

SENATE BILL 1083  
AGRICULTURE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

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Date : June 27, 1984 -- 1:30 P.M to 4:00 P.M.

Place : Room 138 Agriculture Building  
California Polytechnic State University  
San Luis Obispo

Members Present: Dave Austin  
Jack Chappell  
Robert Dempel  
Joe Nunez  
Steve Olsen  
Laura Tower  
Larry West for Ted Hirayama

Members Absent : Kay Albiani  
Jan Eberly  
James T. Elings  
Mark Linder  
Joe Martinez  
Larry Rathbun  
Tracy Schortman

Others Present : Karl Bakken  
Richard Boucher  
Ken Harris  
Gary Hunt  
Anthony J. Silva  
Andrea Swartz  
Mimi Van Sickle

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ITEM # 1 - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Olsen at 2:00 P.M. Steve Olsen introduced the guests present.

ITEM # 2 - It was moved by Joe Nunez; seconded by Jack Chappell that the Minutes be approved as mailed. Passed

ITEM # 3 - Input from Vo-Ag Teachers on Agriculture Vocational Education Operational Program Standards and impact of Educational Reform on Electives.

Mimi Van Sickle (Etna Union High School)

Most of the standards were already being met. The incentive money was used to develop the school farm lab to help meet the needs of students for SOE. The teacher will have an SOE period for the year 1984-1985. There had been no graduate follow up until this year. A five-year and one-year follow up was done with results that helped improve the program.

The school biological science requirement is being met by those students taking animal science. Work is being done to have the instruction in water and soils meet the physical science requirement.

Anthony Silva (Turlock High School)

Mr. Silva reported that many standards were in place to varying degrees. Turlock is utilizing more individual student plans now. The staff is working on a graduate follow up system at this time. An additional teacher is being considered to meet the student/teacher ratio standard. A great deal of improvement was made in equipment and supplies due to the incentive grant allocation. The incentive grant and standards had an impact on the utilization of the local Vocational Agriculture Advisory Committee.

The high school has accepted two years of agriculture for one year of science in the past. The agriculture staff is working on plans to have three years of agriculture approved for the two years of science required for graduation.

The SB 813 Incentive Grant has generated more positive attention toward the agriculture department by school administration and the community.

ITEM # 3 - (continuation)

Richard Boucher (Tulare High School)

Most of the standards are being met to some degree. Individual student plans have not been done by all students but will be. Students with SOE are "Super Good" but hard to keep up with. The student/teacher ratio is not met but is being studied at this time. We once had a very strong Voc Ag Advisory Committee, but it is not as strong now; do have a strong boosters organization; the advisory committee is meeting again. Proficiency standards need working on, we do not know how they should be done.

The incentive money helped complete several projects that needed doing; we have excellent facilities at Tulare. The administration indicates they would like to have had more time to complete the total project (incentive grant).

Gary Hunt (Representing Jim Bailey - Fullerton High School District)

Mr. Hunt reported that many of the standards have been met, a few need more attention. Most if not all the students have an individual career plan. All SOE's are on the individual campuses. Class size is the biggest problem; a ratio of 34 to 1 is standard for the district; no change in this is predicted. There is a problem in defining, "What is full year employment?" We have ten months plus one hundred sixty hours. The incentive grant funds went a long way to help complete facilities, buy equipment and supplies. Most if not all the work was done by the students. We utilize a district-wide advisory committee rather than one for each school. This has proved very effective for us. No teacher has an SOE period.

Graduation requirements are tough. If a student can prove Ag meets the state science requirement, then it will be accepted.

ITEM # 4 - The role of vocational education in the comprehensive high school.

How do we address this topic?

Deferred to the August 1 meeting. Any input for this item should be relayed to Don Wilson or Steve Olsen.

ITEM # 5 - Update on 1984-1985 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grants. Status by Ken Harris. We have \$3,000,000 in the budget which is awaiting the Governor's signature. A draft copy of the application was distributed and explained by Don Wilson. He explained that the state staff had reviewed and suggested revisions for this application. Mr. Wilson stated that the Committee will have the opportunity for a more in depth study of the application at the August 1 meeting. Don Wilson will try to have this application process on the State Board of Education's September Board meeting agenda for information and action at that time.

Joe Nunez complimented Don Wilson and the state staff for their work on this year's application especially on the issue of standard #15.

Question: Will this year's application use all the allocation for this year? Answer: We are not sure at this time.

It was moved by Bob Dempel, seconded by Dave Austin that: We approve the plan for allocating the money for the 1984-1985 Incentive Grant. Passed unanimously.

The Minutes will include the revised application.

ITEM # 6 - Finalization of August 1, 1984 committee meeting at the California Farm Bureau Headquarters in Sacramento.

# 1 - Item 7 this meeting's agenda.  
Legislation for exemption of  
Vo-Ag school farm lab facilities.

Don Wilson and Ken Harris

# 2 - Update on Project Life Lab

Don Wilson

ITEM # 6 - (Continuation)

# 3 - Report on Pre-service/in-service

Don Wilson

# 4 - Update strategy plan for 1985-1986.

# 5 - Report on re-authorization of Federal  
Funds for vocational education.

Don Wilson

# 6 - Discuss the future involvement of  
Local Vo-Ag advisory committee members  
in statewide activities.

# 7 - View the video tapes on model school  
programs. This was suggested as a lunch  
time activity with lunch served at that  
time.

Enclosures --

Revised 1984-1985 incentive grant application.  
Copy of the California State Voc Ed Plan Standards

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Karl Bakken  
Acting Secretary