

## **BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEETING MINUTES**

March 10, 2017

7:30 A.M.

Regional Office of Education  
300 Heart Boulevard  
Loves Park, Illinois

### **Members Present:**

Dr. Daniel Woestman, Belvidere  
Dr. James Hammack, Byron  
Dr. Julie Morris, Harlem  
Dr. Lynn Gibson, Hononegah

Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Rockford  
Mr. Scott Fisher, South Beloit  
Mr. Scott Bloomquist, Winnebago

### **Members Absent:**

Dr. Phillip Caposey, Meridian  
Dr. Michael Greenlee, North Boone

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Ms. Margie Hartfiel, CEANCI  
Dr. Lori Fanello, Boone-Winnebago Regional Office of Education  
Dr. Linda Oshita, Boone-Winnebago Regional Office of Education

### **Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

None

### **Guests:**

Dr. Doug Jensen, Rock Valley College  
Susan Busenbark, Rock Valley College  
Sharon Jacobsen, Rock Valley College  
Gina Caronna, Rock Valley College  
Heidi Houy, Rockford School District  
Julie Anderson, Winnebago Middle School  
Ms. Bethany Mead, CEANCI  
Mr. Larry Savard, CEANCI

## **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Today's meeting began with Guest Speaker, Julie Anderson of Winnebago Middle School. Julie provided a presentation on Career Cruising and gave an overview of how she uses the software tool, in her role as counselor.

Please see important bullet points:

- Semi-annually, students are given the opportunity to engage in Career Cruising activities

- Each grade level is given the opportunity to attend the annual Career Fair
- The Career Cruising/ unite! tool is used for accessing “Work Based Learning activities”
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders take matchmaker test, explore careers, watch videos & save careers
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders update the matchmaker, access “my skills”, journal & discuss careers, are introduced to Career Goals and take company tours
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders take a final matchmaker test, look into Career Goals, find relevant guest speakers, explore & learn about (16) career clusters and send messages to “career coaches”.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders use the tool to find companies for the annual Job Shadow Day
- The tool is also used with IEP and special education students, using the portfolios

Julie informed Members that all activities are aligned with the ASCA National Standards for Students, (see handout provided). Margie interjected that the ASCA framework is also what CEANCI is aligning to as well.

Julie expressed her excitement, role as committee member, in working with CEANCI on the Career on Wheels middle school event. Margie thanked Julie for presenting and sharing her strategy with us today.

Dr. Woestman, Scott Bloomquist and Dr. Jarrett arrived at 7:38 am.

Dr. Hammack and Heidi Houy arrived at 7:44 am.

Next, the meeting was called to order at 7:55, by Governing Board President, Mr. Scott Bloomquist.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Julie Morris made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lynn Gibson.

### **All in Favor**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Dan Woestman made the motion to approve the January 6, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Fisher.

## **ROLL CALL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)**

Dan Woestman made the motion to go into executive session at 7:56. The motion was seconded by Julie Morris.

At 8:14 Scott Fisher made the motion to go into open session. The motion was seconded by Julie Morris.

### **SYSTEM DIRECTOR REPORT**

Margie introduced Dr. Doug Jensen of Rock Valley College. Julie Morris interjected that Dr. Jensen's talk was a result of two prior meetings.

Dr. Jensen started the discussion stating the importance of this meeting in the process moving forward. Next, he introduced other staff, VP of Liberal Arts, Susan Busenbark, Gina Caronna, Dean of CTE, Community Outreach and Pathway Development, Sharon Jacobsen, Dean of Business and Learning Support and David Costello, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing.

Dr. Jensen stated he was aware of the relationship between CEANCI and Rock Valley College not being the best, and felt moving forward it be best to improve upon it. Next, he gave an overview of his background, his role as 7<sup>th</sup> President of Rock Valley College, (October 2016), and stated his areas of expertise. Dr. Jensen presented the "Success in the New Economy" video as the framework for our relationship moving forward.

- ✓ The need to engage/relationship build with K-12 students, community and workforce & economic development
- ✓ Need for incorporating stackable credentials
- ✓ Ideally link talent with opportunity

Some discussion occurred around the area of students feeling "not welcome". Dr. Jensen stated this was an issue; Gina Caronna informed Members she has traveled to various colleges and universities, (Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, etc.), to have discussions with representatives, regarding this subject. Some other things Gina talked about were pathways and developmental academic needs. Please refer to the "draft" handout, Potential Criminal Justice Pathway, (RPS-RVC-NIU). The goal is to implement and tie this model into jobs. An opportunity was given for questions and there were no questions.

Moving along, Dr. Jensen shared the college's financial situation and needs moving forward. After the conversation, Dr. Jensen expressed the importance of starting this work at the secondary level and the desire to assemble a superintendent work group with Rock Valley College staff. The below committee was formed.

Pathway Committee – (under jurisdiction of Susan Busenbark)

Superintendents: Dan Woestman, Julie Morris and Lynn Gibson

Rock Valley College: Sharon Jacobsen and Gina Caronna

Dr. Jensen requested an additional committee, (professional development), be established. Both Dan Woestman and Ehren Jarrett felt this could be handled by the Pathway Committee members.

Discussion included secondary instructor qualifications. Julie Morris stated she appreciated the regional approach to pathways and not having “separate” conversations. Ehren suggested building one pathway at a time, piloting it with one district, then rolling it out to others would be beneficial. He also suggested the need to go back to middle school; Rock Valley College agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ehren Jarrett made the motion to adjourn today at 9:07am. The motion was seconded by Julie Morris.

**All in Favor**

Respectfully submitted,

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Margie Hartfiel  
Recording Secretary

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Dr. Lynn Gibson  
Board of Governors Secretary