

CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM BOARD

Minutes of Meeting of Subcommittee on Quality and Policy June 20, 2017

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of State, the Connecticut Technical High School System Board Subcommittee on Quality and Policy met on June 20, 2017 at 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT.

I. Call to Order

Ms. Keavney called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

Present: Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Quality and Policy
Robert J. Trefry, Chairperson of the CTHSS Board
Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
James Chasse, CTHSS Education Consultant
John Murphy, CTHSS Education Consultant
Al Richmond, Education Consultant
Bea Tinty, Education Consultant

Absent: Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Member of the Subcommittee on Quality and Policy
Karen Eichstaedt, Member of the Subcommittee on Quality and Policy
Peter Hoecklin, Member of the Subcommittee on Quality and Policy

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation

III. Consideration of Minutes of the May 12, 2017 Meeting

There was no vote on the minutes due to no quorum.

IV. Strategic Planning for the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS)

A. Career Pathways at Vinal and Platt Technical High School

Interim Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey announced good news that the Department of Construction Services (DCS) has approved nine shops at Vinal and the construction of a swing space as 10, and 13 shops at Platt Technical High School.

Interim Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey introduced CTHSS Education Consultants, John Murphy and Alexander Richmond to the Committee members. Mr. Murphy led a discussion and presented an overview of the ranking criteria for the new Platt and Vinal Technical High Schools.

In preparation for the new construction of Platt and Vinal Technical High Schools, the CTHSS Career Technology Education (CTE) Consultants identified a process for ranking the ten most viable CTE programs for the new school. This process utilized six data points including the Department of Labor (DOL) market projections for average annual job openings, average hourly wage, overall number of CTHSS CTE programs in the region/state, programs identified in the Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD's) 2015 strategy, five year trend in program enrollment and projected program capacity for the 2017-18 School year.

Platt Technical High School

After the data was compiled and after meeting with CTHSS CTE Consultants, a final list of the 13 programs were ranked and included the following: Precision Machining, Plumbing & Heating, Electrical, Mechatronics, Hairdressing, Culinary Arts, Information Systems Technology, Carpentry, Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Electronics, Automotive, Collision Repair, and Mechanical Design & Engineering Technology.

Vinal Technical High School

After the data was compiled and after meeting with CTHSS CTE Consultants, a final list of the 10 programs were ranked to fill the construction requirement of nine shop spaces and one swing space and included the following: Diesel & Heavy Duty Repair, Sustainable Architecture/Criminal Justice, Information Systems Technology, Hairdressing, Electrical, Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Precision Machining, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, and Automotive.

The Committee members engaged in an in-depth discussion about the final list of programs. DCS is currently awaiting the Ed Specifications, and a decision on these programs is timely. The Committee members discussed leaving open the option to fill the swing space with either Sustainable Architecture or the new Criminal Justice program. This allows for flexibility in programming. Ms. Curtis was requested to revise the resolution for the CTHSS Board's approval as follows:

TO BE PROPOSED:

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RESOLVED, that the Connecticut Technical High School System Board, approves the final list of Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs for the proposed new construction of Vinal Technical High School. The list of programs includes: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Diesel & Heavy Duty Repair, Electrical, Hairdressing, Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Information Systems Technology, Precision Machining, and Sustainable Architecture/Criminal Justice and directs the Interim Superintendent to take the necessary action.

Mr. Wihbey commended his staff for putting together the presentation on such short notice and that their report far exceeded his expectations. The Committee members thanked Mr. Murphy for preparing such a clear analysis of the enrollment and congratulated him on a job well done on the report. Mr. Murphy added that having valid data points as a basis will be helpful moving forward with future renovation projects and with the trade reauthorization.

A copy of the Executive summaries, and final ranking report for Platt and Vinal Technical High Schools are included in the official file of this meeting.

Other Matters

Ms. Keavney requested that the following items be added to a future agenda: Letter from an English Language Instructor regarding the Admissions Policy and how it impacts the English Language learners and the Communication from the Commissioner on chronic absenteeism.

V. The Next Meeting of the Subcommittee on Quality and Policy

The next meeting of the committee will be held on July 18, 2017 (If needed)

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM

Prepared by:
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