

FY '27 CAREERTEC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

CareerTEC Conference Room
2037 W. Galena Ave.
Freeport, IL 61032

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Board President Jenny Keffer, Dakota District, opened the hearing at 1:30 p.m., and the following members responded to roll call: Supt. Shanna Rufener, Durand District; Supt. Anna Alvarado, Freeport District; Supt. Thom Rude, Orangeville District; Supt. Mike Schiffman, Pearl City District; and Supt. Carl Carlson, Pecatonica District. Also in attendance were Brian Greene, CareerTEC Director, Jody Ackerman soon-to-be retiring bookkeeper/recording secretary, and Dean Balbach, new bookkeeper/recording secretary.

The Budget Hearing notice was published, and the budget has been available for public display. There was no public comment.

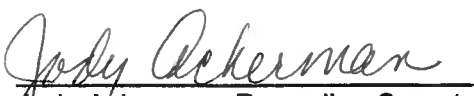
Director Greene turned the budget presentation over to bookkeeper Jody Ackerman, who went over the proposed \$1,327,718 budget. The Board members were sent a summary of the budget giving the expected revenue and sources.

Ackerman stated that the tuition figures used in this budget reflects the reduction for Construction Trades program since we can only hold one section due to the inability to find a late morning teacher. The budget is built with the intention to share a FSD145 teacher namely, Nic Fellows, then sending reimbursement to FSD145. (Fellows will be on an overload schedule, only allowing one section of teaching for CareerTEC.) The FY27 grant allocations have been received with the CTEI grant being the same amount as last year and has the leadership allocation similar to FY25 & FY26. This allows part of the director's salary and some of the administrative costs to be funded with the CTEI grant. The Perkins grant is \$4,220 less than last year and \$10,293 less from two years ago.

Director Greene relayed that the Area Career Center application is not approved yet and likely will be delayed until FY28. There are two grants that were shared by ISBE as possibilities this year. One is a rural CTE center grant and the other is related to Health students that pass the state CNA exam. He doesn't have much information on either one at this point.

With no further questions or comments, the budget hearing ended at 1:40 p.m. with a move by Supt. Carlson, seconded by Supt. Rufener, and voice approvals by Supts. Keffer, Rufener, Alvarado, Rude, Carlson and Schiffman.


Jenny Keffer, Board President


Jody Ackerman, Recording Secretary