

Full Council Meeting  
Duncan Center  
Dover, Delaware  
October 10, 2018

**ATTENDANCE:** Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Henry Harper, Lean Hornung, Karen Hutchison, Sam Lathem, Joel Littlejohn, Janis Nesterak, Bob Suppe, Frank Vavala, Manera Constantine, Ed Wilchinski and Janet Nichols

**GUESTS:**

Nelson Freidly, Chairman Emeritus and Julie Fedele, Research Analyst, Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Janis Nesterak moved to accept the minutes of the June 06, 2018 Council Meeting as presented. Dr. Joel Littlejohn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of October 09, 2018 was distributed to the Council. Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Dr. Henry Harper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST**

Dr. Constantine presented the FY 2020 State Budget request for approval in the amount of \$339,759. This represents a one percent growth request in the Contracted Services line over the FY 2019 state appropriation.

Janis Nesterak moved to submit the FY 2020 State Budget Request by the October 15, 2018 deadline as presented. Judy Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council Members also received a copy of the FY 2020 Proposed State Budget Narrative pages which are included in DACCTE's request.

DACCTE Budget Hearing

The Council's FY 2020 State Budget hearing before the members of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Controller General is scheduled for Thursday, November 08, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The Council must follow the budget request guidelines put in place by OMB. DACCTE continues to remain fiscally responsible and has been commended by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) for their efforts. The Joint Finance Committee hearing will be held in February.

A Moment of Silence

Mr. Lathem asked everyone to take a moment of silence to remember long time Council Member Dennis Savage who passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 7. Dennis was the Director of the State Office of Community Affairs until his retirement. He also served as a member of the State Board of Education for 13 years. Dennis was a strong and dedicated advocate for public education in Delaware for forty years.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

New DACCTE Council Members

Mr. Lathem introduced two newly appointed Council Members and welcomed them. He reported that he and Dr. Constantine have been in contact with the Governor's office regarding the appointment of more new members. Mr. Lathem also announced that the Council is currently under review by the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC). Dr. Constantine took this opportunity to welcome and introduce Julie Fedele, who is the Research Analyst for the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC) who was attending the meeting.

Dr. Constantine thanked the new members for being in attendance today and reported that she had an orientation meeting with each of them. She then asked them to give a brief summary of their background.

Mrs. Sandy Gray is the Career & Technical Education Specialist at the Capital School District where she has worked for the past ten years. Prior to that she was a Career Specialist with Jobs for Delaware Graduates.

The other new member is General Francis Vavala, the retired Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard where he served for 50 years. He is currently employed at Delaware Technical and Community College as the Veterans Advocacy Specialist.

Mr. Lathem told the Council Members, General Vavala's father was one of the original sixteen founding Members of the Council and also serviced as Chairman.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)

Dr. Constantine gave a brief explanation of the importance of the Career and Technical Student Organizations and how they serve as an integral component of the CTE curriculum. The Council is very supportive of the CTSOs and was instrumental in obtaining state funding for these groups. Mr. Lathem advocates for additional funding every year during the Council's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) hearing.

The Council helped sponsor students to attend the HOSA Student Leadership Conference which was held in Washington, DC this fall. The Council also provided sponsorship for the CTSO Fall State Student Leadership Conference to be held November 28-29, 2018 in Dover. This conference provides leadership activities and workshops for Career and Technical Education state student officers and members. Dr. Constantine announced that the Spring CTSO statewide conferences always need judges for the student competitive events and urged Council members to volunteer.

Fall School Monitoring Visits

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) school visits for the fall have begun. Dr. Constantine explained to the new members that these visits are scheduled on a rotating basis to meet with the CTE teachers and school administrators. The team consists of Dr. Wilchinski from the Council staff, a Council Member and a CTE Education Associate from the Department of Education (DOE).

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018 the team visited Caesar Rodney High School. Dr. Wilchinski, DACCTE staff member; Mark Freidly, DACCTE member and Rita Hovermale, DOE staff member attended. Mr. Freidly reported on the visit and thought it went very well. The teachers are very enthusiastic and dedicated to their programs and students. School administrators are very supportive of staff and CTE. There are approximately fifteen CTE Pathways currently available and all areas are doing well. He also reported that the Career and Technical Students Organizations are active and very strong. The team found that the state funds are reaching the CTE programs. The CTE staff is currently looking into expanding their program areas with the possibility of future feeder programs from the middle schools in the district. Dr. Wilchinski thanked Mark for attending and reporting on this visit.

The next school visit is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Mt. Pleasant High School (Leann Hornung). Followed by Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Indian River High School (Ronnie Burkle), and the last visit will take place in October 30 at Dickinson High School (Leann Hornung). The next group of school visits will be completed in the Spring of 2019.

Dr. Constantine thanked Dr. Wilchinski and Mark for attending the visit and reporting on the findings. She also thanked the members who volunteered today to attend the upcoming visits.

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*DACCTE New Website*

Dr. Constantine reported that the Council's new website is up and running and is being hosted by the Government Information Center (GIC). They were instrumental in helping the staff with the development and execution of the new website. The new website is very "user friendly" and hosts more informational items about the Council. The new site can be accessed by going to <https://daccte.delaware.gov>.

*Delaware Career Compass and Teachers Guide*

The Council helped sponsor the 2018/2019 Delaware *Career Compass and Teachers Guide*. Copies of the Compass and Teachers Guide are made available to all middle, high and charter schools as well as state agencies, colleges and other organizations at no charge. Copies were distributed to the Council and Dr. Constantine directed the members to the specific pages which contain information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) and the CTE Student Organizations.

*Federal Legislative Update*

President Trump signed on July 31, 2018 "The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V). This will replace the current Perkins Act which is the primary source of federal funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE). Delaware currently receives approximately \$4.5 million dollars from the Perkins Act each year. The Appropriations Committee in the U.S. Congress has increased this funding for next year by approximately \$71 million dollars. The new Act (Perkins V) will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

States are required to submit a State Plan in order to receive these funds. In Delaware, the State Board of Education serves as the fiduciary agent and has appointed a committee for the development of the State Plan. Dr. Constantine serves as a member on this committee.

*Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC)*

Dr. Constantine reported to the Council Members that DACCTE is under review by the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee which is a 10 member bi-partisan committee of the Legislature. The process will continue for several months.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DACCTE Special Committee**

At the June 10, 2018 Council meeting, Chairman Lathem appointed a Special Committee of the Council to be chaired by Vice Chairman Bob Suppe. The committee was to identify areas in which DACCTE can improve and be more effective in carrying out its mission and purpose to recommend policies that the State should pursue to strengthen Career and Technical Education (CTE).

The Special Committee met on August 8, 2018 and decided to focus on two topics/issues to pursue at this time. Those recommendations included the need to expand and enhance the new website with more informational items and the possibility of producing an annual report which would feature a summary of the school monitoring visits and related issues. The committee also suggested that a Communications Committee be formed to monitor and recommend suggestions/improvements to the DACCTE website.

Mr. Lathem thanked Mr. Suppe and the other members of the Committee for their participation on the committee.

## **TRIBUTE TO NELSON FREIDLY**

In a few months the Council will celebrate 50 years of service dedicated to improving and enhancing vocational, career and technical education for the citizens of our state. Governor Russell Peterson initially appointed sixteen members to the new Council in 1969. Mr. H. Nelson Freidly was one of the founding members and has been an active and dedicated member throughout the years, supporting vocational, career and technical education throughout his entire career and even into retirement. Dr. Constantine stated that Mr. Freidly has served as Chairman and has been a mentor to her. She thanked him for his many years of service and friendship. Chairman Lathem then read a Tribute to Nelson Freidly from Governor Carney for his many contributions to Career and Technical Education and presented it to him.

## **NEXT DACCTE MEETING**

Dr. Constantine announced the next DACCTE meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Duncan Center in the Barrett Room on the lower level beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to adjourn the meeting, Leann Hornung seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.