DACCTE ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Burkle, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Henry Harper, Karen Hutchison, Sam Latham, Joel Littlejohn, Janis Nesterak, Frank Vavala, Manera Constantine and Janet Nichols

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Constantine announced that Nelson Freidly, Chairman Emeritus and one of the founding members of the Council has been ill and thanked everyone for signing the get well card that will be sent to him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. General Frank Vavala seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of October 09, 2019 was distributed to the Council. Janis Nesterak moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Dr. Joel Littlejohn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUEST

Dr. Constantine presented the FY 2021 State Budget request for approval in the amount of $344,356. This represents a request for one percent growth in the Contracted Services line over the FY 2020 state appropriation.

Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to submit the FY 2021 State Budget Request by the October 15, 2019 deadline as presented. General Frank Vavala seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council Members also received a copy of the FY 2021 Proposed State Budget Narrative pages which are included in DACCTE’s request.
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**DACCTE BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Lathem and Dr. Constantine will attend the Council’s FY 2021 State Budget hearing before the members of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Controller General on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. As always, the Council follows all OMB budget guidelines. The Joint Finance Committee hearing will be held in February.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

*CTE School Monitoring Visits*

Dr. Constantine announced that the staff has started the process of scheduling the Fall CTE school monitoring visits. Letters have been mailed to Glasgow High School for October 24 and McKean High School for November 5. Mark Freidly volunteered to attend both of these visits. Four other schools will also be scheduled, they are: Concord, Middletown, Smyrna and William Penn.

*DACCTE Revised Delaware Code Title 14, Chapter 86*

On June 6, 2019 Senate Bill 138 was introduced in the Legislature to change the Delaware Code pertaining to DACCTE based on the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC). DACCTE members received a copy of this legislation at the June meeting. Senate Bill 138 with Amendment 1 was voted on and passed on June 30. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Carney on August 20, 2019. A copy of the revised Delaware Code Title 14, Chapter 86 was distributed to the Council Members.

As part of the JLOSC continued review process, DACCTE must submit a progress report on the recommendations at the end of October and December.

*DACCTE Sub-Committee Meeting*

Dr. Constantine announced she will be scheduling a meeting of the Council’s Special sub-committee to discuss new initiatives for the coming year.

*Delaware Career Compass and Teacher Guide*

The Delaware Career Compass and accompanying Teachers Guide are produced and published by the Delaware Department of Labor Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information (OOLMI) annually. Dr. Constantine serves as a member of the Compass Advisory Committee and provides input into the development of the Compass. DACCTE has been a long time sponsor of the Compass and helped to develop the related Teachers Guide many years ago. As requested by the JLOSC, a digital copy of the Compass has been added to DACCTE’s website. A copy of the 2019 – 2020 Edition of the Compass was distributed to the Council Members.
Christina School District Superintendent Meeting

On July 18 Chairman Lathem, Council Member Dr. Karen Hutchison and Dr. Constantine met with Rick Gregg the new Superintendent for Christina School District. During the meeting Mr. Gregg informed the group that the district is in the process of implementing new Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and expanding current programs. As part of this initiative, specific CTE programs are being assigned to each of the high schools in the district which includes Christiana, Glasgow and Newark. A handout was distributed to Council Members explaining the districts plans. One possible hindrance to the plan is the fact that the last two school referendums have failed which has resulted in lay-offs throughout the District. Dr. Hutchison feels the plan is good, but they will need to get a referendum passed in order to have the funding to expand programs. Dr. Constantine reported the Superintendent meetings will continue in the future.

PRESENTATION – PERKINS V

Dr. Constantine serves as the member representing DACCTE on the State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) Subcommittee which is responsible for developing and implementing the Perkins State Plan. Council Members received a packet of information including an informative slide presentation and other handouts which contained facts and background information pertaining to the State Plan/Perkins Act. The new federal law – “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act” (Perkins V), was signed by President Trump on July 31, 2018, reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (known as Perkins IV) and became effective in July, 2019. The legislation provides federal funding to the states for CTE. Delaware receives approximately $5.5 million in Perkins funding for CTE programs throughout the State.

The State Board of Education as the eligible state agency who receives the Perkins funding worked with the CTE Subcommittee to submit the one-year transition plan which was due in April, 2019, as required by the new Perkins V law. Since April, the CTE Subcommittee has been meeting and working on the subsequent four-year Perkins V State Plan. The sub-committee has asked stakeholders including DACCTE to present the information to their respective groups and encourage them to complete the Perkins V on-line survey. A copy of the survey tool was distributed and discussed with the Council Members for their review and input.

Once the committee reviews and documents comments from the on-line survey all materials will be compiled into the final version of the four-year Perkins V plan and submitted to the State Board of Education for approval in March, 2020 and submission to the Federal Government in April, 2020.
NEXT DACCTE MEETING

Dr. Constantine announced the next DACCTE meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on December 12, 2019 in New Castle County. More information will be distributed to the Council Members closer to the date.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

General Vavala moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Joel Littlejohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.