

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Advisory Committee Members: Toney Rigali, Sandy Hespe, John Barnes, Brenda Long, and Johnny Cates;

Guests: Emily Richardson and Sarah Herzog, Legislative Analyst, Senate Finance Committee; and

VDOE Representative: Elizabeth Russell.

UPDATES

- Toney Rigali met with Senator Webb recently. Toney reported that the Senator understands about the labor shortage and is going to work with us on it.
- Liz reported the State Plan was approved in February by the Board and has been submitted to the federal level. There were a few questions for secondary, but these have been answered. Post secondary is working on questions on their section. The Plan will not be approved until post-secondary has completed their portion. We hope to receive approval within the next two weeks.

The 85/15 split for Perkins funds will continue. Ninety-one public comments were received and out of those all but three supported the 85/15 split.

A federal review was conducted in December. Virginia was cited for not meeting their state match. The Finance office is working on an answer.

At this point vacant positions at the DOE are not being filled. Presently CTE has two vacant positions.

As of July 1, the Virginia Community College System will administer the Workforce Investment Act grant in Virginia.

ACADEMIC CAREER PLANS

The governor has requested the plans be in place starting in seventh or eighth grade through high school. The question was raised if there will be a template in place for all to use or will each school use their own. Joe Wharff, in guidance at the DOE, will be working with this when it gets down to fine tuning the template. This system will have to go through NOIRA (Notice of Intended Regulatory Action). It will then go through public hearings and then back to the board for review. It has to go through this

process because it is in the Standards of Accreditation. The Academic Career Plan may go into place in 2009-10.

We are required by Perkins law to have plans of study. We are willing to change the name of our plans of study to blend with the academic career plan. Joe Wharff will work with us on this. We have just finalized the template to use with the plans of study. There is an electronic version of the template on the DOE Web site under Standards of Accreditation.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TECHNICAL DIPLOMA

The technical diploma has to go through the same process. The requirements have only been proposed, not passed.

Brenda Long provided the following information that VACTE has gathered: A proposal has been given to the Board by the Office of Public Policy that takes the standard diploma and rearranges some requirements with no increase in the number of credits. They just added CTE. VACTE took the stand that the technical diploma should exceed what is required for the standard diploma. What is proposed has a few CTE concentrations and one year for a foreign language and still has 22 credits.

Discussion was held and Brenda Long said it was thought the technical diploma would be more between the standard and advanced than it is now. It lacks rigor and needs more science, math and foreign language added. Science and math need to be tied to a career pathway. The wording needs to be worked on.

ACTE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The article is about the Governor's Career and Technical Academies in Virginia. Halifax is the first to be approved by the Board of Education in Virginia. The requests are reviewed by SCHEV and VDOE personnel and then go before the State Board. Three are scheduled to go before the Board in May.

CREATING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Liz Russell asked for three volunteers from the advisory committee to go over the applications for this year. Brenda Long, Toney Rigali and Sandy Hespe volunteered and the applications were distributed with score sheets to each. The group is to turn these back in with their selections by the middle of May.

This year a special award will be given to the Virginia PTA at the awards ceremony. Johnny Cates suggested that we might want to give recognition to Ken Plum. It was suggested that he be recognized in the fall by VCEF.

VIRGINIA CAREER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Emily Richardson reported on a successful High Five Conference in April, however, putting the Regional Update meeting and the High Five back-to-back did not help improve attendance. The Foundation is looking at next year holding one-day meetings regionally in four parts of the state and have board members in the regions help with the meeting. This may get more business attendance. This year CTE students spoke and represented CTE outstandingly.

Emily will be meeting next week with her executive committee to help decide what they will do next year. The Foundation is looking at offering calendars again or not. Liz said in working with Virginia PTA, they are looking at doing something with elementary students and CTE and perhaps VCEF can work with them at this level instead of producing the calendars. There are approximately 93,000 students at the first grade level; 88,000 at the fifth grade level; and 80,000 at the seventh grade level. Emily will share this recommendation with the committee. Emily worked with fifth graders with Sandy Hespe and the interest was impressive. She would be interested in working with the PTA.

The Foundation will complete their sixth year this June. The last five years have been devoted mainly to public awareness with students, parents, and teachers. It is felt we now need to spend the same amount of time on business partnerships.

The Foundation welcomes suggestions from the advisory group on gaining support from businesses.

Johnny Cates asked if the Foundation has considered partnering with Chambers of Commerce throughout the state. Emily said they have worked with the Chamber of Commerce and have them on their mailing lists. We do have their support but they are not organized in a way that makes it easy to get information to all. The chambers are operated individually. Would like to get them involved in local Career Days. Emily has tried by providing a tool kit to allow local businesses to encourage their employees to get out to work with local schools and education. It was online and they did not get a lot of response. Toney Rigali reported that they have worked with Dominion Power. Dominion Power is looking at ways to replace their aging workforce and this partners well with CTE.

CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Liz Russell reported the following will be going of the Advisory Committee: Ray Tate, Brenda Long, Craig Balzer, Daisy Stewart and Parker Johnson. A superintendent's memo will be going out to ask for nominations for all advisory committees. Liz will let the committee know when this goes out.

Several of our advisory members have asked if we can have sub-committees. The advisory committee will discuss this at a later meeting.

Toney Rigali announced he will be moving his office back to Stockton and Commerce Street location. The committee is welcome to use this facility for future meetings.

John Barnes spoke on the lack of “soft” skills of students. We need to work on this when training students. Liz reported that the Workplace Readiness Skills unit in each course and the NOCTI Virginia Workplace Readiness Skills Test plus one IC³ test should help with this.

FUTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| June 16, 08 | The Creating Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held at the Doubletree Airport Hotel in Richmond. The committee will meet at the Doubletree at 9 a.m. and then adjourn to participate in the awards ceremony. |
| July 24, 08 | Tentative date for Annual Report to the Board of Education. Mike Mills will present the Advisory Committee report at this meeting. The committee is invited to attend, but this is not a formal meeting. |
| Sept. 23, 08 | Roanoke Plaza Hotel – begin at 1 p.m. |
| January 15, 09 | Richmond in conjunction with the VACTE Conference
Begin at 10 a.m. |
| April 23, 09 | Fairfax or Arlington – locality to be determined
Begin at 10 a.m. |

Meeting adjourned.