

PRELIMINARY MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
April 2, 2008
Topeka, KS

Members Present

Joseph Glassman, Chairman
William Quattlebaum, Vice Chairman
Eddie Estes
Sheila Frahm
Jim Garner
Jim Grier
Kathy Howell
David Kerr
Olga Koper
Alexa Posny
Jack Wempe

Members Absent

Clark Coco

Staff

Blake Flanders, Vice President for Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents
Janice Haberman, Executive Assistant for Vice President of Workforce Development
Delaina Swanson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Kansas Board of Regents
Vanessa Lameoureaux, Associate Director of Communications, Kansas Board of Regents
Theresa Bush, Associate General Council, Kansas Board of Regents

Presenters

Steve Radley, Director, Network Kansas
Wally Kearns, State Director, Kansas Small Business Development Center
Bob Masters, Pittsburg State University
Bruce Dallman, Pittsburg State University
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University
Fred Ruda, Fort Hays State University
Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Department of Commerce
Diane Duffy, Kansas Board of Regents

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Glassman called the meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority to order at 9:34 a.m. at the Kansas Board of Regents in conference room 530, Topeka, Kansas. Chairman Glassman introduced Olga Koper, PhD. the newest Postsecondary Technical Education Authority member. Dr. Koper, Vice President, Technology and Technical Services, NanoScale Corporation, Manhattan, Kansas.

Chairman Glassman introduced three guests, Ann Wick of the Kansas State Department of Education and State Advisor for SkillsUSA Kansas and two representatives who are SkillsUSA Kansas Postsecondary State officers and students of Pittsburg State University, Case Clough and Matt Brown.

Approval of February 20-21, 2008 Minutes

Motion: Member Frahm made a motion to approve the February 20-21, 2008 minutes as submitted. Member Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Glassman reported that he visited the following colleges across the state during the last month: Manhattan Area Technical College; Hutchinson Community College and Dodge City Community College. Chairman Glassman announced that institutions as well as the public sectors are supportive of the direction of the Authority.

Member Grier attended the ground breaking celebration for the Jabara Campus of Wichita Area Technical College. Member Frahm and Member Howell visited KAW Area Technical College and are going to visit Kansas City Area Technical School Monday, April 7, 2008.

Chairman Glassman expressed his concerns regarding technology and equipment funds from the Kansas State Legislature. Discussion ensued regarding the legislature and funding issues. The Governor approved \$4 million last year and recommended only \$2.5 million this year, which is \$1.5 million less than the Governor recommended last year. It appears most of the funding decisions will be included in the omnibus bill.

Member Frahm explained that the Omnibus Reconciliation Bill is always the last bill of the session. As of Monday, April 1, 2008 the legislature decided that the Higher Education Block Grant funding, which affects all universities, community colleges, and technical institutions, will not be decided until passage of the omnibus bill. The House will come back on April 22, 2008. The Senate will return April 24, 2008. The Bills that come out of the House Appropriation Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee will be acted on when the full legislation returns April 30, 2008. Member Frahm shares Chairman Glassman's concerns that it is unlikely that we will get the original \$4 million dollar funding back for technology's equipment grants. The state revenues reported in from March were about \$15 million over consensus estimates. Before the legislature adjourns, we will know what the next consensus estimates for the upcoming year, as well as the actual April revenue figures. Member Frahm announced

that the first adjournment of the legislature will be this week, which is earlier than usual, and suggested that the veto session will be longer than usual.

Chairman Glassman stressed the importance that the Authority has a bold plan to keep the momentum going. The Authority must increase the awareness of Technical Education in the State of Kansas and to compete globally the Authority must look at a long term approach to funding. The preliminary technical education approach will be set in June. Member Grier agreed with Chairman Glassman and shared the following article from the Wichita UMB Economy Tracker that shows some of the challenges facing the Authority. The source of the article was the U.S. Census Bureau and it is entitled, “Kansas Population Forecast for 2030.” The article states that:

| Age | 2000 Total | 2030 Forecast | Change from 2000 | Percent Change |
|-------|------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 18-24 | 275,592 | 267,337 | -8,255 | -3.0% |
| 25-44 | 769,204 | 710,942 | -58,262 | -7.6% |
| 45-64 | 574,400 | 659,768 | 85,368 | 14.9% |
| 65+ | 356,229 | 593,091 | 236,862 | 66.5% |

Commissioner Posny stated that due to the population change by the year 2025 twenty five percent of the population in schools will be Hispanic. Commissioner Posny stressed that the population growth will need to be dealt with differently than in the past and she emphasized that English will not be the first language.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of embracing immigrants into the Kansas workforce because of growth opportunities and the labor supply. More of the population will come from the Hispanic population. As a state, we need to ensure that all have the opportunity to maximize their talent and education.

Committee Reports:

Budget/Finance Committee:

Member Grier stated that the Budget/Finance Committee would like to know the exact amount of money education received from the legislature. Member Grier requested that the Budget/Finance Committee receive real input regarding technical education expenditures.

Member Grier requested that Chairman Glassman increase the member count for the Budget/Finance committee. Chairman Glassman appointed Member Garner, Secretary of Labor and Member Kerr, Secretary of Commerce to the Budget/Finance Committee.

PR/Marketing Committee:

Member Kerr submitted an issue paper developed February 27, 2008, regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) to further the identified goal of raising awareness and enhancing the image of technical education in Kansas. The RFP was review March 25, 2008. The Committee has concluded the purchasing process and recommends a preferred vendor to conduct market research. Three companies responded to the RFP and were interviewed. The committee recommends the Authority approve awarding the Marketing Research contract to the Corporate Communications Group, Inc. Upon approval by the Authority, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Regents for final approval and contract award.

Motion: Member Kerr made a motion to accept the PR/Marketing Committee’s recommendation to award the Marketing Research contract to Corporate Communications Group, Inc. Member Grier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee:

Program Standards of Excellence and Alignment:

Vice Chairman Quattlebaum announced that the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee recommend approval of two new programs submitted by Butler Community College. Land Surveyor Technology and Accounting Assistant. Upon Authority approval, the programs will be presented at the April Board of Regents meeting for their approval.

Motion: Member Grier made a motion to approve the Land Surveyor Technology and Accounting Assistant programs submitted by Butler Community College. Commissioner Posny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Labor Intelligence Project:

Vice Chairman Quattlebaum announced that a proposal from Wichita State University and Fort Hays State University was selected by the Technical Programs and Curriculum Committee for labor research in the State of Kansas.

Vice President’s Report:

Dr. Flanders announced that the new Workforce Development staff positions have been advertised. Resumes are currently being collected for review.

Dr. Flanders introduced Kathy Hund as the new Director of Workforce Training and Education Services. This position serves as a liaison between the Kansas Board of Regents and Kansas Department of Commerce.

Dr. Flanders updated the Authority on the mergers and transitions of technical schools. Final transition plans need to be filed for the mergers, and the independent institutions. The Board of Regents will meet next week and will discuss the approval of the application of Salina Area Technical School to become independent and the name of the institution changed to Salina Area Technical College. The action and plan for KAW Area Technical School and Kansas City Area Technical School is expected next month.

The Authority recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Glassman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Institutional Presentations:

Pittsburg State University:

Bob Masters, a liaison between Pittsburg State University and technical and community colleges, addressed the Authority and introduced Bruce Dallman, Pittsburg State University. A presentation concentrating on statistics and programs offered at Pittsburg State University was presented by Bruce Dallman. Emphasis was given to the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program. The BAS program at Pittsburg State University is a 2+2 "Pathway" program. The presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Fort Hays State University:

A presentation from Fort Hays State University was presented by Larry Gould and Fred Ruda. The presentation concentrated on optimizing the productivity of Kansas career and technical education and preparing high quality teachers to meet the need of finding quality Kansas teachers to fit in various venues. The presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Financial Briefing:

Commerce Funding – Contract Training (IMPACT):

A presentation was presented by Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Department of Commerce. The presentation concentrated on state funded training programs such as the Investment in Major Project and Comprehensive Training (IMPACT) grant and available funds. The presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Unified State Budget Request, Allocations to Sectors, and Distribution to Institutions; Regents Unified State Budget Request – FY09 Process; and the Approach and Process for FY09 Sector Allocations and Distributions for Institutions:

Diane Duffy, Kansas Board of Regents submitted a handout that explained in detail the unified state budget request, allocations to sectors and distribution to institutions. Ms. Duffy explained current funding streams and the 29 two-year public postsecondary institutions that receive funding for the delivery of technical education; current state funding streams and the methodologies used to distribute funding among the institutions and budget processes and status of FY 2009 and process for FY 2010. The handout is attached and made a part of these minutes.

New Business:

Chairman Glassman introduced Case Clough and Matt Brown from Pittsburg State University and representing SkillsUSA Kansas. Mr. Clough announced SkillsUSA Kansas upcoming events on April 17, 2008 in Wichita. and the National SkillsUSA Kansas Conference on June 26, 2008 in Kansas City. Mr. Clough explained the competition and hands-on contests. He explained the automotive program at Pittsburg State University and the advanced technology available. Mr. Brown moved from St. Louis, Missouri to attend Pittsburg State University because of their automotive program.

Mr. Brown shared the positive experiences he has had in the automotive program at Pittsburg State University.

Member Frahm introduced Steve Radley, Director of NetWork Kansas, Wichita, Kansas and Wally Kearns, State Director of Kansas Small Business Development Center, Topeka, Kansas. Network Kansas promotes entrepreneurial environments throughout the State of Kansas by establishing a central portal that connects entrepreneurs and small business owners with the right resources including expertise, education and economic resources. NetWork Kansas is a statewide organization and is a connector of resources to entrepreneurs. Three primary needs for small business/entrepreneurship are education, expertise and economic resources or money.

Wally Kearns of Kansas Small Business Development Center announced that the goal of the KSBDC is to grow Kansas entrepreneurs. KSBDC accomplishes this goal by assisting established firms, growth companies, and start-up enterprises to meet the challenges in today's evolving global marketplace. The primary focus is on delivering business consulting and management training to small and mid-sized businesses in all of the 105 counties in Kansas. KSBDC business consulting services are provided at no cost to their clients through their network of eight regional and two outreach centers. The KSBDC is a partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Kansas Department of Commerce, and a wide variety of local economic development and educational institutions. The statewide host for the KSBDC is Fort Hays State University.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29-30, 2008, at North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit, Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted by
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