

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

January 9, 2013

Hathaway Building, Room 126

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Joe Reichardt, Kathy Coon, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Cindy Hill, Sue Belish, Hugh Hageman, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Matt Garland and Scotty Ratliff

Also present: John Masters, WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Representative John Freeman, HD60; Sandy Barton; Laurel Ballard, ETS; Elysia Conner, Casper Star; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Chelsie Bailey conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

Representative John Freeman addressed the Board regarding his concerns about students not enrolling in CTE courses as they were before the Hathaway scholarship. He asked the Board to do whatever they can to promote Career Technical Education in the K-12 system.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Belenda Willson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cindy Hill; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2, 2012, State Board of Vocational Education meeting were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Cindy Hill; the motion carried.

CTE INTRODUCTIONS

Teri Wigert, WDE, introduced the Career and Technical Education team; Guy Jackson, Linda Scott, Ester Weaver, Candise Leininger and Lachelle Brant. This is the group that oversees the work done for the State Board of Vocational Education.

PERKINS STATE PLAN & BUDGET

Linda Scott reviewed with the Board information provided in the packet. The first document was a letter that would be sent to the U.S. Department of the Education, upon the Board's approval. The USDE will be looking at reauthorizing the Perkins grant within the next year and at that point, every state will have to write a new state plan. It is recommended that there is no change to this plan at this time.

The second document presented by Linda Scott was an updated budget. The WDE has not received the anticipated amount in the new budget for next year. She described the formula used to calculate the funding.

The Board is requested to take action and approve the materials to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Sue Belish moved to approve the materials, seconded by Hugh Hageman; the motion carried.

SEQUESTRATION & PERKINS

Teri Wigert notified the Board that the Perkins and all federal funds sequestration cuts have been delayed two months. If Congress does not address the debt ceiling issues before March 1, 2013, there will be deep cuts all across the country in all federally funded programs. The projected cut for Perkins funds is 5.9%, when it is appropriated.

When the Board creates a new state plan, they should anticipate less funding. Teri added that we try not to alarm the school districts and the community colleges, but these cut would go into effect 2013-2014.

The Board is asked to remain thoughtful in the coming months about the reauthorization. Especially relative to: what will be the most significant work with a new law, how to prepare for less money, and new requirements. It is suggested that the State Board form a committee to guide the Wyoming Department of Education and Career and Technical Education team on the reauthorization.

Cindy Hill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

The State Board of Vocational Education adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next Wyoming State Board of Vocational Education meeting will be on March 13, 2013