

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 29, 2023

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Madisyn Bobb, Mike, Brockmeyer, Mikale Brutus, Brent Bumford, Monica Chiveral, Joe Connolly, Jeanne Donlick, Katie Eckstein, Mijiza Green, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Josh Oltarzewski, Sarah Paquin, Jim Reynolds, Wade Sewell, Lisa Snodgrass, David Thomey, Andrew Thomson, Heidi Heinz (SWN Rep), Angie Yocum (SWN Rep)

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Connolly started the meeting at 8:04am and welcomed everyone. We went around the table introducing ourselves.

Administrative Matters: The agenda for the November 29th meeting and the minutes from the September 20th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Apprenticeship Maryland Week: We held a breakfast for the businesses and students that are a part of the apprenticeship program. Approximately thirty businesses, Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Department of Labor, and US Department of Labor were there. We received two proclamations for the work we have done. One was signed by President Biden and the other was signed by Governor Moore for all the hard work that has been done. Some of the students spoke about their experiences in the program as well.

Apprenticeship MD: Mr. Johnstone gave a brief update on the Apprenticeship Maryland program. We currently have eighty-eight students in the apprenticeship program and one hundred businesses on board with about twenty more to be approved in January. We are planning to hold a career fair in March. In May there will be a Youth Apprenticeship Week and we are hoping to hold a youth apprenticeship summit.

HCPS/HCC Workforce Investment: Ms. Paquin gave a brief update on the Workforce Investment Program. We took the logistics students to the Container Center so that they could see what they are learning put into action.

Middle School Innovation-CTE vision: Ms. Eckstein talked about the changes we HCPS is working on for Middle School CTE. We are going to make it Computer Science 6, 7 and 8 with different computer languages being introduced at each grade level. This will allow the students to get exposure to three different languages before they get to high school. We are hoping to eventually get it approved so that every student will get the opportunity to take these courses. Right now, it is up to the school what is offered. We are also looking at getting VR headsets that will allow students a hands-on experience in different CTE careers. This would work in conjunction with school counselors and career coaches.

HCC Updates: Mr. Limpert talked briefly about what is going on at HCC. They are working on creating pathways that will integrate credit and continuing education classes so that students who have taken continuing education classes can continue towards a degree without having to retake courses. They are also working on a drone program. Students will learn to use 3D printers to make parts to repair drones as well as learn to operate and fly them. HCC is also working on bringing back plumbing and expanding the brick and masonry program. They are

very close to opening another off-site workforce investment center. This will allow them to expand the offerings in the trade's opportunities.

CTE Committee and IRC Update: Mr. Connolly spoke briefly about the CTE Committee visit. They report to the accountability team at the state department. They came out and looked at our programs at Harford Tech and North Harford. They were very complimentary of our programs.

CTE Program Spotlight: Ms. Bobb is a junior in the welding program at Harford Technical High School. She gave a brief presentation about what she has been learning in her program.

CTE Program Spotlight: Mr. Oltarzewski is an employee of HCPS and a former student of the Cyber Security program at Harford Technical High School. He talked briefly about his experiences when he was at Harford Technical High School as well as after high school.

Open Dialogue: Mr. Krout gave a brief update on what his office in the County Government has been doing.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024, at Harford Technical High School. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Please note that if there is a delay, closure, or a virtual day for the school system due to inclement weather our meeting will be cancelled.