

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
2/24/2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met February 22, 2021, with the meeting hosted at 2101 9th St. North, Wahpeton ND and connected by way of Zoom. Ginny Buck, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Board Members Present

Mat Asp – Hankinson-Z
Kris Beck – N Sargent-Z
Ginny Buck – Wahpeton-W
Tim Goettle – Campbell/Tintah-Z
Mike Grefsrud- Fairmount-Z
Scott Hendrickson – Richland 44-Z
Dave Puetz – Wyndmere-Z
Mark Qual – Lisbon – Z
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-Z
Scott Thiel – Wahpeton-Z
Scott Wertz – Ellendale-Z

Board Members Absent

Molly Leppert-Edgeley
Kate Mund – Milnor
Sheila Nagel – Oakes
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central

Others Present

Dan Rood, Director-W
Randal Brockman, Asst. Director-Z
Janel Sayler, Business Manager-W
Anna Kemmer-Z
Dan Spellerberg-Z

Motion by Scott T, seconded by Mike, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021, Career/Tech Center board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim, seconded by Scott W, to approve the January Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue to date is at \$2,802,977 or 70.1% and expenses are at \$2,204,842 or 55.2%. The second quarter payment of \$26,416 was received for the GED Program. Some of the Ag Programs are over budget on supplies but grants have been received and they are recorded under income. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mat, seconded by Dave, to approve the January Activity Account Report. Greenhouse expenses to date have been reimbursed by N. Sargent. The electrical and boiler bills have just been paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Kris, to approve the February General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$162,328.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mark, seconded by Sadie, to approve Wyatt Henningson, Wyatt Mogren and Holly German as the recipients of the February Student Awards of Excellence Wyatt H. is an Ellendale Senior and is enrolled in Ag Science and Ag Mechanics at the Center in Oakes. He is the son of Harvey and Pam of Monango. Wyatt M. is a Lidgerwood Freshman and is enrolled in Ag Mechanics. He is the son of Dave and Michelle. Holly is a Wahpeton Junior enrolled in Ag and Vet Science in Wahpeton. She is the daughter of John and Heather. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellendale and Oakes students toured the Oakes Center Programs today and N. Sargent students will tour tomorrow a.m. Hankinson students toured the Wahpeton Center Programs Monday, Campbell-Tintah and Wyndmere students Tuesday and Richland 44 students tour tomorrow. Wahpeton Ag Instructor Darin Spelhaug had the students wire

feed weld and Health Sciences instructor Lisa Keaveny had the students do germ detection. Construction Tech Instructor Aaron Stone had a first year student explain the program and why they enrolled in Construction Technology and the second year students explained why they came back for a second year of CT.

For National CTE Month, letters have been sent to the county commissioners of member schools, state staff and board members and area legislators from Districts 25, 26, and 27. The counselors did a reach out to parents.

ND HB 1430, regarding ND Scholarships, has passed the House and will now go to the Senate. Dan noted that Cindy Schreiber Beck did a great job testifying for it. Randal reported on CTE legislation. The ESSR funds are a blessing and a curse as legislators may hold off on some of the education funding, wanting to use ESSR funds instead. There is a push to have a 10% equivalent of ESSR funds go to CTE which could amount to almost \$13 million statewide. There is also talk of another round of ESSR money which could be three times that of current ESSR funds. Nothing has been decided yet.

Motion by Tim, seconded by Scott W, to approve the Automotive Technology contract services agreement to be offered to Kulm School. This represents a three-year increase of three percent or one percent per year. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital improvement projects slated for this summer amounting to approximately \$95,000 include windows, AC and water heater replacements at the Oakes Center. Epoxy coatings will be applied to the Construction Tech and Lidgerwood, Lisbon, Richland 44 and Wahpeton Ag shop floors. A concrete apron will be poured for the Construction Tech storage shop. Once bids are back, final numbers will be brought to the March board meeting.

Ginny reported that she had compiled the Director evaluations received from the board members and met with Dan at Noon to go over the Director Evaluation Review. There were good comments and suggestions.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Mat, to approve the following students for National Technical Honor Society: Alex Huber and Wyatt Moch from Edgeley; Abigail Peterson from Ellendale; Hailey Arth, Jaida Downs, Drew Frolek, Matthew Heley and Katie Willprecht from Lidgerwood; MacKenna Toye from Lisbon; KyAnna Halmast, Christina Mathias and Brayden Wehseler from N Sargent; Grace Day, Sadie Hansen, Garrett Meehl and Adrianna Wisner of Oakes; Kiersten Boehm and Chase Schmitt from Richland 44; Alec Helgeson, Treyton Link and Chloe Rubish from Wahpeton; and Ashlie Mauch, Levi Metcalf, Alexandra Puetz, Julia Quam, Parker Strege, Sierra Strengge and Ethan Witt from Wyndmere. Requirements for NTHS membership include being active in a youth group, a 95% in CTE classes and a 90% GPA in other classes. The induction ceremony will be held April 28 in Wyndmere or Milnor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Scott H, to accept the letter of intent from Darin Spelhaug to negotiate certified staff members' contracts for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed three grants applied for and received by Tony Boehm, Breanna Bregel and Desi Severance. Breanna Bregel and her Junior High students are using a STEM grant from Doosan to grow Bok Choi using different light frequencies in two Mars

Farm growth chambers. They will then present their findings to NASA. Some of the Ag Programs are doing Trout in the Classroom, Aquaponics and Hydroponics projects. Randal showed a picture of the Haas CNC mill just received. It is a little over 5,000 lb. which required special lifts to unload and set in place. This was purchased with a grant in conjunction with Harris Mfg. Once it's wired, it may be up and running by next week. Monitors will be installed so students can watch from different vantage points. The mill has the capability of 10 different tools.

Motion by Scott T, seconded by Dave, to approve the resignation of Dan Rood, Director, due to his retirement effective June 30, 2021. Dan has been Director for 37 years. The Board Chair, Mrs. Buck noted that it is accepted with regrets. Randal said Dan is going to be missed and appreciates everything he has done for him. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Director's Report

John Andrus, Audra Montgomery, Desi Severance, Darin Spelhaug and Dan Spellerberg took part in Wazer water jet training in Oakes last Tuesday. Two machines were purchased. Dan Spellerberg said that, even though it is slow, it is impressive what it can do with a garden hose and a 110 connection.

Dr. Steinhoff has turned his resignation as Oakes School Superintendent due to accepting a position in Huron, S.D.

Randal showed the board pictures that he took last week of the N. Sargent greenhouse and the lighted sign. Tanner will be trained on the Wadsworth controller to run the greenhouse with weather station integration. Randal will pick up the Ebb & Flow benches in Wahpeton on Friday.

The ITV principals will be meeting March 3 to discuss next year's ITV schedule. Final numbers are due May 1.

Directors Report

A thank you note was received from Dawn Hoeke for SRCTC's partnership, time and effort put into the construction of the N. Sargent greenhouse.

Dan wanted to make the board members aware that some of the bigger ND schools want to shorten the school year. There are also pushes to start the school year earlier and to start after Labor Day.

Danielle Luebke picked up the new Ford Fusion today. Jeff Bjugstad will switch cars tomorrow.

Daisy Canfield, Wahpeton and Fairmount Counselor, had a baby boy today. Haley Hault will be the primary sub for her. Haley did her practicum with Danielle last Fall. Cassidy Rasmusson, Lisbon, will be the primary sub for Anna Kemmer when she is on maternity leave. Both are extremely talented.

A special meeting will be scheduled for next week to discuss Dan's replacement. Mark Wagner has agreed to meet with the Board to discuss qualification and the State CTE certification process. Dan doesn't recommend hiring an outside search firm. The first meeting could be a Zoom meeting. Once a committee is created, Dan recommends meeting in person. Board members that have been involved in hiring would help. Acting immediately is recommended.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Career/Tech Center(s) and/or any other designated sites.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Tim, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Janel Sayler
Business Manager