



## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee**

### **SUMMARY**

**MAY 14, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Sen. Jimmy Higdon, Charlene Baxter, Beth Hargis, David Horseman, Steve Johnson, Jeff Jones, Kyle Kelly, Dexter Knight, Lea Lewis, Lee Lingo, Robin Linton, Harmony Little, John Lyons, Mike Miller, Pamela Moore, John Sanders, Regan Satterwhite, Leslie Slaughter, Mary Taylor, Karla Tipton, Scott U'Sellis, Kiley Whitaker, Matthew Whitaker, Darlene Zibart

**ABSENT:** Rep. Steve Riley, Drew Graham, Paul Mullins, Mary Pat Regan, Mike Stone

#### **Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter:** David Horseman, associate commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

#### **Agenda Item: Introduction of Members and Roll Call**

**Presenters:** David Horseman and Leslie Slaughter, executive advisor, KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE)

#### **Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes from Nov. 13, 2020 Meeting**

**Presenter:** David Horseman

#### **Summary of Discussion:**

Harmony Little moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Jeff Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### **Agenda Item: Legislative Updates**

**Presenter:** Leslie Slaughter

**Summary of Discussion:** Slaughter shared a recap of the 2021 legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly and bills impacting career and technical education.

Senate Bill 101 (Sen. Higdon) - An ACT relating to CTE, which amends KRS 157.069 & KRS 156.844 respectively. It codifies area technology center (ATC) transfer language from House Bill 352 (2020), corrects an error with the LAVEC funding formula specified in law and ensures funding for those schools funded in FY21.

Senate Bill 128 (Sen. Wise) - An ACT relating to supplementary education and declaring an emergency. Allows students to return for an additional “supplemental year” of education in 2021-22 year only, due to COVID-19 learning loss.

House Bill 192 (Reps. Petrie, Reed, Dotson) - An ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities. Enacts the State’s Executive Branch Budget for FY22. A continuation budget for CTE. Additional funds added for new Estill County ATC.

House Bill 556 (Reps. Bentley, Reed, King, Palumbo, Sharp) - An ACT related to fiscal matters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency. Appropriates \$75M in funding for facility renovations for locally-operated CTE centers, with maximum award amounts not to exceed \$10M each. Funding will be administered by the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC). The application is under development and more information will be forthcoming from the SFCC.

House Bill 563 (Rep. McCoy) - An ACT relating to education. Beginning July 1, 2022, a board of education shall adopt a nonresident pupil policy to govern terms under which the district shall allow enrollment of nonresident pupils. This bill establishes the Education Opportunity Account (EOA) Program to provide more flexibility and choices in education to Kentucky residents and to address disparities in educational options available to students.

**Feedback:** It was suggested during the interim period of the legislative session to get in front of committees to advocate for CTE legislative priorities. Sen. Higdon stated that funding and equity are issues. Sen. Higdon also commended the KDE for working with districts on the implementation of Senate Bill 101.

### **Agenda Item: CTE Feedback Report**

**Presenter:** Scott U’Sellis, data manager, KDE Office of Career and Technical Education

**Summary of Discussion:** U’Sellis shared a presentation on how to navigate the CTE Feedback Report. This is an update to the existing report with KYSTATS (the state’s longitudinal data system), in partnership with the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education and others. The information in the report shows how Kentucky’s CTE students are transitioning to postsecondary and the workforce, once leaving high school. This is the link to the site: <https://kystats.ky.gov/Latest/CTE>.

**Feedback:** Committee members were appreciative of the information in this report and commended the KDE and KYSTATS for this work. The committee would like to see this information available by ATC or by county, which is not visible in this report; however, KDE staff explained that this level of

information is available. It was also suggested that the KDE get the word out that this report exists, possibly considering testimonials from students and each of the New Skills for Youth cohorts. Committee members suggested that the KDE develop a communication plan to target industry sectors, so employers can understand the workforce pipeline. Dexter Knight stated that professional associations also need to get this information out, as well.

**Follow-up:** OCTE staff are working with KYSTATS to have county information visible in this report. OCTE is also working on a one-pager for release to assist with communication strategies related to the CTE Feedback Report.

### **Agenda Item: Waiver for Local Area Vocational Education Centers (LAVECs) to Use Fall 2019 Data**

**Presenter:** Kiley Whitaker, assistant director, KDE Office of Career and Technical Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Whitaker explained the OCTE's upcoming request to waive section 5(1) of administrative regulation 705 KAR 2:140, considering COVID-19 and the potential funding impact on local school districts. This request will go before the Kentucky Board of Education at their June 2, 2021 regular meeting.

Mr. Whitaker explained the existing policy and rationale for the waiver request. He explained that provisions within Section 5 of this administrative regulation require the KDE to notify a local school district of its tentative LAVEC allocation for the following school year by June 30 of each year, based upon the previous year's data. Pursuant to this requirement, the KDE is requesting to provide all 43 of the currently funded LAVECs with their 2021-22 tentative allocations based upon the fall 2019 pre-COVID enrollment data. The regulation then requires that final allocations shall be determined by Jan. 1, based on current year full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments with adjustments made for new programs. Due to the continued impact of COVID-19, the OCTE believes that this waiver provides necessary support to districts during this continued time of crisis and uncertainty.

**Feedback:** John Sanders and Dexter Knight agreed that requesting this waiver makes perfect sense and it also levels the playing field financially.

**Follow-up:** Jeff Jones moved to present this waiver to the Kentucky Board of Education at the June meeting and John Sanders seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There was no further discussion.

### **Agenda Item: ATC Update**

**Presenter:** Beth Hargis, director, KDE Office of Career and Technical Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Hargis shared some exciting news about the KY Tech state-operated ATCs. She explained that the last time the committee met, KDE staff informed members that the Green County and Nelson County ATCs had transitioned to local control, leaving the KDE with 51 state-operated centers. As of today, the KDE has 52 state-operated centers, with the addition of Estill County ATC, which was funded in this year's legislative session.

The Estill County ATC is currently under construction and is anticipated to be complete for the start of school in August. The building has 39,000 square feet and is adjacent to Estill County High School.

There is a pedway connecting the two buildings, which will greatly assist student transition from the high school to the ATC. The ATC will offer Diesel, Electrical Technology, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, Engineering, and Industrial Maintenance. The lower level of the building houses Health Sciences and Computer Sciences program and the upper level, which does have ground level access, will house the Industrial Maintenance, Engineering, Diesel, and Electrical programs. Mr. Coy Hall started as principal of the ATC May 3 and is very busy with purchases and hiring staff. The KDE is excited to have Estill County ATC as part of the KY Tech System and excited to see the building in operation, also serving students from both Estill and Powell Counties.

Lake Cumberland ATC, located in Russell County, is finishing up construction of their new facility. They, too, will be in the new building for the start of school in August. The existing building was constructed in 1966 and has served the ATC for over 50 years. The new facility offers 54,610 square feet of much-needed space and is a welcome addition for Russell and Adair County students. Programs offered at Lake Cumberland ATC include Welding, Health Sciences, Industrial Maintenance, Computerized Machine Manufacturing, Automotive Technology, Construction Carpentry and Electrical Technology. Hargis shared that Lake Cumberland ATC will be hosting an open house for the center on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. CST and extended an invitation to the CTE Advisory Committee to attend.

Finally, Morgan County ATC was constructed in 1973 and is in the process of much-appreciated renovations. The facility will also house a new storm shelter for Morgan County, along with an additional shop and classroom space for future expansion. Morgan County ATC offers CTE instruction in Auto body, Automotive Technology, Welding Technology, Health Sciences, CAD and Computer Sciences programs.

Hargis shared photos of all the facilities listed above in her PowerPoint presentation.

### **Agenda Item: EMpowerED Logo**

**Presenter:** Leslie Slaughter

**Summary of Discussion:** Slaughter shared the new CTE logo with the committee. She explained that Red7e is the marketing group the KDE has been working with in designing the logo and tagline. She reported that the KDE was moving into phase 2 of the process by working on radio advertising and TV commercials. The logo will be formally launched at the KACTE Summer Program in July.

**Feedback:** Sen. Higdon discussed Work Based Learning (WBL) barriers, employers being informed and opening their doors to students. Sen. Higdon said connections are key to the pipeline for future employees. Lee Lingo, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, agreed that WBL is the pathway forward, he stated the faster they can get students to employment, the better. Mr. Lingo also stated they need workers immediately, rather than workers that are over-skilled. Another point made was that we need to expose students to careers they never thought of. Overall, the committee was very impressed with the new CTE logo and supportive of the marketing plans for its launch.

Lee Lingo moved to adjourn the meeting and Harmony Little seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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