

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 7, 2010

8:00 A.M.

ROYAL COURT RESTAURANT

PRESENT: A. Pederson, B. Bantle, J. McPheeters, L. Patz, M. Coldren, P. McKee, C. Haynes

EXCUSED: M. Stamm

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coldren called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 2, 2010 were accepted as written.

STATE WIB SURVEY OF LOCAL WIB CHAIRS

Local WIB chairs were recently asked to complete an online survey in preparation for the new Administration. The Governor's State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) was seeking input on critical workforce issues. Mr. Coldren and Ms. Mattick had originally intended to bring the survey to the Committee for input, but the deadline was before today's meeting. The State Workforce Investment Board is meeting this week and will go over the results. Once the results are made available they will be provided to Committee members.

WIB OFFICE MOVE – 401 EAST STATE STREET

There have been discussions about the WIB office relocating to shared space with TCAD. Preliminary approval has been received from the County and the item will be acted on at the Legislature this evening. The new space is located in the Gateway building and the WIB will be a sub lessee of TCAD. TCAD has received concessions from the landlord for the first three years which could result in costs remaining static for TCAD. The overall office space is smaller, but the common areas are larger allowing for a conference room, kitchen space, and additional space for professional space for use by auditors, etc. The landlord will pay for the cost of the buildout. The actual cost for the WIB will be subsidized by TCAD with flexible terms based on what the WIB is able to pay.

It was Moved by Mr. Pedersen, seconded by Ms. McPheeters and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to support the move of the WIB offices to 401 East State Street.

IHS PRINCIPAL – INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE LEARNING MEETING

Ms. Mattick and Mr. Coldren met with Don Mills, the principal at Ithaca High School, as an offshoot of a conversation relating to internships that was held at the Youth Employment Council. The conversation revolved around what can be done to help youth of color as well as low income youth with the limited resources that agencies are facing. There was discussion about the potential of creating internships for credit and other opportunities. The school has a dormant business program and this could be a way to kick start that program again. There are a diverse group of businesses that the WIB can link with. Mr. Mills was very excited about the possibilities and will be discussing this further with the assistant superintendent. Mr. McKee stated that the MTP program is currently operating within the school and can be used as a link. The Learning Web is also a good resource as they have programs that are working with these young people already.

JANUARY WIB MEETING

There was discussion about the agenda items for the next WIB meeting. The working groups will be reporting out, Mr. Bantle will report out on the visit from Commissioner Steiner, and the video that was put together by the Diversity Consortium will be previewed. There was also discussion about inviting Al Smith from Shortstop to the meeting to discuss how he has been able to make employing youth so successful. In addition, Cassie, a young woman currently working at Ithaca College, was identified as another good addition to the

conversation. Both Ithaca College and Cayuga Medical Center were also identified as sites that were doing well mentoring youth and people of color.

EDUCATION COMMISSIONER STEINER'S VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN TIER

Mr. Bantle reported out on the visit from Education Commissioner Stein. The Commission believes it is necessary to turn how the education system is calibrated upside down, starting at the top and working backwards. Standards are too low, school has too few day, and accountability is lacking. He also stated that attracting new people into education is lacking a sense of urgency and schools are being built for social and community purposes, not education. Over the next four years, Steiner said, the state will:

- Develop common curricula for key academic subjects that all schools across the state can use: The optional curricula, the first of their kind, will eliminate instruction gaps, or repetitions, if students move from district to district.
- Work with a consortium of other states to redesign state tests so they test higher level skills and measure student progress through the year: The new tests will be used for everything from teacher assessments to graduation requirements to school accountability measures.
- Implement a new accountability system for teachers and principals that will rate them highly effective, effective, developing or ineffective: Part of the evaluation will use student test scores.
- Implement a new data system that will better track the progress of each student through the grades.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2010 at 8 a.m. at the Royal Court Restaurant.