

## Career & Technology Education Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

*September 27, 2017*

*Present:* Windy Byrd, Glenn Campbell, Julie Burns, Scott Jones, Kimberly Lockler, Mark Manley, Margaret McMahan, Maria Meador, Joseph Olguin, Darla Reynolds, Ivory Robinson, Curtis Schmidt, Nichole Scoggins, Mark Thorton, Mollie Webber, Amber White

*Next meeting:* April 28, 2018 - Sweeny Administration Building

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#### **A. Opening**

Meeting began at 5:08 pm. Mark Manley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He explained the purpose of the council.

#### **B. Meeting**

Margaret McMahan, Director of Education for Associated Builders & Contractors Inc. spoke of many craft career opportunities in our area and passed out data directly related to great careers that students should consider. She shared that there is a myth that craft careers don't make as much as cubicle careers. Not true. She handed out a 2015 salary range sheet along with a projection sheet including Texas careers.

Mark Thorton, Zachry Construction, Craft Superintendent. Mr. Thorton started out at a trade in electronics. Zachry sends many of our workers to Brazosport to get their certification. Within four years you can make up to \$20-\$40 per hour. Students will come through Zachry to get to the plant. A LNG project will max out at 6,000 employees. He shared that he would love to come and speak to students about opportunities in craft careers. Mr. Manley asked about getting data concerning former Sweeny students working for Zachry. Mr. Thorton shared that he can collect some information.

Julie Burns - Chevron Phillips – HR Business partner works with college recruiting programs at Sweeny. Spoke about other jobs, in the plants, students might want to get into such as IT, public relations, HR, finance, auditing, supply chain (logistics). Skills for these jobs are similar to craft jobs. Communication skills, technology skills, professionalism, timely/responsive to solutions, time management, prioritize, and looking for ways to improve projects.

Ivory Robinson - Informatics Instructor Brazosport College

She shared that we want students to explore all options in health care. There is a need for people knowledgeable about privacy. Of course, professionalism and communication skills are very important. She shared that they offer a co-op or

internship program that pairs students with a facility to see how they like the field.

Mark Manley – Spoke of the need of people from business and community, to serve as active members on the committee. We are looking for people that can help get this committee on track and serving the purpose it is intended and help provide the district with insightful advice to help us better our CTE programs.

Mark reviewed courses offerings and mentioned that we have room for improvement to our programs. He also spoke of the need to identify complimentary courses. For example: Engineering students would benefit from taking courses such as millwright. Learning the basic of machinery and its operation would be a great benefit to a student pursuing an education in Mechanical Engineering. Margaret McMahan shared that when you do that you, expose students to different careers.

Glenn Campbell, Brazosport College – shared a story of a student that was interested in becoming an engineer. He was taking classes in process technology to learn about what goes on so he would make a great engineer.

Vote for nominations next meeting

Adjournment: 5:55 pm