

KARVES Administrative Board of Control Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2024
Brickstone, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Bradley- Gretchen DeMarah
Central- Matthew Maxwell & Shonna Beckman
Grant Park-John Palan & Dave Marshelik
Herscher- Richard Decman & Pat Daly
Momence- Shannon Anderson & Coley Halpin
Peotone –Brandon OwensRichard Uthe (Chairman)
Regional Office-Frank Petkunas

Executive Director – Matthew Kelley
Assistant Director /Principal – Timothy Guerin
Dean/Special Projects Coordinator – Lucas Papineau
Recording Secretary –Amy Gorecki

Absent: Beecher, Kankakee, Manteno St. Anne

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System (KARVES) Administrative Board of Control, Kankakee County, State of Illinois called to order on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 5:58 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Happy Board Appreciation Month to all.

CONSENT AGENDA

1-3)) Approve the Consent Agenda including Minutes of August KACC/KARVES Executive Board Session Meetings; October accounts payable; financial reports. A motion was made by Mr. Daly seconded by Ms. Beckman at 6:25 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Kelley introduced the guest speaker, KACC Computer Technology/Cyber Security Instructor, Tim Koerner. Mr. Koerner presented on the following:

- a) Mr. Koerner stated KACC has been the best place to work alongside the adults and students.
- b) Working on a robust program to fill students tool boxes
- c) Focusing on how attacks occur and having students think and act and learn from each other
- d) Teaching theory with practical. Students will learn programs such as CompTIA, Security+, Lenox+, and much more! Looking forward to continuously growing the program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4) Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. Kelley thanked the board specifically for all they do and wished the Veterans in the room a Happy Veteran's Day. Mr. Kelley also presented on the following:

- a) Attended Momence School District Veteran's Day Event and it was great to see the community come together and for a great day. Momence also highlighted Mr. Guerin in their magazine for his service in the Marine Corps
- b) Working with parchment with transcripts. Ensuring that student management system will communicate with parchments system for a seamless transition.
- c) Received a \$100,000 grant from Patrick Joyce in August
- d) KACC Advisory met in September and great to see KACC teachers working with professionals in the industry.
- e) The maintenance grant will be used for automatic door locks
- f) Regionally looking to find a new platform that will work with every district, possibly school links. Previously, we utilized UScience and had 13 schools signed up to participate, now we have 2, which means we need to look at a different platform.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 5) Approve the first reading of Press Plus 117. A motion was made by Mr. Daly, seconded by Mr. Harpin at 6:34 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

KARVES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 6) Principal's Report: Mr. Guerin welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for everyone Mr. Guerin reported for both the Principal's report:
 - a) Mr. Guerin spoke about end of semester is coming soon and continuing to work on teacher engagement with Jason Kennedy. On Jan. 6th will partner with Central School for Institute Day.
 - b) Working on discovery phase of Aviation at KACC. Visited Lewis University this past week for WILCO. Airport has been there for a while, and the class is for seniors only. Our vision would focus on the pilot/flying side. D14 has secured a spot at Kankakee airport. The goal to start the program will be 25 students to help with tuition and payment. Going to Dekalb Career Center next week to look at their program set up. If all goes well, will bring to the board in December.
-Looking at also having certain classes as a requirement for students to take aviation. i.e. Physics.
- 7) Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of Students: Mr. Papineau spoke of his activities from the Dean of Students' perspective and the Special Projects Coordinator. Highlights include:
 - a) Mr. Papineau is currently working on Dual Credit with KCC and Prairie State. The goal being one semester of college for each student that attends KACC.
 - b) Met with Prairie State and looking to have other opportunities for students to earn dual credit and streamlining the process of applying for the dual credit to make it easier for all, and so far it has been working great.
 - c) Mr. Papineau has spoken about Comcast for the past 1 ½ years and it looks like November 20th the final fiber cables run through the school.
- 8) Career Services Department: Ms. Rattin spoke on the following:
 - a) Successful Sophomore Day with over 1,100 students attending.
 - b) Attending Kankakee High School College Fair and also their trades day. It was a success.
 - c) Internships: There are currently 17 students interning for Foundations of Education. Looking to continue internships throughout other classes as well. Looking to continue to build partnerships with construction organizations.
 - d) Auto, Law, Welding, Engineering & Design, Foundations of Ed, & Health Careers all have led to jobs outside of school internships/after school.
 - e) In 23/24 there was 112 students in internships. Hoping to break this record.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Beckman, seconded by Mr. Daley at 6:53 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. Motion carried by unanimous voice-vote.

Note: The next meeting of the KARVES Administrative Board of Control/KACC Executive Committee will be held on March 13, 2025 6:00 p.m., Brickstone.

As Recorded By: _____
Jennifer Edmonds
KARVES Board Secretary

Attested: _____
Richard Uthe
KARVES Board Chairman