

**VALEES Coordinating Council
December 7, 2021
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Kent Mutchler, Chairman. Those in attendance were:

II. Roll Call

Present: Brian Veit (West Aurora); Jay Streicher (Somonauk); Heather Kincaid (Oswego); Kent Mutchler (Geneva) and Asa Gordon (East Aurora)

Arrived at 8:19 a.m. - Brad Newkirk (Batavia)

Absent: Todd Leden (Kaneland), Travis McGuire (Hinckley-Big Rock) and Ed Boswell (Newark)

A quorum was established.

III. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jay Streicher and seconded by Asa Gordon to approve the items of the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Meeting

- Bill Listing for October 12, 2021 in the amount of \$20,183.39

- Bill Listing for November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$235,777.51

A roll call vote resulted in 5-Yes and 0-No.

IV. Old Business

FY'21 Audit Summary

-Cassie Blickem shared information with regard to the FY'21 Audit.

A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Brian Veit to approve the FY'21 Audit as presented. A roll call vote resulted in 5-Yes and 0-No

FY'21 Grants Update

-Cassie Blickem shared information regarding this grant.

V. New Business

FY'22 Grants Update

-Cassie Blickem shared information regarding the FY'22 Grants.

Revenue and Expenditure Summary FY'21

-Cassie Blickem explained the document that was included in the packet.

Revenue and Expenditure Summary FY'22

-Cassie Blickem explained the document that was included in the packet. VALEES received about \$1 million for CTEI in mid-November. Schools showing evidence of expenditures, by December 15th, will be reimbursed for that amount.

Grant Amendments FY'21

-Cassie Blickem shared that FY21 grant amendments will be due to the VALEES office by March 21, 2022.

FY22 Mini-Grants

-Cassie Blickem shared information regarding how the mini-grant process was going. To date the amount of mini-grants accepted totals \$35,356.50.

Activities Summary-Winter 2021

-Cassie Blickem updated the council on the activities the committees have been participating in. Highlights included: Manufacturing Day Field Trips-October 22, 2021 (452 students attended); Apprenticeship Expo-November 9, 2021 (Over 450 students attended) and Career Connections: Education Exploration Event-November 15, 2021 (Over 300 students attended) Not listed on the flyer were the usual program committee meetings hosted by VALEES.

-Building Partnerships for America's Future – Friday, March 4, 2022 (all day)
Save the Date Flyer was included in the packet.

Intergovernmental Agreement

-Cassie Blickem shared the first reading at this December meeting. Cassie shared the highlights including: ISBE has stated that Intergovernmental Agreements older than 2020 must update their agreement by 2023. VALEES' latest update was in 1999. VALEES attorneys' have reviewed this document. It was advised that the PASEC withdraw from the Agreement. They don't offer any CTE courses. 8.2 Amendment (8.2.2) This is the reason that the attorney feels that PASEC should withdraw from the Agreement. Discuss at the February, 2022 meeting. Cassie will ask for a motion to accept the new Agreement. Resolutions then need to be approved by each Board. (Between the February and May school board meetings) Cassie will prepare a short document explaining VALEES and the new Intergovernmental Agreement.

VI. WCC Updates – Ne'Keisha Stepney

-WCC received a CAT Foundation Grant for the Welding Technology Program. Plano-Welding, Automation, Cyber Security and CAD Drafting. WCC is looking to become an AWS accredited test facility. AWS Workforce Grant. Professional Development was also written into this grant (Welding)

-Offered to give a tour of the newly renovated WCC Plano Campus to any of the Superintendents.

-WCC applying for: Good Jobs Challenge (Cybersecurity, Computer Support). More information to follow. Mid-semester in the Spring, 2022.

-Students are currently enrolling for Spring semester.

-WCC October board meeting. CTE building at WCC was discussed. Planning to fund this locally according to WCC Board. Automotive Technology; 2nd Welding; Machine Tooling; Auto Body and CAD-Drafting

VII. Other Business

Upcoming meeting dates

-February 8, 2022 (APC, WCC, Sugar Grove Campus, Room 180)

-May 10, 2022 (APC, WCC, Sugar Grove Campus, Room 180)

Brian Veit (West Aurora) shared: West Aurora High School - College and Career Fair
Fair Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – to date: 94 colleges and 35 businesses plan to participate.

VIII. Adjournment

-A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Jay Streicher to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m. Motion unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary K. Borneman', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mary K. Borneman
VALEES Office Manager