

Madison County Career and Technical Education System  
Board of Control Meeting  
Minutes of  
February 21, 2023

**PRESENT**

Kaleb Smith, Director  
Chairman Andy Brendel, Triad CUSD #2  
Vice Chairman Mike Brey, Alton CUSD #11  
Secretary Wendy Ulmer, East Alton Wood River CHSD #14  
Jerilyn Hawkins, Bethalto CUSD #8  
Tim Moran, Granite City CUSD #9  
Dawn Jones, Highland CUSD #5  
Steve Oertle, Roxana CUSD #1  
Shelly Robinson, Southwestern CUSD #9

**ABSENT**

Joe McGinnis, Collinsville CUSD #10  
Paul Stuart, Edwardsville CUSD #7  
Wade Brady, Madison CUSD #12

Chairman Brendel called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. with a roll call.

We do have a visitor today, this is Rebecca with Madison County Employment and Training Department of Labor US Department of Labor. I work at Madison County with the program coordinator/navigator for the Gateway registered practitioner Clubhouse and it is for 5.8 million dollars to launch apprenticeship programs and to expand upon existing registered in the Greater St Louis area the main goal is to register 750 new apprentices and we have fairly High diversity goals focusing and we're hoping to keep it at least 70% of underrepresented communities including rural communities women the African American communities underserved and under representative specifically. The baseline is a registered apprenticeship program according to the US Department of Labor and Industry driven high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare future Workforce and individuals can obtain paid work experience to receive progressive wage increases and receive classroom instruction and portable nationally recognized credentials. I will kind of go into more about what you get out of the registered apprenticeship program. The main stakeholders that we are engaging with specifically Lewis and Clark, SWIC, and SIUE but we are expanding that as well. Community partners like Mission St. Louis and the NAACP. I think this board is more of a community partner. Those community partners will be helping us engage job Seekers and employers. Employers some of the big ones that we've already been partnering with are BJC, WashU, Millipore Sigma, and Thermo Fisher we're meeting with OSF Illinois side later this week. We are trying to hit some of those big names first, then we will filter into some of those healthcare bio-science systems in the area. what we're supporting to this program and what the funding is for is to support classroom trading and education before enrollment in a registered apprenticeship program we can do those

pre-apprenticeships determine it's kind of tossed around in a lot of different ways. Our goal is to help individuals rather than current high school students or recent high school graduates or someone looking for a career change. we're hoping to get them qualified to meet the minimum qualifications to go into a new career path. a lot of that'll be certifications like certified medical assistants have certifications that you need to start a job. It will also include supportive wrap-around services like transportation and child care, breaking down those barriers that a lot of individuals face when trying to start a new career path, especially with the transportation from the Illinois side to the Missouri side or vice versa. Just the universal promotions and Outreach activities to communicate the value of these opportunities. To explain why registered apprenticeship programs are better than just starting a job. The key highlight of why registered apprenticeship programs are valuable is that they are going to combine on-the-job training with related classroom instruction to best prepare an individual for success. These are paid apprenticeship programs. The Apprentice will leave with certification of completion from the US Department of Labor and that's something they can take with them throughout their career. Some of the examples of Target occupations that we're looking at current or that we're seeing a high need for in the area along with their qualifications are certified medical assistants, clinical lab techs, and clinical lab assistants. Madison High School is currently partnering with SIUE and their first round of pre-apprentices or individuals who are doing a training program before they graduate high school and then they'll go into a registered apprenticeship when they complete high school that's filtering through this grant as well they're kind of our first class of individuals doing programs like this. so there are opportunities for individuals to train before they graduate high school and then they will be ready to start a full-time job with benefits with you know generally high paying a lot of the positions that were targeting are \$40,000 or more really focusing on individuals being able to support themselves for their families rather than some of the lower paying certification based jobs like CNA programs. These occupations are only growing we will be expanding them hopefully pharmacy tech programs we know that SWIC and Lewis and Clark offer pharmacy tech. Lewis and Clark are in the process of developing one that targets high school students so they can graduate with that certification.

Alton motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on January 24, 2023; seconded by Southwestern All-Aye. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. They are correct as written.

The board received a handout of bills to be paid. Bethalto motioned to accept the bills; seconded by East Alton Wood River. Roll call. All-Aye; motion carried.

Directors Report:

### **Legislative Updates**

They just finished their committees, so legislators in our region are on education Focus committees Amy Elik is on the appropriation committee for the house and then Amy Elik and Katie Stuart are both on the policy committee for elementary and secondary education.

HB1588 - This will remove the requirement for a foreign language.

HB1494 - Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for a grant to the City Colleges of Chicago for all costs associated with the construction and renovation of the City of Chicago Career and Technical Education Center.

Effective July 1, 2023

SB0205 - Amends the School Code. Makes technical and revisory changes in a Section concerning waivers of School Code mandates.

### **IMA Initiatives**

- IMA is requesting funding for additional manufacturing academies, asking for the state to provide stipends for manufacturers who teach
- Asking for capital dollars — a fund for improving manufacturing programs in career centers
- Adding a manufacturing line item similar to the AG line item
- Asking for stipends for teachers who participate in externships
- Tax incentives for employers who provide career development experiences (\$500 per student and up to \$1,000)
- Requested a report about student transportation barriers
- Drafted legislation that requires the state to cover the liability insurance needed for CDEs
- Asking for technical support for manufacturing programs across the state
- A change in graduation requirements would allow for CTE courses to be swapped out for foreign language requirements.
- Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP). This IMA initiative requests \$10 million from the IMA for the ETIP grant.
- Creates a Pilot program for Illinois manufacturers who operate childcare centers onsite at their facility.
- Manufacturing summit at College of DuPage on June 6, 2023. More information to come out soon and updates on the website.

### **ISBE Updates**

Student Presentation - Feb. 16th

New State Superintendent - Dr. Tony Sanders

CTE Connections/IACTE

CTE Funding Formula

### **Local PD/Events**

West Star Aviation Tour - Feb. 28th & Mar 2nd

Choose Aerospace

IACTE Legislative Day - Mar. 9th

Spring Union Training Center Tours - Mar. 28th & 30th

Spring WBL Workshop - April 20th

Prairie State Power Plant Tour

### **Regional Initiatives**

CTE Month Celebration

CTE Goals

Advisory Committees, G-3

Manufacturing - Mar. 7th

Culinary - Mar. 8th

Graphic Design - Mar. 21st

Business - Mar. 23rd

**Other**

Pharmacy Technician Program

CTE Data Collection - ICIS

Illinois Business Journal Article

SWIC - Culinary Early Start

Kaleb will be on the planning board for the IACTE conference next year. He would like any feedback from anyone who attended.

With no further business before the board, Southwestern motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m., seconded by Roxana. All-Aye; motion carried.