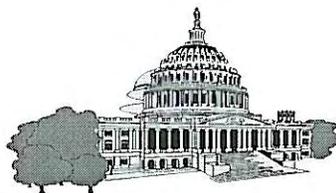


AGENDA MANUAL

State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities

April 5, 2007



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AGENDA

State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities (SBWECO)

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education
Luther S. Hardin Building
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April 5, 2007
9:30 a.m.

1. Action Item - Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2007
2. Action Item – Approval to Designate ASU-Searcy Area Career Center As ASU-Searcy Regional Career Center
3. Action Item – Approval of the One Year State Transition Plan for Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV)
4. Information Item – Salaries for Adult Education Personnel
5. Director's Report

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

March 15, 2007

Chairman Jack Justus called a meeting of the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities (SBWECO) to order at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Offices, VR/Employment Center/Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in Little Rock at 9:30 a.m.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Jack Justus, Chairman
Mrs. Lucy Ralston
Mr. Robert McClanahan
Mr. Phil Taylor
Mr. Richard Smith
Mrs. Kathy Scarsdale
Mr. John Wyvill, Ex-Officio Secretary

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members
None

ABSENT

Mr. Terry Youngblood

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members
Dr. Linda Beene
Dr. Ken James

1. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 7, 2006

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously approved the minutes of December 7, 2006.

2. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 16, 2007

On motion by Mrs. Scarsdale and second by Mr. Taylor, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously approved the minutes of February 16, 2007.

3. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF 2007 MEETING DATES

Mr. Justus recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities set the following meeting dates for 2007 per A.C.A. 25-6-302:

Thursday, March 15, 2007
Thursday, April 5, 2007

Thursday, June 7, 2007
Thursday, August 2, 2007
Thursday, October 4, 2007
Thursday, December 6, 2007

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mrs. Ralston, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously voted to set the following meeting dates for 2007:

Thursday, March 15, 2007
Thursday, April 5, 2007
Thursday, June 7, 2007
Thursday, August 2, 2007
Thursday, October 4, 2007
Thursday, December 6, 2007

4. ACTION ITEM – AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND STIPEND FOR BOARD MEMBERS PERFORMING OFFICIAL BOARD DUTIES

Ms. Deborah Germany, who was representing Mr. Charles Brown, recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities approve by a majority vote the authorization of payment to its members of a stipend not to exceed eighty-five dollars (\$85) per meeting attended. She also recommended that the board approve by a majority vote the authorization of expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties.

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mr. McClanahan, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously voted to approve the authorization of payment to its members of a stipend not to exceed eighty-five dollars (\$85) per meeting attended and to approve the authorization of expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties.

5. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF THE HIGH-DEMAND TECHNICAL FIELDS FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008 FOR THE ARKANSAS TECHNICAL CAREERS STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Ms. Deborah Germany recommended that the State Board of Workforce and Career Opportunities approve the continuation of Computer/Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, and Biomedical/Biotechnology as the high-demand technical fields for the year 2007-2008.

On motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Taylor, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously voted to approve the continuation of Computer/Information Technology, Biomedical/Biotechnology, and Advanced Manufacturing as the high-demand technical fields for the year 2007-2008.

6. ACTION ITEM – DESIGNATION BY INSTITUTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE HIGH-DEMAND TECHNICAL FIELDS FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008 FOR THE ARKANSAS TECHNICAL CAREERS STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Ms. Germany recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities designate by institution technical education programs in the high-demand technical fields of Computer/Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, and Biomedical/Biotechnology.

Ms. Germany stated that A.C.A. 6-50-205 requires that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities annually develop and publish a list of technical education programs that are eligible for the Arkansas Technical Careers Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

Ms. Germany asked that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities approve continuation of the programs from the 2006-2007 academic year into the 2007-2008 academic year and make no new program additions until the Loan Forgiveness committee finishes their study to determine centrally what programs will be eligible.

On motion by Mrs. Scarsdale and second by Mr. McClanahan, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously designated by institution technical education programs in the high-demand technical fields of Advanced Manufacturing, Computer/Information Technology, and Biomedical/Biotechnology.

7. INFORMATION ITEM – CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

Mr. John Davidson, deputy director for career and technical education, presented a PowerPoint/video presentation on the need for Perkins and the issues the board must address in the Perkins State Plan. He also gave the board a timeline for the plan, a draft of which will be presented to the board for its approval at the April meeting.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wyvill reported on the following items:

Mr. Wyvill updated the board members on legislative items concerning the department.

Director's package contains several success stories.

9. RESOLUTION

Mr. Justus presented Mr. John Wyvill, director of the Department of Workforce Education, with a resolution from the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities expressing its appreciation for his years of service and dedication to the department.

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mrs. Ralston, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities voted unanimously to adopt the resolution expressing appreciation to Mr. John Wyvill for his years of service and dedication to the Department of Workforce Education.

Mr. Wyvill then expressed his gratitude for the support of board members during his time as the director of the department.

Mr. Justus introduced Sen. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., to the board as the incoming director.

Sen. Walker presented a plaque of appreciation, on behalf of the board, to Mr. Wyvill. He expressed his appreciation and that of Gov. Mike Beebe for all of Mr. Wyvill's help and professionalism in ensuring a smooth transition. He also presented Mr. Wyvill with an Arkansas flag that was flown over the State Capitol at the request of Sen. Sharon Trusty.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Justus adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

John Wyvill, Ex-Officio Secretary
State Board of Workforce Education
and Career Opportunities

Jack Justus, Chairman
State Board of Workforce Education
and Career Opportunities



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April 5, 2007

TO: State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities

FROM: Lee Griffith, Associate Director for Workforce Training 

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE ASU-SEARCY AREA CAREER CENTER AS ASU-SEARCY REGIONAL CAREER CENTER

ACTION RECOMMENDED: It is recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities (SBWECO) approve designating the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center as the ASU-Regional Career Center.

RATIONALE: As it is currently structured, the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center serves high schools within a 25 mile radius of the center. ASU-Searcy is a part of the ASU-Beebe system which is made up of five campuses serving eight counties.

By changing "area" to "regional", programs and services would be more readily offered from each campus to high schools in the ASU-Beebe service area.



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January 5, 2007

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Dear Lee:

I have reviewed Preston's request for "Regional Center" designation and I am supportive and excited about the possibilities of expanding services to students that are currently not being served by our center.

Thank you for your assistance in securing approval as a "Regional Center".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Harlan", with a large circular flourish at the beginning.

Don Harlan
Vice Chancellor
ASU-Searcy

DH/ph



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Dear Lee:

Please consider this a request for the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities to approve the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center to be designated a Regional Career Center. As a result of our merger with ASU-Beebe a "regional designation" would enable the ASU-Searcy Regional Career Center to expand its services to school districts in the ASU-Beebe service area that may not currently be considered a part of the service area. A designation of "ASU-Searcy Regional Career Center" would facilitate the expansion of service to other local school districts located in the ASU-Beebe service area with the understanding that expansion would be limited to the ASU-Beebe service area.

A "regional" career center designation would allow the opportunity to place programs on various campuses thus expanding services to students within the service area of the ASU-Beebe system. Schools could be served in locations that currently receive no services from an area career center. A regional designation would allow the opportunity for the ASU-Searcy Regional Career Center to expand services to at least seven additional school districts including Cabot, Carlisle, Des Arc, DeValls Bluff, England, Hazen and Lonoke. New programs established in these areas may provide the opportunity for high school students to receive concurrent college credit that will link to college programs of study within the ASU-Beebe system. In some instances the facilities, equipment, and instructors can be shared between the postsecondary and secondary programs increasing the efficiency of operation and expanding course offerings for students.

The ASU-Searcy Area Career Center was formerly the Foothills Vocational Center until the merger with ASU-Beebe in 2003. Merging with a two year college enabled the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center to serve a larger area than the current twenty five mile limit of an Area Career Center. The ASU-Beebe system includes the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center located in Bald Knob and four university campuses located in Beebe, Heber Springs, Little Rock Air Force Base, and Searcy. The service area includes parts of White, Cleburne, Independence, Jackson, Woodruff, Prairie, Lonoke, and Faulkner counties. At this time there are secondary programs on three of the ASU-Beebe campuses. The Searcy and Bald Knob locations were part of the original Foothills programs. The Heber Springs campus area was implemented in 2004 as a satellite of the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center through the Arkansas Department of

Workforce Education. When the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center applied for a satellite location at ASU-Heber Springs, all of the necessary agreements were made with an agency that was a part of the same system. The agreements were ASU-Beebe agreements with ASU-Beebe. Although the campuses are located in different towns and counties, they are a part of one system which shares a central purchasing system, human resources, and an academic affairs department provided by ASU-Beebe. The director of the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center reports to the Vice Chancellor of the ASU-Searcy campus. The Vice Chancellor of Searcy is responsible for the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center, but he reports to the Chancellor of ASU-Beebe. A "regional designation" would eliminate repetition of agreements each time the ASU-Searcy Area Career Center needs to start programs at different locations within the region served by the ASU-Beebe system.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Preston Haynie".

Preston Haynie, Director
ASU-Searcy Area Career Center

PH/ph



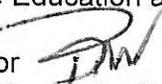
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April 5, 2007

TO: State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities

FROM: William L. Walker, Director 
John Davidson, Deputy Director for Career & Technical Education 

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF THE ONE YEAR STATE TRANSITION PLAN FOR CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2006 (PERKINS IV)

ACTION RECOMMENDED: It is recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities approve the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) One Year State Transition Plan.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) was signed by President Bush on August 12. Since the Department is the sole state agency responsible for these federal funds, the Board will be required to approve either a new six-year state plan or a one-year transition plan no later than May 7, 2007.



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TO: State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities

FROM: William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director *BW*
George French, Deputy Director *George French*

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM – SALARIES FOR ADULT EDUCATION PERSONNEL

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Since the Adult Education Section contracts with LEAs, it is essential that those employed on a full-time basis be paid a salary equivalent to the LEA salary scale. In order to attract and retain quality part-time adult education personnel, it is necessary to pay hourly salaries competitive with those paid to other part-time instructors in the LEAs. Guidelines that will allow for some type of performance increase in the hourly wage of part-time paraprofessionals in the LEAs are needed.

This is information for and consideration of the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities for the revision of the policy for Salaries for Adult Education Personnel:

Paraprofessionals with high school diploma/GED	max of \$ 10.00 per hr.
Paraprofessionals with associate's degree	max of \$ 12.00 per hr.
Paraprofessionals with bachelor's degree (4 year)	max of \$ 16.00 per hr.

Program directors will have the flexibility of a beginning hourly wage and system of increasing increments.

Note: This policy was last revised on June 10, 1999.