

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Vocational Education Meeting**  
**March 8, 2007**  
**Wyoming Equality Network (WEN) Videoconference**

State Board members present: Michelle Sullivan (by telephone), Bill Anthony (by telephone), Pamala Anderson, Matt Garland, Jeff Marsh, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Mel Baldwin, Jim Lowham (by telephone), Sandra Barton, Jan Torres, Jim McBride, Dr. Jim Rose, Wyoming Community College Executive Director

State Board Members Absent: Larry McGarvin

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) (by telephone); Tania Hytrek, WDE; Jennifer Stone, Attorney General's Office (AG); Teri Wigert, WDE; Tom Martin, WDE; Bill Pannell, WDE; Joe Baker, WDE

Members of the Press and Public Present: Ed Boenisch, Wyoming Community College Commission,

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Michelle Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 14, 2006 State Board of Vocational Education were presented for approval.

JIM LOWHAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2006 STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MEETING.

BILL ANTHONY SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACT OF 2006**

Teri Wigert explained to the Board the process by which the information for the meeting would be presented. She explained the purpose, process and product in order to inform the board of requirements of and responses to the *Wyoming Transitional Plan* for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. The board was updated on the processes, timelines, key areas of interest and to receive feedback and input from the board for the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent to review for inclusion in the state plan.

Tom Martin presented the overview of the state plan, which was not written independently within the WDE. The steering, or writing, committee attended a regional meeting in Washington DC to receive input for direction in writing the state plans. A statewide meeting was then held that received input from all districts and community colleges.

Areas of importance to the State Board of Education were presented for their input to include: Programs of study and career clusters, split of funds in allocated program, tech prep into allocated program, leadership program and reserve.

Funding is split three ways: 5% goes for state administrative funds or \$250,000; 10% goes to state for state leadership activities as described in the federal law; the final 85% to be distributed between secondary (60% proposed) and post secondary institutions (40% proposed).

Teri then opened up the forum for discussion and input from board members.

Teri Wigert noted that the comments will be infused in to the document in tracking changes mode that will be sent out to the board prior to their next meeting in April.

The next State Board of Vocational Education meeting will take place on Thursday, April 5, 2007 via teleconference to present the plan as corrected per the input received today for approval by the board.

## **BOARD UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Marsh asked about the delay in the Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS) results. Dr. McBride said that the WDE is aware of the problem and that he would contact Jeff by telephone to discuss it with him. Deputy Simpson noted that the proficiency results will be available online today in order to determine who needs to take the assessment. Jeff Marsh said he would notify the elementary school that made the inquiry.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.