



Superintendent's Report
Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2006

Informational Items:

- **CTE Legislative Visits:** Dr. Jackson shared that he would be meeting with legislators in Harrisburg on May 23, 2006.
- **Senior Recognition Ceremony:** ECTS seniors will participate in the annual awards ceremony on May 31, 2006.
- **Diesel Mechanics Training Meeting:** The Erie Growth Partnership has reported a shortage of trained diesel mechanics. Companies in the Erie area hope to fill 30 vacancies. For this reason, the RCTC program will add classes to provide entry-level training.
- **Surplus Equipment Auction:** ECTS will be selling surplus equipment at auction on May 26, 2006.
- **Post-Secondary Institutional Accreditation:** Intergenerational training programs are now able to attain accreditation, making it possible to receive financial aid.

Technical Community College: Dr. Jackson and Dr. Miller reviewed issues arising from ECTS staff concerning the development of a technical community college. Superintendents also discussed the variety of possibilities for the composition of classes, school district control of the technical community college, and the continued need for a technical community college in northwestern Pennsylvania. All agreed that feedback from the Erie Growth Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, and Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania is an important resource as we move forward with this idea. Most recently, Dr. Jackson received news that the Erie Community Foundation would be interested in providing grant funds for the creation of a technical community college.

Enrollment and Staffing: As we do every year at this time, superintendents reviewed with Dr. Jackson student enrollments in all ECTS courses. Superintendents agreed to the following for the 2006-07 school year:

- **Maintain the Networking position at status quo:** Half a day as instructor and half day as technical support. Superintendents recommended promoting ECTS program to students with high tech ability in their home schools. Superintendents also suggested that districts consider hiring talented students who are enrolled in the networking class for summer and/or other part-time employment in the home districts.
- **Change Plastics position from full-time to half-time.**
- **Maintain Tool and Die position at part-time for 2006-07, and make switch to CNC Tool and Die instruction for the 07-08.** Superintendents think it



is essential that tool and die instruction prepare students for what employers will expect them to be able to do, and at this time manual tool and die will not do so.

New Applications and Admissions Process: Dr. Jackson requested that superintendents support the use of the new applications/admissions process piloted by four school districts. Superintendents recommended smaller group visits and making a few changes in the recruiting schedule. Dr. Jackson explained that while smaller group visits might be worthwhile, during the two weeks of visitations, instruction has many interruptions making it difficult for instructors and students to accomplish what they need to do. Dr. Jackson also reported that ECTS will be employing the services of Keystone Business to find out why ECTS is losing students who are already enrolled in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year classes. He and his staff will also be speaking with guidance counselors to find out why kids dropped out of the program.

Rental Agreement for RCI: Several superintendents requested that the rental rate for RCI remain the same for the 2006-07 school year. Dr. Jackson felt that this would be possible for one more year.

ECTS Land Sale: All school districts in Erie County approved the sale of 20 acres of land to Erie County for the purpose of building an Erie County Emergency Management Center.

Superintendent of Record Stipend: Superintendents discussed the issue of compensation for superintendents who serve as superintendent of record for ECTS. The current rate of compensation has been in effect for the past 20 years and does not compensate superintendents for the amount of work that the job requires beyond attending JOC meetings. For this reason, superintendents are recommending that for the 2006-07 school year, the superintendent of record receive a stipend of \$3,000 and \$4,000 in 2007-08. They base their recommendation on a survey of stipends paid to superintendents of record. Dr. Jackson will provide a copy of the survey for JOC members to review. The maximum stipend is \$14,000 and the minimum is \$1,500. Most fall in the range of \$3,000-\$4,000. The current stipend for ECTS superintendent of record is \$1,800.

Superintendent of Record for 2007-08: Sandra Myers, superintendent of Union City Area School District, will become the new superintendent of record for the 2006-07 school year. Ms. Myers is a strong supporter of ECTS programs for students and is looking forward to working with the JOC next year.

Last Report: This is the last superintendent's report for the 2006-07 school year. I have enjoyed writing them and representing superintendents' thoughts and recommendations with you.