SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SYSTEM #460

BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

BASSC, 2411 Pathways Crossing, Belleville, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair, Ms. Filyaw, called the Board of Control (BOC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Belleville #201	Mr. Jacob Strausbaugh, Belleville CAVE Principal
Cahokia #187	Mr. Curtis McCall Jr, Superintendent
Freeburg #77	Dr. Sarah Gass, Superintendent
Lebanon #9	Dr. Matt Noyes, Superintendent
O'Fallon #203	Mr. Ethan Graham, Director of Academics and Special Projects
Wesclin #3	Ms. Jennifer Filyaw, Superintendent
System Director #460	Ms. Gayle Appel
System Bookkeeper	Ms. Shelly Ettling

Absent:

Mascoutah #19	Ms. Amy Kelly Johnson, Principal

Guest:

Mascoutah #19	Mr. Nick Seibert, Asst. Principal

- Enclosed in the electronic Board Packet
* Board handouts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to approve the February 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Belleville #201 – Yes
Cahokia #187 – Yes
Freeburg #77 - Yes
Lebanon #9 - Yes
Mascoutah #19 – Absent
O'Fallon #203 - Yes
Wesclin - Yes

Motion carried. The February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were distributed to Ms. Filyaw for signature.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Nick Seibert – Present for Mascoutah.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A. >**Ratification of bills since the February Board Meeting**

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to ratify bills since the February Board Meeting. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Belleville #201 – Yes
Cahokia #187 –Yes
Freeburg #77 - Yes
Lebanon #9 - Yes
Mascoutah #19 – Absent
O'Fallon #203 - Yes
Wesclin - Yes

The motion carried. March 2026 Board Bills were distributed to Ms. Filyaw for signature.

B. >Approval of April Bills

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to approve the April bills. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Belleville #201 – Yes
Cahokia #187 – Yes
Freeburg #77 - Yes
Lebanon #9 - Yes
Mascoutah #19 – Absent
O'Fallon #203 - Yes
Wesclin - Yes

The motion carried. The April 2026 Board Bills were distributed to Ms. Filyaw for signature.

C. >FY26 CTEI & Perkins Financial Reports

Financial reports reflect balances through the end of March. Including the April bills, approximately 86% of Perkins funds have been expended, while 62% of CTEI funds have been spent. School-specific balances will be reviewed later during the Director's Report.

D. Other - None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. >FY25 CCPE Report

Ms. Appel reported the FY25 CCPE Report was previously shared in February. However, ISBE announced that the data is being reviewed due to concerns regarding accuracy. An updated report will be posted to the CCPE webpage once the review is complete. At this time, an updated report has not yet been released.

Moving forward, CCPE reporting will occur in SIS. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

As a reminder, certificates can be prepared for schools to recognize students earning a College and Career Pathway Endorsement. Schools may also request certificate paper and folders from the office if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.>CTE Annual Report

Ms. Appel reported that each year, SWIC and KC provide a dual-credit report listing the CTE dual-credit courses available to students at the member schools.

In 2025 (Spring and Fall), students earned 10,267 dual credit hours, a 30% increase from 2024 (which saw a 38% increase). With tuition at $123 per credit hour at SWIC and $166 at KC, students saved approximately $1,289,335 in tuition for CTE courses.

B. > CTE Initiative – Additional Funding (Item 6)

When the initial budget was developed, $22,500 was reserved at the system level to support emerging CTE initiatives throughout the year, particularly equipment or supply needs associated with new programs. In addition, last month, it was shared that OTHS covered nearly two months of salary for Shelly while she filled in securing substitute teachers for the district and this also provided additional funds that could support CTE initiatives. Item 6 provides a report detailing the total additional funds distributed to each school, along with the items purchased.

C. Other - None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. >FY26 CTEI & Perkins Funding/Status

Ms. Appel reported that we have received CTEI payments through March (93% of total revenue).

The financial reports reflect the status of grant activity for each district. It was noted that the second table under Item 7 provides a clearer summary of expenditures and remaining balances. The table includes April expenditures, allowing districts to verify all reimbursement requests submitted to date. Districts were reminded that the expenditure deadline is April 30.

B. CTE PDR/LNA/CLNA

Ms. Appel reported that all PDRs have been completed. The LNA/CLNA is currently in a testing phase, and we are awaiting further notification. Schools should have the LNA completed in a Google Sheet so that, once the LNA opens, the information can be copied and pasted into the system.

A. Industry-Recognized Credentials Group

Ms. Appel reported that the CTE team at ISBE is working to expand Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs) to include Credentials of Value (CoV). A working group with representatives from each region has been formed to help develop the criteria for these credentials, and Ms. Appel is serving as a member of that group. The group held its first meeting last week. Updates will continue to be shared as the work progresses.

B. CTE New Teacher Mentoring Program

Ms. Appel reported that ISBE launched the CTE Connect Mentorship Program, an initiative designed to support and strengthen Career and Technical Education teachers across Illinois. The program will connect experienced CTE educators (mentors) with those seeking guidance and support (mentees) through a two-year mentorship experience. Item 8 provides a detailed overview of the program.

Two teachers from our region applied and will serve as mentors:

- Lara Dorner, Family and Consumer Science, Belleville East
- Kaitlyn Buettner, Health Science, CAVE

If a district has a new CTE teacher entering from industry, applications are still being accepted for late hires. Please let Ms. Appel know if you would like additional information or links to the application.

C. Coursework and IL State Course System – New Courses

Ms. Appel reported that two new courses have been added to the Illinois State Course System. Item 9 outlines these courses and the CIP codes associated with each.

D. Modernized Career Clusters Framework Implementation

Ms. Appel reported that districts are familiar with the current CTE Matrices and the CIP codes approved for each school. Over the next two years, CTE will transition to a new outline and organizational structure for pathways. ISBE will adopt the Advance CTE Modernized Career Clusters Framework, with full implementation for EFEs and districts beginning in the 2027–28 school year.

The new framework will consist of 14 career clusters and 72 sub-clusters, compared to the current structure of 19 program areas and 86 pathways.

E. CTE Regional Showcase

Ms. Appel reported that on Friday, April 17, the CTE Regional Showcase was hosted at SWIC – Granite City Campus. Item 11 includes the program from the event. Participating schools from the system included Belleville East, Belleville West, The CAVE, Freeburg, Mascoutah, and O'Fallon.

The event was supported by sponsors who helped make the showcase possible, and their contributions are recognized in the program.

Competition results included:

- Freeburg High School placed 3rd in Carpentry – Journeyman Level
- The CAVE placed 1st and 3rd in Carpentry – Apprenticeship Level
- The CAVE placed 3rd in Machining – Manual Mill
- Freeburg placed 3rd in Masters in CNC
- The CAVE placed 3rd in Welding Sculpture
- Welding results: The CAVE placed 1st and 3rd, and O'Fallon placed 2nd

F. Public Act 104-0250

Ms. Appel reported that the CTE Connect newsletter highlighted Public Act 104-0250, which requires school districts to update attendance policies to allow students to participate in supervised conferences, competitions, and work-based learning while still counting those hours toward required instructional time.

This legislation, commonly referred to as the "STEAM absence exemption," supports student participation in FFA, 4-H, Career and Technical Education (CTE) organizations, and other enrichment activities.

G. 2026 Statement of Economic Interest – Due May 1

Ms. Appel reported that, while some may have already completed the task, a reminder was shared that it is due May 1.

H. Upcoming Dates:

- Business Regional Advisory Roundtable – April 23
- Engineering/STEM Pathway Roundtable – April 30 (Cancelled – Will Reschedule in October)
- ISBE Career Connections Conference – May 6

I. Other

CLOSED SESSION

Compensation of Personnel

Dr. Sarah Gass motioned to enter into closed session. Dr. Matt Noyes seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes	Mascoutah #19 – Absent
Cahokia #187 – Yes	O'Fallon #203 - Yes
Freeburg #77 - Yes	Wesclin - Yes
Lebanon #9 - Yes	

The Closed Session started at 9:52 a.m.

Mr. Ethan Graham to return to open session. Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes	Mascoutah #19 – Absent
Cahokia #187 – Yes	O'Fallon #203 - Yes
Freeburg #77 - Yes	Wesclin - Yes
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The Closed Session adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

ACTION from Closed Session:

No action was taken.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
The next Board meeting will be held on June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at BASSC - Belleville

Dr. Sarah Gass moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Curtis McCall Jr seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Ms. Filyaw adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Shelly Ettling, CTE System #460 Bookkeeper

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Signature of Board Chair Date