

**Virginia Advisory Committee Meeting
for
Career and Technical Education
June 17, 2010
9:00 a.m. – Jefferson/Madison Room
Double Tree Hotel
Richmond, Virginia**

MINUTES

In attendance: Judy Sorrell, Jerry Stewart, Virginia Jones, Al Melton, Sandy Hesse, Mike Mills, Byron Hinton, Allan Melton, Jane Foy, Alan Hawthorne, Liz Russell, Lynn May, Fred Norman, and Chad Ratliff.

Guests: Eleanor Saslaw, Lan Neugent, Brenda Long, and Maury Brown.

Mike Mills called the meeting to order and welcomed the group to Richmond. Mike indicated that this was his last meeting and thanked everyone for their support and dedication. Liz Russell, Toney Rigali, and Judy Sorrell will also be leaving the board. A big “thank you” to Mike, Liz, Toney, and Judy for all they have done during their tenure on this board.

Minutes from the April meeting were presented and approved.

Presentation by Mrs. Saslaw:

- This is an active advisory committee and you are to be commended for your efforts. The SBOE is anxious to continue communication with Mr. Neugent as the liaison.
- Virginia is ahead in CTE nationwide. It is and should be academic, as well as, technology based with an emphasis on STEM—hand-in-hand with special education and advanced students.
- The Program of Work is good—continue to communicate through VDOE staff to BOE as this document changes.
- Continue to monitor Race To The Top.
- Former students make great advocates—bring them into the classroom.
- Educate parents and community members on the rigor of the new diploma options.
- **Recommendations:**
Marrying of comprehensive high schools with STEM Academies—encourage collaboration.
Expand ACP – guidance counselors have to be on board, CTE teachers will play a vital role in working with counselors to share information and keep them “in the know”.

Department of Education Updates, presented by Liz Russell

- Virginia View will continue for K-6
- At the National Level: There is a possibility in the next Perkins law (2014) that the Tech Prep, Title II will be included into Title I. Even though there is no “new” money added to the allocation, this is still known as an infusion of new funds and there is a “hold harmless” clause which would keep small states from losing money. Virginia is considered a large state and would lose funding. This does not impact the current Perkins law and in Virginia, the Perkins funding will remain at the 85-15 split with 85 going to secondary and 15 going to post-secondary.
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/NCLB is looking at including CTE within the next reauthorization and looking at common standards for CTE and common core standards.
- The federal level is also looking at accountability at the post-secondary level—while some states already have this, Virginia is not at the level being discussed.
- There is a grant from the Department of Labor at the Community College level to bring LPN’s up to RN level.
- Law at the national level requiring “electronic medical history” is causing an – increased need for training in this occupational field.

Posting for Liz’s position has been done. Anne and George will serve in the interim.

Advocacy/Marketing Team Presentation:

“Leadership Charlottesville” was presented by Chad, Maury, and Jane. This is about connecting jobs in demand with training programs for students. The biggest barrier is parents, then counselors. A Web site describing opportunities has been developed—the hope is to duplicate this being local specific.

General Comments:

- Mike Mills: We are an advisory committee and should provide consistent communication through the VDOE staff to the SBOE.
- Byron Hinton: An example of our role is dual enrollment concerns—we need to bring this to the attention of the SBOE.
- Lan Neugent: Go through “channels”
- Eleanor Saslaw: You are on the right track; look forward to increased communication as the SBOE needs to hear your ideas and concerns.

Upcoming Meetings: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hespe, Secretary