

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

## ***BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES***

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

**BASSC, 2411 Pathways Crossing, Belleville, IL**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair, Ms. Filyaw, called the Board of Control (BOC) meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **Present:**

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| 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                               |
| Mascoutah #19   | Mr. Nick Seibert, Principal                                  |
| O'Fallon #203   | Mr. Ethan Graham, Director of Academics and Special Projects |
| Wesclin #3      | Ms. Jennifer Filyaw, Superintendent                          |

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| System Director #460 | Ms. Gayle Appel    |
| System Bookkeeper    | Ms. Shelly Ettling |

- Enclosed in the electronic Board Packet
- \* Board handouts

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to approve June 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

#### **A. >Ratification of bills since the June Board Meeting**

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to ratify the payment of bills since the June 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. seconded the motion.

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| Cahokia #187 - Yes    | O'Fallon #203 - Yes |
| Freeburg #77 - Yes    | Wesclin - Yes       |
| Lebanon #9 - Yes      |                     |

Motion carried. The June Board Bills were distributed to Ms. Filyaw for signature.

**B. >Approval of August Bills**

Ms. Appel reported there are no August bills. There are a few bills ready to be paid but waiting for ISBE to process the funds.

**C. >FY26 Financial Reports**

The financial reports included in the board packet showed balances through the end of July. Ms. Appel reported that all schools have zeroed out their CTEI and Perkins.

**D. >School Assessment Status**

The Assessment Fund was established 15 years ago as a safeguard against delayed CTE payments. The account continues to earn interest and is used only as needed. This year, the fund generated \$745.65 in interest, which was credited proportionally to each school's share of the fund based on its original contribution. The interest remains in the Assessment Fund.

**E. Other - None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Other - None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. >Approval of 2026-2027 SWIL CTE System #460 Budget**

Dr. Matt Noyes moved to approve the 2026-2027 SWIL CTE System #460 Budget. Mr. Ethan Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes

Cahokia #187 - Yes

Freeburg #77 - Yes

Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes

O'Fallon #203 - Yes

Wesclin - Yes

**B. >FY27 CTEI and Perkins Allocations**

The Director reviewed the FY27 CTEI and Perkins allocations, along with the final allocations calculated for each member district. The System received a FY27 CTEI Allocation of \$956,720, which was level-funded due to no additional state CTE funding being appropriated for the year. The System received a FY27 Perkins allocation of \$337,882, a decrease from the previous year. The Director explained that Perkins funding is formula-driven and based primarily on federal Census/NCES data related to the number of school-age children and the number living in poverty. The System experienced decreases in both its school-age population and poverty counts, resulting in a reduction in Perkins funding.

Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. moved to approve the FY27 CTEI and Perkins Allocations. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes

Cahokia #187 - Yes

Freeburg #77 - Yes

Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes

O'Fallon #203 - Yes

Wesclin - Yes

**C. >FY27 CTEI Consolidated Grant Application**

The Director reported that the FY27 CTEI Consolidated Grant Application has been submitted and approved by ISBE. Goals for FY27 include: increasing work-based learning opportunities beyond Industrial Technology; expanding CTE dual/concurrent enrollment, particularly in Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences; and strengthening post-secondary partnerships to support educator recruitment, preparation, retention, and training.

The System completed its Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) during FY26. The assessment is completed every two years, so no CLNA will be required at the system level in FY27.

Dr. Sarah Gass moved to approve the FY27 CTEI and Perkins Application. Dr. Matt Noyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes  
Cahokia #187 - Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

**D. >FY27 Expenditure Deadline**

The System has an approved policy that sets a deadline for claims to be submitted by the member schools as April 30.

**E. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Nick Seibert made a motion to approve Ms. Jennifer Filyaw as Chair and Dr. Sarah Gass as the Vice Chair. Dr. Matt Noyes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

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Cahokia #187 - Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

**F. >2026-2027 Contact List**

Included within the Board Packet was a chart for verification of Board of Control Representatives and alternates. Ms. Appel asked the Board to review the chart. All Board Designee forms have been received.

**G. Appointment of Authorized Agent for IMRF and Bank Signature**

Dr. Sarah Gass motioned to approve the fiscal agents authorized signer as the IMRF Authorized Agent and Bank Signer for Southwestern Illinois CTE System #460. Mr. Jacob Strausbaugh seconded the motion.

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Cahokia #187 - Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**A. >CTE Licensure**

The Board reviewed the CTE Licensure guidance and application included in Item 11. The guidance provides step-by-step instructions and examples for documenting work experience. A rush request option is also available to expedite licensure approval from approximately 10–12 weeks to 7–10 days at no additional cost.

**B. >Public Notice**

The public hearing notice was published in the Belleville News-Democrat on July 16, 2026.

**C. FY26 Audit**

The audit is in progress, with all communication conducted via email. No issues are anticipated at this time.

- D. **Recognition of Industry Experience for CTE Teachers**  
Discussion was held regarding how member districts recognize prior industry experience when determining salary placement for CTE teachers. Board members shared practices within their respective districts.
- E. **FY27 Professional Development**  
a. Shared Google Calendar  
b. New and Nearly New Teacher Workshop – August 4  
c. Mississippi River Institute – September 3  
d. Micro:bits in the Classroom – September 23  
e. 2026 CTE Summit – October 9  
f. Future Teacher Conference @ SIUE – November 20
- F. **Community Health Worker Pilot Project**  
The Director reported that Belleville CAVE and O’Fallon is participating in the Community Health Worker Pilot Project. While no funding is associated with the pilot, participation provides access to curriculum and connections with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
- G. **Education Pathway Grant**  
The Director shared that FY28 funding is anticipated to support schools interested in developing Grow Your Own/Education Pathway programs. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.
- H. **Rural Healthcare Grant**  
The Director reported that a Rural Healthcare Grant opportunity is expected to be released this fall. Participation will require at least two high schools designated as rural. Additional eligibility information will be reviewed when the grant is released.
- I. **Elder Care Healthcare Grant**  
The Director shared that an Elder Care Healthcare Grant opportunity is anticipated for FY28. Potential partnerships with existing CNA programs and postsecondary institutions may provide opportunities for member schools to participate.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **A. Compensation of Personnel**

Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. motioned to enter into closed session. Dr. Matt Noyes seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes  
Cahokia #187 – Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O’Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

The Closed Session started at 10:07 a.m.

Dr. Matt Noyes motioned to return to open session. Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes  
Cahokia #187 – Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Yes Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin -

The Closed Session ended, and the regular Board of Control meeting was reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

**ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Matt Noyes made a motion to approve the FY27 CTE System Bookkeeper Compensation Package. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes  
Cahokia #187 - Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

Mr. Curtis McCall Jr. made a motion to approve the FY27 CTE System Director Compensation Package. Dr. Sarah Gass seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Belleville #201 – Yes  
Cahokia #187 - Yes  
Freeburg #77 - Yes  
Lebanon #9 - Yes

Mascoutah #19 – Yes  
O'Fallon #203 - Yes  
Wesclin - Yes

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The next Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at BASSC - Belleville

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

Ms. Filyaw adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Shelly Ettling, CTE System #460 Bookkeeper

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Signature of Board Chair

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Date