CTE staff. Dr. Constantine thanked the committee members and invited everyone to

attend and meet the recipients at the Awards Ceremony immediately following our meeting today. A copy of the Program and Press Release were distributed to Council Members.

### **MEETING GUEST**

Dr. Constantine introduced and welcomed Mark Noval, Education Training Specialist, Fire Protection from the Innovation and Technology Center at Delaware Technical and Community College. He is working with Tucker Dempsey from the Delaware State Fire School to determine interest among high school students to become trained in the areas of fire protection and prevention. Currently there is a lack of funding and personnel to fill available vacant positions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:02 p.m. Angela Case moved to go into Executive Session. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. At 3:27 p.m. Dr. Henry Harper moved to adjourn from Executive Session. Dr. Richard Bacon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE**

Chairman Lathem announced the formation a special sub-committee of members from the Council, which will be chaired by Bob Suppe. This sub-committee will identify issues/topics for future discussion and action by DACCTE going forward.

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ARTICLES**

The following articles were distributed:

- "High School Reform Using Vocational Education to Teach Academic Courses"
- "Hard Work and Soft Skills"
- "New Skills for Youth 2017 Snapshot: Executive Summary"

### **BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Janis Nesterak moved to adjourn the business meeting, Jim Sturgis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DACCTE AWARDS CEREMONY**

The business meeting adjourned and members moved to the Outlook Room for the 2018 DACCTE Annual Awards ceremony. This year DACCTE is happy to announce five award recipients:

Outstanding Contribution by a Business  
**Barclays**

Outstanding Contribution by an Agency  
**Delaware Department of Transportation**

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Madison Cook**, Student  
Caesar Rodney High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Aaron Jackson**, Student  
William Penn High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Maria Morelli**, Student  
Delmar High School