

Executive (KACC) Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Kankakee Area Career Center

Members Present

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| Beecher: | Jeffrey McCartney (8:33am) | Bradley: | Scott Wakeley |
| Central: | Tonya Evans (8:34am) | Grant Park: | John Palan, Chairman |
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| St. Anne: | Rick Levek | Reg. Office: | Gregg Murphy |

Absent: Herscher, Kankakee, and Manteno

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Committee, Kankakee County, State of Illinois was called to order on September 11, 2014 at 8:32 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Palan welcomed Ms. Goodale who returned following a brief illness.

CONSENT AGENDA

1-3) A motion was made by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Levek at 8:33 a.m. to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the KACC Regular Executive Committee Meeting, accounts payable and finance reports. Dr. Murphy requested an amendment to the September minutes, adding him as “present.” Motion carried as amended by unanimous roll-call vote.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

4. Director’s Report:

- a. Mr. Fay updated the board on a recent Kankakee Housing Summit he attended. The meeting was interesting, informative and included several speakers, including Dr. Walters, Mayor Epstein and a woman from an Atlanta district with similar circumstances. She did mention to Mr. Fay the new Charter school they developed is 100% college prep with no CTE. Mr. Fay talked about the new bonus programs and lending incentives in the area.
- b. US Congresswoman, Robin Kelley, came to tour KACC and see first-hand our curriculum in action. She appeared very interested in what goes on at KACC and questioned what, outside of additional funding, might her office do to help bolster the school. Mr. Fay talked about informing her of the push for a 4th year math requirement and additional stipulations for CTE teacher provisional licensure. Mr. Fay will be following up with additional correspondence to Congresswoman Kelley and mentioned an upcoming meet and greet to be held at Brickstone Brewery October 29th sponsored by the Kankakee Chamber.
- c. IL Dept. of Employment Hearing occurred last week involving a former instructor at KACC who resigned and then applied for unemployment insurance. Mr. Fay stated he was informed in writing this claim has, for the second time, been denied. There is another appeal process. If an appeal is made, Mr. Fay will keep the board apprised of the matter.
- d. Sophomore Day is next Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming the students. Numbers are a bit down this year as some schools are being more selective of who may sign up for the event.
- e. ISBE Audit will be done by Brian Houser on October 29th here at the Career Center. An initial questionnaire was completed and has been submitted to Mr. Houser.
- f. Strategic Planning: Mr. Fay informed the board of his intent to present a Strategic Plan at the November combined KARVES/KACC Board Meeting (6:00 p.m. at Kankakee Country Club). In

addition to the plan, Mr. Fay will present a look-back document highlighting accomplishments in a variety of areas from the past 7 years. Mr. Fay reviewed both documents with those present, noting there will be continued updates prior to the final documents in November. Dr. Palan questioned the amount of cash on hand, as KACC met the goal of maintaining 6 months of operating cash on hand. Mr. Fay stated this amount is 1.5 million dollars, which will diminish quickly based upon the technology infrastructure and other updates to our physical plant needing to be completed and therefore, funded.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5. PRESS Policy Presentation Second Reading for Potential Adoption and/or Review: A motion was made by Mr. Levek, seconded by Mr. Miller at 8:48 a.m. a.m. to approve the PRESS policies as presented for final approval. Motion carried by unanimous voice

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Principal's Report
 - a. Life Safety: Ms. Goodale reported 3 initial fire drills were performed last month. We are awaiting a surprise fire drill to be completed by Bourbonnais Fire District. Additionally, a portion of the last teachers' in-service was dedicated to an Intruder Alert Training presented by a member of the Kankakee County Sherriff's Police.
 - b. New Instructors: Ms. Goodale reported KACC pretty much "*hit a home run*" when it comes to the new instructors hired this year. While they are new and will continue to be mentored and trained, the year has started off well. Ms. Goodale stated she looks forward to seeing their development.
 - c. Teacher Evaluations: Ms. Goodale stated the second observations performed this year will be unannounced observations. The traditional scheduled observations will all be done 1st semester.
 - d. Type 2 Assessments: Ms. Goodale informed the Board the C.N.A. Training Class was the first to undergo the Type 2 pre-test. As Mr. Fay indicated earlier, technological infrastructure is somewhat constraining as well as a tight testing window mandated by TeachSharp.
7. Special Populations: Mr. Fay reported on behalf of Mr. Kelley, who is at a workshop today.
 - a. WorkKeys: Pretest results have been received, parents notified of results. Students are already in Learning Center for Tutoring. First semester will be dedicated to reading and second semester, to math. Mr. Fay mentioned Mr. Kelley has fielded several calls from parents and has done a wonderful job communicating our goal to see all students perform well academically.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Goodale informed the board she did bring the topic of grade scales up at her recent Principal's meeting. Ms. Goodale requested the Superintendents encourage their principals to attend the next meeting as it will be brought up again in hopes of better attendance. Dr. Wakeley stated he will personally come if his principal is unavailable and restated his reasoning for the need to change the KACC grading scale. Dr. Palan concurred with Dr. Wakeley and stated a stricter grading scale does not create a more rigorous curriculum and wants to see his students have every advantage possible. Dr. Wakeley stated the need for everyone to remember the question must be "What's in it for the student? Can they get there doing what we are doing now, or are we inhibiting them?" Dr. Palan and Wakeley expressed their thanks to Ms. Goodale for pursuing this item with principals and look forward to the results.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. McCartney, seconded by Dr. Wakeley at 8:59 a.m. to adjourn the regular meeting of the KACC Executive Board. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

As Recorded By: _____
Tonya Evans, Secretary

Attested By:

John Palan, Chairman