CENTRAL ILLINOIS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
June 11, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Board of Control of Central IL Vocational Education Cooperative, was held on June 11, 2025 at 8:40 a.m.

President S. O'Laughlin called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Present were: M. Miller, D. Johnson, J. Streit, D. Johnson, and R. Bardwell. Also in attendance were Richard Wherley and Kelly Stoecker.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda - A motion to approve as follows: the minutes of the regular Board of Control meeting held on August 7, 2024, Bills between August 8, 2024 - June 10, 2025, and the Financial Report as presented was made by D. Johnson and seconded by M. Miller. On a roll call vote, all voted yea. The motion carried.

Motion to approve System Director Richard Wherley's contract for FY 26 - A motion to approve Richard Wherley as the System Director for FY 26 with a 4% increase for a FY 26 salary of $27,040 and a maximum of 500 hours was made by R. Bardwell and seconded by D. Johnson. On a roll call vote, all voted yea. The motion carried.

Motion to approve Administrative Assistant Kelly Stoecker's contract for FY 26 – A motion to approve Administrative Assistant Kelly Stoecker salary for FY 26 with a 4% increase for a FY 26 salary of $25,228 was made by J. Streit and seconded by M. Miller. On a roll call vote, all voted yea. The motion carried.

Motion to approve continuing with the current CIVEC Policy Manual - A motion to approve continuing with the current CIVEC Policy Manual was made by R. Bardwell and seconded by J. Streit. On a roll call vote, all voted yea. The motion carried.

Motion to approve Local Match Request - A motion to approve FY 26 Local Match request as presented was made by R. Bardwell and seconded by D. Johnson. On a roll call vote, all voted yea. The motion carried.

Reports, Updates, & Information Items - System Director presented the following:

A. FY 26 Perkins/CTEI Grant Allocation Update: Mr. Wherley presented the Board with their projected allocations breakdown for each grant for FY 26. He informed them that the State expects to release the Grants the week of June 16th and that is when we will know our actual Grant totals. Mr. Wherley explained how he determined how much each school district would receive based on last year's amounts. He also explained the

Elementary Careers dollar amounts. The totals each District will receive will be higher amounts than they received last year. Mr. Wherley explained that if we end up receiving less than the amount we received last year then the funds will be taken first from our withheld amount, then from the elementary amounts and then finally from the high schools Program of Study/WBL totals. He also informed the Board that they will no longer need to fill out Sub Grants. CIVEC will still allot a portion of each District with Course Funding and it is determined by FTE CTE count for each semester. The amount will be $4000 per FTE CTE and the Course Funding checks will be sent out after the second semester FTE CTE counts are given to the CIVEC office.

B. FY 26 Admin Budget: Mr. Wherley presented the Board with the projected administration budget and where the funds would be spent.

C. FY 25 WBL Grant: Mr. Wherley updated the Board on the new WBL Grant that was offered to CIVEC in May that needed to be expended by the end of the Fiscal Year. He informed them of the specific criteria for spending these funds. Mr. Wherley explained how Metamora Township High School was already purchasing an auto lift and part of it was going to be paid from the CTEI grant. Since the lift was something that could be purchased with the new WBL Grant we were able to switch to purchasing the lift to the WBL Grant to free up more money in the CTEI grant that is less restricted on the spending criteria allowing us to reimburse schools for additional requests.

D. XELLO for FY 26: Mr. Wherley updated the Board on the new contract with XELLO. He informed them that all the 7 schools that are currently participating in XELLO will have their FY 26 contracts paid by the WBL grant. He also informed them that he will get in touch with their counselors to let them know how to turn off different jobs that the students show being recommended for that are not realistic career type jobs. Mr. Wherley also explained that he would like all schools to set up their XELLO accounts to send the parents their students information on what they were recommended for.

E. Gorenz Audit contract: Mr. Wherley updated the Board that we approved the Gorenz Audit contract so we could get that process started.

F. August In-Service: Mr. Wherley updated the Board on the upcoming August In-Service that 14 instructors are signed up to attend. They will receive a stipend and CPDU's.

G. Shared Student Tuition: Mr. Wherley informed the Board with the formula to figure out shared student tuition if they wanted to use it if they had students from another school in our region attend classes at their school.

H. FY 26 Perkins, CTEI and WBL Grant Balances to Date: Mrs. Stoecker informed the Board that the Perkins grant will be zeroed out after the June 30th payroll and once we receive the WBL Grant funds since part of the final expense will be paid from both the grants. The CTEI grant too will be zeroed out after the June 30th payroll, once receive proof of payments for a request and once we receive the WBL Grant funds since part of a purchase will be paid from both CTEI and the WBL Grant. The WBL Grant will be zeroed out as well once we receive the funds as all obligations are ready to be paid once we receive the funds.

I. Allotted vs. Spent: Mr. Wherley presented to the Board an allotted vs. spent sheet to show how the funds have been spent over the past four years.

J. Joint Agreement Budget Publication Update: Mrs. Stoecker updated the Board the Joint Agreement Budget for FY 26 will be updated once the Grants are released and get published. The Board agreed to an August meeting.

K. Allowable Grant Fund use: Mr. Wherley reminded the Board of the document that shows what items are allowable/unallowable with grant funds.

L. Other Discussion: Mr. Wherley asked the Board if there was any other discussion or comments and there were none.

Accomplishments and Goals:

A. Mr. Wherley updated the Board that he has completed the Consolidated Grant Application. He let them know that we will be meeting with our Principal Consultant from ISBE to go over the application and that he will correct anything they see that needs correcting.

B. Mr. Wherley updated the Board to inform them he toured all eight buildings twice and he liked how the teachers were showing him a lot of the different items that they received from the grants.

C. Mr. Wherley updated the Board to let them know he attended SkillsUSA, CEO trade show, Workplace Skills Expo, ICC Manufacturing Days, Career Spark, and the ICC Health Career Expo.

D. Mr. Wherley updated the Board that he attended two Student Services Meetings and hosted one at Distillery Labs with a focus on CTSOs.

E. Mr. Wherley informed the Board he met with EDC, Jr. Achievement, IMA, ICC, Emerging Workforce, and ISAC this year.

F. Mr. Wherley updated the Board that he attended the ICATE state conference.

Goals in FY26 - Mr. Wherley presented his goals for FY 26. Share Xello Data with Parents, Internships for Students, Increase number of students earning certifications/CTE dual credit, Externships for Instructors, More money towards programs in need, and Continue to support elementary CTE recruitment

The next Board of Control meeting will be held in August: August 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. after the WCSEA meeting is the tentative date and time.

Motion to adjourn – A motion was made by D. Johnson and seconded by R. Bardwell to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Wherley