

**BLUE RIVER CAREER PROGRAMS
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2015**

The Blue River Career Programs' Governing Board met in regular session, Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 12:00 pm in the board meeting room of the career center, 801 St. Joseph Street, Shelbyville.

Board members present were Mark Nigh, Wendy Gearlds and David Finkel. Superintendents present were David Adams, Paula Maurer and Bob Evans. Also present were Steve Shaw, Director, Sandy Hensley, Treasurer, and Denny Harrold, Corporation Attorney.

Paula Maurer voted in place of Jerry Erwin.

President David Finkel called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND ASK FOR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mary Harper, Assistant Superintendent, Shelbyville Central Schools
Cary Chandler, Triton Central High School Principal
Kristiaan Rawlings, Reporter, Saturday Shelby

Mary Harper reported to the Board on Shelby County Advantage, a Chamber of Commerce initiative that would provide free tuition for Shelby County high school graduates to obtain an associates degree from Ivy Tech Community College. This program is similar to the Tennessee Promise and the Tulsa Achieve. Shelby County Advantage could be ready to roll out sometime this fall and be offered to the graduating Class of 2016.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the April 15, 2015 board meeting were presented for approval. Wendy Gearlds made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mark Nigh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Claims and Payrolls

Prewritten claims 219-234, regular claims 235-295, and payroll claims for pay dates 4/29/15 and 5/13/15 were presented for approval. Paula Maurer made a motion to approve the claims and payrolls as presented. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. Mark Nigh asked why detailed listings of payroll were not included in the packet. It was noted that the board approves teacher contracts and non-certified staff hourly rates. Only the total amounts are necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Overnight – Out of State Field Trips

Mr. Shaw requested approval for two overnight/out of state field trips: HOSA National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 23-29. Fifteen state winners attending along with Advisors Susie Hagerty and Ray Schebler. SkillsUSA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, June 22-26. One state winner attending along with Advisor Erin Fromson. All student expenses are covered by fundraising or self-payments. Perkins funds are used to cover the expenses of the Advisors. Mark Nigh made a motion to approve the overnight/out of state field trips as presented. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Finkel wished the best of luck to the students in bringing home honors.

Accept Grant Award from Duke Energy Foundation

Mr. Shaw informed the board that BRCP applied for and was awarded a grant from Duke Energy Foundation of \$20,000 for the Education to Industry/Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Angie Stieneker continues to work with Cathy Wenning from Duke Energy regarding grant opportunities for our Education to Industry initiative. Mark Nigh made a motion to accept the grant award as presented. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that this is the third year that we have been awarded a grant to help with funding the Education to Industry initiative. Grants received thus far from the Duke Energy Foundation are only year-to-year and it is anticipated that these will decrease or be eliminated in the future. At some point, sending school funds will need to be provided for the program.

Approve Contract Renewal with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for EMERGE

Mr. Shaw reported that this is a continuation of the original agreement for June 1 through May 31, 2016 at \$3,600 per month. Rose Hulman is very happy with our performance. Monica Lutes, EMERGE coordinator for Shelby County, is to be commended for the work she has done. There are no changes to the contract. Wendy Gearlds made a motion to approve the contract renewal with RHIT for EMERGE as presented. Paula Maurer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

Approve Contract Renewals of Monica Lutes and Angie Stieneker

Mr. Shaw requested the board renew the contracts of Monica Lutes and Angie Stieneker for 2015-2016. Monica is the EMERGE Coordinator. She will work Monday – Thursday for 20 hours per week at \$25 per hour. No benefits or retirement. Angie is the Education to Industry Liaison/Student Services Coordinator. She has served in this capacity for the past two years. Mr. Shaw is recommending a 2% increase which would bring her salary to \$51,000 annually for 210 days July 1 through June 30. She receives life insurance and retirement. Both positions are supported through funding from outside sources. They require no funding from sending schools. Mark Nigh made a motion to renew the contracts of Monica Lutes and Angie Stieneker as presented. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve New Course for Northwestern Consolidated Schools for CTE Program Offerings

Mr. Finkel introduced Cary Chandler, principal from Triton Central High School. Mr. Chandler requested that the board approve the Computer Science & Software Engineering PTLW program as a CTE course offering for the 2015-2016 year at TCHS. They currently offer POE and IED. This new course would be a third program. Wendy Gearlds made a motion to approve the course request from TCHS as presented. Mark Nigh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2015-2016 BRCP Programs and Sections

Mr. Shaw presented the BRCP course schedule which lists programs, DOE codes, half/full day offerings. The course schedule is primarily the same as 2014-2015 with the following changes:

- recommend not to offer Facility Maintenance due to lack of enrollment. Three students requested the program. They will have the option of taking other programs. A determination will be made later as to whether Facility Maintenance will be offered in the future.
- expand Building Trades to a full day due to increased enrollment.
- expand Diesel Technology (new program in 2014-2015) as a full day due to increased enrollment.
- reduce Health Sciences I to a half day due to lack of enrollment.

There was also discussion about EMS and Fire & Rescue's low enrollments. Mr. Shaw noted that we will need to recruit differently to hopefully increase enrollments. Wendy Gearlds made a motion to approve the BRCP course schedule as presented. Mark Nigh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER

Accept Retirement of Steve Short, Advanced Manufacturing Instructor

Mr. Shaw presented a letter from Steve Short stating his desire to retire at the end of this school year. Paula Maurer made a motion to accept the retirement of Steve Short. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The board wished him the best.

Approve to Allow Advertising of Open Positions

Mr. Shaw requested permission to advertise positions that come open over the summer. Mark Nigh made a motion to approve the request. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Fund Report

The fund report was included in the board packets. Mrs. Hensley noted that all balances are as expected.

2015-2016 BRCP Student Application Report

As of today, the count of applications is at 315. Waldron's number is down from last year. All other schools are at the same level as this year or higher.

Other

None

OTHER

Several board members indicated that they would not be available to meet on the day of June's regular board meeting. After some discussion, Mark Nigh made a motion to move the date of June's board meeting to Wednesday, June 24th at noon. Wendy Gearlds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

NEXT BRCP GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 24, 2015, at 12:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

President David Finkel adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.