

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION
10:00 a.m.

October 1, 2009

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Jack Justus. The meeting was held at Cave City High School, 711 North Main, Cave City.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Jack Justus, Chairman
Mr. Phil Taylor
Mrs. Lucy Ralston
Mr. Richard Smith

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members
Mr. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.
Ex-Officio Secretary

ABSENT

Ms. Martha Dixon

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members
Dr. Tom Kimbrell
Dr. Jim Purcell

Mr. Jack Justus asked Mr. John Davidson, deputy director of career and technical education, to introduce Mr. Steve Green, superintendent of Cave City School District, and Mr. Marc Walling, principal of Cave City High School.

Mr. Marc Walling welcomed board members and guests to Cave City High School and invited them on a tour of the school's career and technical education programs.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2009

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved minutes of August 6, 2009.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NEW TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS IN ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Mr. Marion Fletcher, program manager for agriculture education, and Mr. Chris Bacchus, program public school advisor for agriculture education, introduced the board members to the CAERT lesson plan library. Through this resource, instructors have access to lesson plans that are directly linked to the Arkansas Career and Technical Education Frameworks, as well as the Arkansas Academic and Workplace Skills and the National Agriculture Food and Natural Resources Standards.

Mr. Bacchus also introduced to the board members the new Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) that is available to every agriculture student in Arkansas. The AET is an online record-keeping system that students use to track their experiences, hours, and financial records throughout their entire agriculture program. The AET program also allows

the teachers to keep online calendars of chapter events and to manage and submit all chapter reports.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – ARKANSAS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Ms. Sandra Porter, associate director for workforce training, provided the board members an update on the Arkansas Leadership Academy, which was developed under the inspiration of Director Bill Walker.

Ms. Porter stated that the academy was created to develop teacher leaders across our state to meet two needs: (1) the impact of retirements on the Career Tech teacher community and (2) the need to develop leadership and capacity in the Delta.

Two sessions of this two-year program have already been held, one at the Hot Springs Convention Center on June 15-17, 2009 and the other was held at the Holiday Day Inn Airport Conference Center on September 17-18, 2009.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – CTE ASSESSMENT

Ms. Karen Chisholm, program manager for the office of assessment and curriculum, informed the board that her office has just finished its most successful year ever with over 104,000 assessments completed, for an increase of nearly 40,000 assessments from last year.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – PROMOTION OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY THROUGH BUSINESS EDUCATION MARKETING/TECHNOLOGY

Mr. James Brock, program manager for business and marketing technology, updated the board on his office's efforts to promote economic and financial literacy in Arkansas high schools through teacher training and to incorporate economics and financial literacy into existing programs of study.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walker informed the board that the *Arkansas Works* rollout, which will be announced by Governor Mike Beebe, has been rescheduled for November 9, 2009 at the joint meeting of the State Board of Career Education, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Arkansas Board of Education.

It was announced that the central office of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division will relocate to 525 W. Capitol, with the move scheduled to begin in December. The second phase of the relocation, which will include the offices at Corporate Hill Drive, will take place in 2011.

Ms. Cissy Rucker, the new administrator at the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI), was introduced.

Mr. Robert Treviño, ARS commissioner, informed the board that the \$5.8 million awarded to ARS under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) has been fully invested and that ARS has received an additional \$2 million in federal money.

Mr. Treviño also informed the board that a new district field office for rehabilitation services has opened in West Memphis.

Mr. Walker announced the following dates:

- Nov. 9, 2009 – joint board meeting at Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock. It is the Department of Higher Education's year to host the meeting.
- Dec. 10, 2009 – Department of Career Education's joint staff meeting at Clear Channel Metroplex in Little Rock.

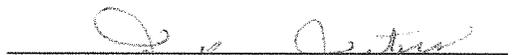
Mr. Walker thanked the administrators of Cave City High School for the tour and the outstanding work that they and their staff are doing to improve their student's lives.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Justus adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.



William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary
State Board of Career Education



Jack Justus, Chairman
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