

Executive (KACC) Board Meeting
KARVES Administrative Board of Control Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
BrickStone Restaurant and Brewery, Kankakee, IL

Members Present

Bradley – Dr. Scott Wakeley & Todd Kuntz
Grant Park – Dr. John Palan, (KACC Chairman) & David Dickson (6:05pm)
Herscher –Dr. Richard Decman (KACC Vice Chairman) & Jacqueline Reick
Kankakee – Darrell Williams (6:16 pm)
Momence –Shannon Anderson & Sandra Illum (KARVES Secretary)
Peotone –Steve Stein & Richard Uthe, KARVES Chairman Pro-Tem
St. Anne – Charles Stegall & Kurt Moranz
Regional Superintendent – Frank Petkunas
Kankakee Community College –Dr. David Naze

Director – Matthew Kelley
Assistant Director /Principal – Timothy Guerin
Dean/Special Projects Coordinator – Lucas Papineau
Recording Secretary – Alice Argyelan

Absent: Beecher, Central, Manteno

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Kankakee Area Career Center (KACC) Executive Committee and Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System (KARVES) Administrative Board of Control, Kankakee County, State of Illinois called to order on November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On behalf of KARVES and KACC, Mr. Kelley expressed his appreciation to the Administrative Board of Control and Executive Board. Mr. Kelley informed everyone November 15 is School Board Member Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1-4) A motion was made by Ms. Illum, seconded by Ms. Reick at 6:01 p.m. to approve the Consent Agenda, including minutes from the October Regular session of the Kankakee Area Career Center; minutes from the August KARVES/KACC Combined Regular session meeting; accounts payable and financial reports. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

GUEST SPEAKER

5. Urban Farmer: Mr. Kelley introduced John Keigher and Jonathan Keigher. Mr. Keigher shared his personal story, attending Kankakee Area Career Center as a senior in high school. He had an excellent experience, stating his computer teacher had a “profound impact” on his life. Mr. Keigher spoke of his time at Midwest Transit and then moving on to Urban Farmer. This company has grown from 40 to 450 employees in the past year and their operations have expanded to co-packaging for other companies as well. The corporate culture, according to Mr. Keigher is to be about family and food – not a factory. As far as entry-level employment is concerned, Mr. Keigher stated they look more for people with the right attitude as they can train people once hired. Mr. Kelley questioned what he sees as a need for new

applicants. Mr. Keigher stated technical schools are great, but young people often do not interview well or be able to communicate and demonstrate soft skills don't follow up on their application. There are continued openings and growth in the maintenance, quality assurance, tech, production line and sanitation. Mr. Moranz questioned if KACC should be moving students from welding and auto tech into a more maintenance curriculum. Mr. Kelley spoke about the difficulty experienced in attracting enough students to a maintenance class to justify a program. Mr. Kelley expounded on disconnect often found between a classically trained educator teaching an engineering course and teaching the fundamental skills needed for many engineering positions. Mr. Anderson questioned if Urban Farmers works with VanDrunan Farms. Mr. Keigher stated they do. In fact, they process 18 million pounds of cauliflower per year – not all vegetables are locally sourced. Mr. Anderson questioned if Urban Farmers is where they want to be, or going to continue growing. Mr. Keigher stated there are new projects in the works and continued growth will continue to be their trend. Urban Farmer received the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Award for exceptional economic development projects in Illinois just this past September.

KCC UPDATE

6. Dr. Naze shared information on the following:
 - a. Dual Credit Advisory Meeting: Based on feedback received, the inaugural meeting of this committee was well received and discussion fruitful. Work continues to build on the momentum with KACC and area high schools to promote and offer as much dual credit as feasible.
 - b. Internship/On-the-Job Training: Dr. Naze spoke of a new grant and efforts obtain letters of support from Van Drunan, CSL, BSAF, etc. looking to be awarded funds for an internship, pre-apprenticeship program. Mr. Kelley spoke of his vision to essentially to bring a KCC instructor to KACC. Students would be vetted and if approved, take 1 day per week from their curriculum at KACC teaching a maintenance course. Following graduation, students who are placed with local companies involved in program continue their education at KCC while they are working. Mr. Moranz stated most who are left in these types of fields are self-trained. Mr. Kelley reiterated his goals of ensuring students who complete programs at KACC have the option to go straight into the world of work earning a living wage, not a minimum wage. Mr. Kelley spoke of the import of certifications, dual credit and a buy-in from business.
 - c. KCC-KACC Partnership Report: Mr. Naze shared a recent publication highlighting the opportunities, statistics and trends of getting an education at Kankakee Communication. The publication further highlights KACC's partnership, sharing statistics about our students who move on from KACC to KCC. Mr. Stein requested the publication be shared as a .pdf file. He stated it will be beneficial to share with counselors and said "Students need to see this." Dr. Naze assured Mr. Stein and the Board this publication will be made available in myriad ways to ensure it is disseminated to schools and the public.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Tuition Survey Report: Mr. Kelley provided a Career Center Tuition Survey Report which includes 22 of 24 Area Career Centers for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Kelley highlighted:
 - i. 54 Education for Employment (EFE) Districts
 - ii. 24 Career Centers
 - iii. KACC is the 4th largest in the State of 22 respondents
 - iv. KACC Tuition is the 4th lowest in the State of 22 respondents
8. Perkins Reauthorization: Mr. Kelley spoke briefly on this topic. Superintendents should have received an email from ISBE and another one today from the KARVES office. Alignment of pathways and relating them to local business needs is a part of equation. Question is, there has not yet been clear information on how the new Reauthorization, Local and Comprehensive Needs assessments will be completed. Dr. Naze concurred with Mr. Kelley's comments, as the situation is similar for ICCB when

it comes to the Perkins Reauthorization and funding implications. Mr. Kelley mentioned the Perkins will cover CTE going down to 5th Grade. It is yet unclear how adding additional grade levels will effect funding levels.

9. Graduate and Get Paid: Mr. Kelley spoke of the collaboration between Workforce Board, Economic Alliance, KARVES, KACC, KCC and Kankakee County Chamber to create a unique opportunity for KARVES Member School Principals and a Counselor. This group will travel to Peddinghaus, CSL Behring, Amita Health and Nucor to learn about the types of positions they have available and the skill sets and education needed to qualify. A charter bus is arranged for the day. Lunch hosted by Peddinghaus. The day will culminate with a recap reception at Kankakee Community College's North Campus. This will be a great day for learning. KARVES will issue PD hours. Mr. Keigher stated he participated in a Graduate and Get Paid program last year, stating it was fantastic, with Urban Farmer being named Employee of Choice by students.
10. KARVES/KACC Emerging Workforce Conference: Mr. Kelley gave a brief overview of this annual event. Now in its 4th year, Mr. Kelley and the committee are entertaining the potential for bringing local business back to KACC the evening of the event allowing employers and students an opportunity for interviewing and reviewing KACC student portfolios. Mr. Kelley will report more as plans solidify.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

11. Principal's Report: Mr. Guerin was delighted to report on the following:
 - a. KACC Student Attendance: The new attendance policy at KACC has made a marked improvement in attendance. Mr. Guerin presented the statistics comparing 2018 to 2019.
 - b. Workplace Excellence: Mr. Guerin thanked the Daily Journal for highlighting this new program. KACC faculty is doing an excellent job embedding Workplace Excellence into their curriculum. Students are accessing their micro badge and sharing on their social media feeds. These micro badges can accumulate on their profiles and electronic portfolios. The next badge to be issued will be Acceptability.
 - c. Elected Officials Visit KACC: This past month, State Representative Lindsey Parkhurst, Kankakee Auditor Jake Lee and US Congresswoman Robin Kelley came to the Career Center to tour and learn more about KARVES/KACC. Rep. Parkhurst scheduled a second visit, going to the Career Center House 22.
 - d. Court Street Ford Car Donation: Court Street Ford, through the Ford ACE and Asset Programs, recently donated a car to KACC's Auto Tech program. A video, taken from KACC's Multimedia Video Production program was shown at the meeting. Mr. Kelley mentioned the Ford program includes online curriculum component. The work KACC students do is monitored from Ford in Detroit. Mr. Guerin happily reported KACC is one of the top 3 schools in the Great Lakes Region.
12. Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of students: Mr. Papineau stated this school year has being going great, both from the student side and special projects. Mr. Papineau highlighted the following:
 - a. Manteno High School Visit: Mr. Papineau had an opportunity to speak with Manteno Career Exploration students. He was accompanied by 3 KACC student from Manteno who did an exceptional job representing their programs at the Career Center. The students seemed genuinely proud of their programs, stating it is great when students hear from their peers. Mr. Papineau reiterated his willingness to speak to students at all our attending schools.
 - b. Professional Development: Mr. Papineau gave a brief update on professional development programs in which he participated.
 - c. Positive Referral Program: Mr. Papineau reported there were 171 positive referrals. Mr. Papineau complimented the students and stated the school climate has been great.

- d. Dual Credit: Mr. Papineau provided the Board with dual credit application statistics for Kankakee Community College (440 students) Prairie State College (165 students) and Joliet Junior College (85 students). Process is underway to gain dual college credit for Drafting 115 Blueprint Reading as an addition to Drafting + 3D Design, as well as dual credit for Multimedia Video Production.
- e. 8th Grade Day: April 15 and 16, 2020 has been set aside for this annual event. Quality Inn & Suites will once again be the venue. Mr. Papineau reported there are some new business involvement this year.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Illum, seconded by Ms. Reick at 6:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System's Administrative Board of Control and Kankakee and Kankakee Area Career Center's Executive Committee, made a motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

As Recorded By: _____
Sandra Illum, Secretary

Attested: _____
Richard Uthe, Chairman Pro-Tem