

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 22, 2019

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Denise Carnaggio, Joseph Collins, Edward Davidson, Jeanne Donlick, Karen Goodison, Kelly Koerner, Robert Limpert, Joy Pelt, Joe Ricci, Patrice Ricciardi, Dave Thomey.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Patrice Ricciardi asked is everyone had a chance to review the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dave Thomey and seconded by Joan Betzold. She then reviewed the agenda.

- **Welcome and Bio-Medical Update**

We currently have the Bio-Medical program at two of our schools. It's been at Bel Air High for about eight years and Havre de Grace High for about six years. It is one of our more popular specialized programs. It is part of the application process that we run for our magnet programs. It is one of the more competitive programs at Bel Air high school, we have around 250 students that have applied for the 70 seats that are available there. The criteria is the same as the Magnet programs. It used to be called a signature program. We do not allow boundary exceptions for the specialized programs, you must already be in the Havre de Grace High Schools district in order to be in the program at Havre de Grace and the same for Bel Air's Bio-Medical Program. We do have specialized programs at every single high school except Fallston High. Here is the link to Bel Air High Schools YouTube page and website <https://www.youtube.com/user/bahsbiomed>. Mr. Burke has also received two emails from students who have graduated to say thank you because what they learned in the program had them better prepared in the graduate or undergraduate work.

- **CTE Grant/Reserve update**

We just submitted our midyear reports to the State. As of the date of the reports we have spent 66% of our Perkins Grant. One of the two reserve grants we have spent 26% and the over reserve grant we have spent zero. The one we have spent zero of is the one we wrote for the new Havre de Grace High School computer science program (the Oracle Program).

- **Group discussion on CTE needs**

Part of the new Perkins V is that we must look at in great detail the labor market data and if we plan on expanding programs or introducing new programs, we must have the labor market data included in our submission form. If you have ideas or suggestions, please keep this in mind as well as the budget. It was mentioned that there is a need for people that do cabinetry/furniture repair and upholstery. Unfortunately, we don't have the labor market

data that is required by the State. Could be looked at as an apprenticeship but they would need to be DLLR registered apprentice. Kelly commented that Denise and herself have spent a lot of time looking over data for the last several months and the top programs they found were Advanced Manufacturing, Construction and Transportation/Logistics/CDL. They feel expanding on those programs and doing apprenticeship and maybe even pre-apprenticeships are the way we should be going.

Mr. Limpert mentioned that when the Superintendent first came on board he mentioned that he was looking at Ptech opportunities. If you are not familiar with Ptech schools, they are a partnerships between an industry partner, local community college and the local school system for student to get into high demand jobs by being in a semi accelerated program where they can get their high school diploma and their associates degree in four, five or six years based on the students ability, when they enter and their ability to complete the advanced coursework. They are also partnered with an industry partner that at the conclusion leads them right into a job. They are very successful in Baltimore City where they are partnering with Johns Hopkins and IBM. The dilemma when we looked at it a couple of years ago was who is our big partner like Johns Hopkins and IBM and there isn't really one in Harford County. In a brief phone conference, he had last week with the Superintendent, he mentioned that there seemed to be a tremendous interest from Aberdeen Proving Ground. So that may be something we as a system try to go in that direction. The biggest stumbling block for Harford County will be the transportation piece. How do we get students to and on the base?

- **Budget Impact on CTE Programs**

We are in crises mode regarding our budget. There are going to be 179 instructional positions that are going to be cut. Most of those positions have been notified that their position is being eliminated. The Superintendent has reinforced to those individuals that they will retain a job. It does not mean that they will be doing the current job or current placement. The impact to CTE obviously losing that number is going to affect programs. There are several high schools that have CTE programs that will be impacted as a result of the cuts that have been allocated and could result in eliminating some programs. Several of the programs will be impacted by the staff being reduced 50%. There will be an impact on offerings to students and we expect to see it seriously impact our CTE enrollment. On the 24 of January there is a County Executive budget meeting at 6pm. It will be open for public input. Mr. Limpert will be attending.

- **MSDE Monitoring Visit Update**

The monitoring visit is scheduled for March 25. We are about 98 percent done. We have a meeting scheduled on February 5 with Dean Kendall from MSDE to make sure that we have everything done.

- **CAC BOE report March 11, 2019**

Board of Education presentation will be on March 11. Our presentation is ready to go. We are given about 20 minutes to present. This meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

- **Open Dialogue**

Patrice asked who to send scholarship information to in order to make sure that the information gets out to the students. Dave Tomey mentioned that this year makes the third year in a row that a Harford County Public school was awarded a grant through his company. Kelly Koermer also commented that the dual credit programs in business, accounting and marketing are going strong. In Fall of 2017 we had about 25 students enrolled and in Fall of 2018 we had 106 students enrolled. The grade point class average was actually higher than the traditional class. Fallston High actually posted on their website that the class average was a 90.4%. This spring students will be taking Principals of Marketing and Accounting II. There will be 143 students enrolled. In the Fall all but two schools were represented and in the Spring all schools will be represented.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

We will have a follow up of our Board of Education presentation at our next meeting as well as an update of our Pre-Engineering program. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

Reminders: The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council on Career and Technology Education is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.

*Inclement weather policy: if schools are delayed or closed the meeting will be canceled.