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Full Council Meeting
Dover High School Library
Dover, Delaware
October 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Judy Diogo, Connie Fox, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Karen Hutchison, Rich Jester, Karen Pickard, Mark Reeve, Bob Suppe, Chris Stahl, Ann Breeding and Jennae Overton (Student member)

Dr. Johnathan Wickert, CTE Director, Department of Education

Dr. Hutchison called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. She introduced our student member, Jennae Overton, from Middletown High School. She is a State BPA Officer, involved in Agriculture classes and involved in business classes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2023; Council Meeting as presented. Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of October 4, 2023 was distributed to the Council. Conversation was made in regards to Travel expense and what is included in that category. Mrs. Diogo moved to accept the report as presented. Mr. Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to today's meeting and thanked them for attending. He welcomed Jennae Overton (student member) and gave brief overview of her accomplishments. He mentioned Mrs. Nichols officially retired the last day of August and that Mrs. Breeding is doing a great job in her new role.

Annual Report

Mr. Stahl mentioned it was sent to the Governor's Office, Legislative Assembly, DOE CTE Director, Joint Oversight Committee Legislative Contact, and all others required by statute.

State Fair Booth

Mr. Stahl talked about the DACCTE Fair Booth that was set up at the Delaware State Fair in July, 2023 in the Ice rink on the FFA side of the building. Mrs. Breeding helped with the set up and maintenance of the booth. Many Career Compasses were distributed to fair goers and lots of good feedback was received from agriculture educators in the building.

Program Questionnaire

Mr. Stahl explained that the Program Questionnaire (Survey) has been revamped and is ready to go. Mr. Stahl goes on to state that he has been working with the Office of Change Management within the Department of Technology to achieve this.

Program Visits

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Meetings and Events

Mr. Stahl attended the Milford and Dover High School career fairs, where he provided information regarding the Council and copies of the Delaware Career Compass. We will also have an information booth at the Delaware State Fair again this year.

Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl met with Senator Buckson on May 12, 2023, regarding the "Giveback" issue. Both felt it was a very productive meeting.

On May 15, 2023, Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl met with Scott Maltifano, President and Joanna Staib, Executive Director of the Delaware Workforce Development Board. They are interested in learning more about career and technical education (CTE) in Delaware.

On May 24, 2023, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Nichols met with Rich Jester for a virtual new member orientation.

Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl met with members from the State Auditors office and an independent accounting firm regarding the upcoming annual school district audits. During these audits, career and technical education (CTE) program funding is examined. Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl were asked to provide additional information regarding CTE processes. These audits are performed on a rotating basis and look at district/school funding for multiple years.

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Stahl has almost completed his involvement with the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. This program has proven very beneficial both personally and professionally. Through his participation he has connected with members of the business and industry community.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting will be scheduled for early October prior to the October 15 Fiscal Year 2025 budget request submission deadline. Once a meeting date and location have been confirmed, more information will be provided to the Members.

DACCTE Council Meeting
June 8, 2023

DACCTE ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the Annual Report was distributed to Council Members for their review during the meeting. Mr. Stahl gave an overview of the contents of the report and then discussed in detail the Summary and Recommendations including a discussion regarding the CTE funding "give-back" issue. For more information, please see the attached copy of the DACCTE Annual Report. The report will be posted to DACCTE's website upon approval from the Council and distributed to Governor, Legislature and others as required.

Mr. Jester moved to accept the Annual Report as presented. Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Jester expressed concern regarding the cost involved in running the BPA State Conference at the Chase Center in Wilmington. Currently, there are no fitting facilities available to accommodate a group this large. There are approximately 1,000 middle and high students who participate in this conference.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Fox moved to adjourn the business meeting, Mr. Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Let the minutes reflect that the General Public had access to the information regarding this meeting. There were no attendees and therefore no comments from the public.

Mr. Stahl thanked everyone again for attending and wished everyone a great summer.

