

Executive (KACC) Board Meeting  
 Thursday, April 11, 2019  
 Kankakee Area Career Center

Members Present

Beecher	Brad Cox	Bradley:	Scott Wakeley
Central:	Tonya Evans, Secretary	Grant Park:	John Palan, Chairperson
Herscher:	Richard Decman, Vice Chairman	Kankakee:	Genevra Walters (8:37 am)
Manteno:	Lisa Harrod	Momence:	Shannon Anderson
Peotone:	Steve Stein	Reg. Office:	Gregg Murphy

Absent: St. Anne

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Committee, Kankakee County, State of Illinois was called to order on April 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Decman spoke about the fantastic open house at Kankakee High School this past weekend. Dr. Murphy and Mr. Kelley joined Dr. Decman and also gave rave reviews of their building, the event overall and hospitality. Discussion ensued about the “campus-feel” and interesting architectural aspects within the building. Very complimentary discussion ensued.

Mr. Kelley extended his congratulations to Dr. Palan and the Grant Park School District for earning the 2019 Progress Award for *Excellence in Education*. On a personal note, Mr. Kelley congratulated Dr. Palan for also being named the Harold Award Winner by Pledge for Life Partnership for his many years of consistent support and volunteer effort.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1-4) A motion was made by Mr. Stein, seconded by Ms. Harrod at 8:36 a.m. to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes from the March Regular Session Meeting, Accounts Payable, Financial Reports and the hire of Logan Miller as Multimedia Video Production Instructor. Mr. Kelley provided a brief overview of the very positive interview/candidate selection process. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- 5) Mr. Kelley provided the Board with an update on activities since the last meeting including:
  - a. RESEARCH Kankakee: Mr. Kelley spoke highly about this recent event and was encouraged to see the continued efforts made by the Economic Alliance to solidify relationships between business, education and governmental bodies throughout our area. Mr. Kelley stated this was the best event he has attended thus far in our area.
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Awareness Days: Mr. Kelley stated the event went very well and deferred to Mr. Papineau to address later in the meeting.
  - c. Welding Bridge Program: The open house for parents and students will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm at KCC’s MITC Building. There are 40 welding students eligible for approximately 15-20 person class size. Mr. Kelley encouraged everyone to see this new building on KCC’s campus.
  - d. Dual Credit: Mr. Kelley updated the board on his continued efforts to secure dual college credit and pathway opportunities with KCC and JJC. Mr. Kelley specifically briefed the Board on progress being made for Law Enforcement and potential

Private Security Class to provide 2-year completers the opportunity for 15 credit hours. Mr. Kelley stated he continues to pursue the Tech Math component as well.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 6) Tuition Review 2007 through 2019: This report was included in the Board Packet – Mr. Kelley commented on the fact of KACC’s tuition continues to remain one of the lowest in the State. There are no plans to request an increase for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Kelley reiterated his intention to avoid raising tuition as long as KACC is in a position to provide excellent educational opportunities utilizing our current available funds.
- 7) KACC-KCC Bridge Program for Welding Technology: April 18<sup>th</sup> Open House 4:00-6:00 PM, KCC-MTIC Building.
- 8) Post-Election KARVES Board Member Appointment Changes: Mr. Kelley asked the Board to please let him know if there are any changes to be made for representation on the KARVES Administrative Board of Control following the recent local elections.
- 9) PRESS Policy Updates – First Read: A motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Harrod to accept the PRESS policies for first reading. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote. Dr. Decman cautioned that consideration needs to be given to the new optional policy concerning Targeted School Violence Prevention.
- 10) Welding Booth Installation: Mr. Kelley called everyone’s attention to the three quotes received for upgrading the welding shop area. Mr. Kelley informed everyone there are 120 students who have requested this program, but only space for 90. A motion was made by Ms. Harrod, seconded by Mr. Stein at 8:50 a.m. to approve Girard Electric as the contractor to complete the work. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.
- 11) Administrative Contracts: This item was moved to closed session.

#### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- 12) In Mr. Guerin’s absence, Mr. Papineau reported on the following items:
  - a. Curriculum Meetings: Mr. Guerin is currently working with faculty regarding scope and sequence of curriculum. He began this week with Drafting and Computer Technology. Several other meetings with faculty are scheduled.
  - b. Workplace Excellence: Over 1,000 badges have been earned with five modules, which is a tremendous accomplishment by our teachers and students alike. Next year, five additional modules will be incorporated into the curriculum. Two-year completers will have the opportunity to earn badges for 10 modules. More and more, companies in our area are utilizing and/or recognizing the value of the Workplace Excellence Series.
  - c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Awareness Days: Mr. Papineau thanked everyone for their fantastic students. Mr. Papineau happily reported this year’s group of student volunteers was the best yet. On the first day, there were 685 reservations, with 471 eighth graders attending. The second day, there were over 700 reservations, with 673 eighth graders in attendance. Dr. Murphy complimented Mr. Papineau stating the event gets better every year. Dr. Murphy encouraged everyone to make time to attend next year and spoke of the CLS Breakout session as an example.
  - d. Emerging Workforce Conference: KACC currently is up to 22 businesses who have reserved space for this event on May 3. There has been a fantastic response from the business community this year, some reaching out to KACC asking to attend.

#### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Decman, seconded by Ms. Harrod at 8:56 to go to Closed Session to consider information on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the district or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

REOPEN SESSION

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Decman, seconded by Ms. Evans at 9:25 a.m. to adjourn the regular meeting of the KACC Executive Board. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

As Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya Evans, Secretary

Attested By:

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John Palan, Ed.D, Chairman