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Full Council Meeting
Milford Public Library
11 S. E. Front Street
Milford, Delaware
June 5, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Mark Freidly, Karen Hutchison, Connie Fox, Richard Jester, Ronnie Burkle (virtual), Judy Diogo, Mark Reeve, Karen Pickard, Sandy Gray (virtual), Chris Stahl, Ann Breeding, Caitlin Rozell, and John Wickert (DOE- virtual).

Dr. Hutchison called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fox moved to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Council Meeting as presented. Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report was discussed. Mr. Stahl explained the difference in amounts from last year's budget to this year's budget. Mr. Friedly moved to accept the report as presented. Mr. Jester seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to today's meeting and thanked them for attending.

Mr. Stahl stated that the yesterday (June 4th) was the 2nd anniversary for Mrs. Breeding and that July 17th would be the 1st anniversary for Mrs. Rozell. He stated that the council was very fortunate to have them.

Mr. Stahl stated that on April 17, Mrs. Rozell, Mrs. Breeding and himself met with Mrs. Coverdale and Mrs. Chant from facilities Mgmt. to discuss moving options for DACCTE and went and toured a prospective location that would have been a temporary move and would have forced us to move at least twice within 6 months. As we discussed on the April 10, 2025 meeting, we didn't think this to be a good move for us. Facilities recently reported

that they had a new space in the Cooper Building for us to look at. Mr. Stahl stated that files are still being gone through at the Newport Office.

Mr. Stahl also recognized Ms. Sudipa Chowdhury as our retiring Student Representative. He stated that Sudipa had done an excellent job of representing her fellow CTE student and wished her much success in future endeavors. Mr. Stahl then mentioned that he had communicated with Mike Fitzgerald from the DOE CTE Workgroup on the need to appoint a new Student Representative for the upcoming school year.

On April 29, 2025, Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself attended the DE Pathways Conference at Bally's. A big thank you to Dr. Hutchison, Mr. Friedly, and Mr. Jester for representing DACCTE with them.

On April 30, 2025, Mr. Stahl stated Mrs. Rozell attended the Brandywine School District Engineering fair held at Concord High School.

On May 7, 2025, Mr. Stahl stated that the CTE Cadre held a meeting at Wilmington University in Dover. He stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself both attended. That meeting provides many updates to CTE Stakeholders from the DOE CTE Workgroup.

Mr. Stahl stated that he attended the Milford FFA Banquet on May 7, 2025 representing the Council.

Mr. Stahl stated that on May 8, 2025, Mrs. Rozell and himself both attended the Milford High School Career Fair hosted in collaboration with DOL. The public attended when the school day ended.

Mr. Stahl stated that each month DACCTE will have a meeting with DTI Customer Engagement Specialist, Eve Motichka. She has been very helpful. Mr. Stahl stated that we are in the process of ordering 2 new computers to replace 2 of our current laptops due to the age of service warranties.

On May 21, 2025, Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself attended the WBL Roundtable virtual meeting. This helps us stay up to date with current happenings from WBL coordinators and DOE.

Mr. Stahl stated that on June 2, 2025, he attended the virtual meeting of the Public Education Funding Committee. He stated that the next meeting would be in August.

Mr. Stahl stated that DACCTE would be having another information booth at the Delaware State Fair again this year.

Mr. Stahl informed the council that the next meeting would be in October at which time we will be approving the budget for FY 27.

Mr. Stahl stated that the Annual Report had been compiled to be submitted to the Governor's Office.

Mr. Stahl also mentioned the retirement of Mr. Suppe from the Council. The Council voted Mr. Friedly to be the new Vice-Chair of the Council to replace Mr. Suppe. Mrs. Diogo moved to accept the motion and Mrs. Pickard seconded the motion. and it carried unanimously.

HANDOUTS

Annual Report Review and Vote to Accept (Mr. Jester moved to accept & Mrs. Fox seconded the vote and it carried unanimously,).

Professional Development Support Opportunities (statewide)

~ DOE CTE Workgroup and Southern Region Education Board- CTE Math/Literacy

~ Delaware Association of Agriscience Educators- Conference Support-AET Training

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Wickert (DOE) discussed virtually the DOE Report and gave talking points for the State Law.

With the handouts given and the support asked from the Council, It was voted on by the Council to give DOE \$14,400.00 for the CTE Workgroup and DAAE \$2,000.00 for AET Training. Mrs. Diogo moved to accept and Mrs. Pickard seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2025.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jester moved to adjourn the business meeting, Mrs. Pickard 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.

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