

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
BOARD MEETING  
1/26/2022 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met January 26, 2022, with the meeting hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes ND along with ITV connections. Ginny Buck, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Board Members Present

Kris Beck – N Sargent-G  
Ginny Buck – Wahpeton – W  
Tim Goettle – Campbell/Tintah-W  
Mike Grefsrud- Fairmount-W  
Kate Mund – Milnor-M  
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central-O  
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-L  
Scott Thiel – Wahpeton-W

Board Members Absent

Mat Asp – Hankinson  
Scott Hendrickson–Richland 44  
Molly Leppert-Edgeley  
Sheila Nagel – Oakes  
Dave Puetz – Wyndmere  
Mark Qual – Lisbon  
Val Wagner – Ellendale

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director - W  
Randal Brockman, Asst. Director - O  
Janel Sayler, Business Manager – W

Ginny thanked everyone for attending.

Motion by Scott T, seconded by Mike, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Tim, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott seconded by Neil, to approve the December Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue to date stands at \$2,394,369 or 56.9% and expenses are at \$2,054,893 or 47.9%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Kate, to approve the December Activity Account Report. Dan commended first year teacher Ms. Johnson and her DECA students for raising over \$18,000 for the “Keep the Blind in Mind” project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott T, seconded by Kris, to approve the January General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$86,482. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kate, seconded by Tim, to approve Rhett Moch, Lauren Haugen and Syrina Seibold as the recipients of the January Student Awards of Excellence. Rhett is a Senior enrolled in Joe Weigel’s Auto Tech class at Edgeley School. His parents are Brian and Ann. Lauren is a Junior enrolled in Desi Severance’s Ag Ed Program at Wyndmere School. Jamie & Andrea are her parents. Syrina is a Wahpeton School Senior and is

enrolled in Breanna Pastir's Ag Ed Program. Carrin is her mother. Motion carried unanimously.

The Construction Tech students have two sheets of sheetrock left to put up. Once that is done, they will start insulating the attic. Aaron Stone is planning for the students to do a tape/texture lab and to visit the NDSCS Building Construction Technology Program.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Scott T, to approve the drywall bid of \$8,600 from David Puetz Construction as recommended by Dan. The other bid received was \$8,550 from Scott Schmitt & Sons Construction. Schmitt's bid didn't include primer & paint whereas Puetz's bid did. Motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Neil.

Dan noted the foundation bids will be brought to the board next month.

Discussion was held on house sale considerations. Dan asked the board their opinion as to whether he should attempt to sell the house himself or to enter into a contract with the local realtors. It was noted we have competition as a realtor is building houses to the east of the Center's houses/lots.

Mr. Clooten, Wahpeton High School Principal, has requested that there be a Summer Construction Tech School and Dan plans to move forward with it. Mr. Stone said he has 9, possibly 10 students interested. The summer school students would finish the basement, finish loose ends and work on a concrete project planned for the back storage building along with sheeting & tinning. A contract will be made up for Mr. Stone.

The board viewed the midyear update of the Program of Work. Some things have been completed, some things are in progress and this has made Mr. Spellerberg aware of what needs yet to be done.

Peter Mandt, NDSCS Auto Instructor, submitted his resignation right before Christmas break and will be done February 11. Dan has met with Terry Marohl. They are in the process of securing an instructor. The plan is for former Auto Instructor Chuck Campbell to finish teaching the third quarter. Brain Hanson and Mitchell Jobe are teaching the fourth quarter as planned. Instead of the two blocks of Auto, Dan is thinking of offering one block of Auto and one block of Diesel after this year in order to give students more dual credit opportunities and options for different career paths. He has asked the counselors to research possible student numbers.

Summer 2022 SAE agreements are all signed and handed in.

Dan and Randal have started working on the 2022-23 budget.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sadie, to accept Jody Breker's letter of resignation, effective the end of her contract for the 2021-22 year. She is working four days a week this year which filled a void that we had a hard time filling. Her service helped to get us by and offered opportunities to Oakes students. We wish her well in her next phase!

The Board suggested Mike and Tim be the board negotiators for the 2022-24 administrative contracts and they agreed.

For National CTE Month, which is February, articles showcasing what we are doing in CTE will be put in the local newspapers, Dan will continue to send letters to our representatives as Mr. Rood did, Jodi and Eileen will highlight CTE activities by social media and student tours are scheduled.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Scott T., to purchase an enclosed trailer, not to exceed \$15,000, to transport High Tech equipment until an appropriate van can be found. We are down one school vehicle. Late Monday morning, DJ Jensen hit black ice south of Edgeley & rolled the cargo van. He's lucky to be alive. He was wearing his seatbelt. The cargo van is now back in Oakes. Inventory has been taken and we are looking at what we can do for replacements. DJ was starting one of his rotations which had been delayed a couple days due to weather. Dan spent all of Tuesday looking for a cargo or cut away van. There are five possibilities. We had paid \$26,000. The same van is now in the mid \$30s to mid \$40s. One can be ordered but cost or when it will be built and available is unknown. He is working with Heritage Insurance. Two different claims will be filed, one for the vehicle and one for equipment. The Oakes Suburban will be used to pull the trailer. Our van was a 2012 3500 Express Van with a 1-ton chassis, a 12 foot box and tommy gate and had 109,000 on it. If we stay under 26,000 lbs., we don't need someone w/a CDL. Randal contacted Penske and it would cost \$480/week to rent a van along with 30 cents/mile, almost a grand for one week. We will see what we get back from insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

February member school board meetings that Dan and Randal will be attending include: Oakes 2/8 7:00 am; Lisbon 2/8 7:30 pm; Wahpeton 2/9 6:00 p.m.; and Ellendale 2/14 7:00 pm. They will attend Hankinson's meeting in March.

#### *Assistant Director's Report*

Randal announced that two new laser engravers will be purchased. Embroidery training will be scheduled as it has been requested.

Randal mentioned that, when the temps get down to 20 below, the heating unit in the classroom at the north end of the Oakes Center doesn't keep up. Chad's Electric run wires to the old unit and it is working as a supplemental heat source. One of the heaters in the rented office up front quit working and needed a different motor installed. Triton Mechanical switched out motors with an old unit we had and also serviced the rest of the heaters in the classrooms.

Mr. Kelly is working to put in a workbench and needed to reconfigure the wiring. Chads Electric did the work.

SRCTC has been approved to receive a Perkins Innovation grant in partnership with Comdel for \$38,416. This is for a Fanuc CERT cart. Two Bayer grants have been given to the Oakes Center totaling \$10,000. The one for Dickey County will go to Mrs. Kemmer and the Sargent County one will go to Mr. Kelly. Grants awarded this year have reached close to \$121,000. Dan commended Mrs. Pastir for being awarded \$16,000 to \$17,000 in grants. She has also been awarded \$1,000 to build wood duck boxes for Tewaukon Refuge. Kudos to everyone!

### *Director's Report*

A thank you was received from the Oakes Boy Scouts for letting them use the Oakes Ag shop for making wood decoys. Our Oakes DECA chapter was highlighted in the Oakes Times for earning the Thrive Chapter Campaign honor for sharing with their community what DECA is all about. They were also highlighted in the paper for raising \$18,000 for Keep the Blind in Mind which will help fund equipment purchases for the school grounds. Also in the Oakes Times, there was an article and picture of Bryson McKown, who won a \$1,000 SAE grant to expand his poultry operation. The News Monitor ran an article about the Wyndmere FFA's Santa Day held December 19 at the community center. Dan commended these programs & students for their efforts.

SRCTC counselors will be attending a preconference and the Midwinter Conference in Bismarck February 12 and 14-15. Mrs. Pastir will be attending an additional Natural Resource CASE training in Alaska this summer. She has been awarded a \$2,000 grant to cover part of the costs.

CTE Directors have been informed to concentrate on storm make up days and not by the hour by virtually teaching or making the days up. Hours were built in but it wasn't the legislative intent for time to be made up by the hour.

Dan and Randal's upcoming schedule includes four school board meetings, a February 1 staff meeting, a February 24<sup>th</sup> Directors meeting in Bismarck, student tour groups and a CTE group touring. Claire Alderman is student teaching at Wyndmere School this semester with Desi Severance.

Mrs Pastir is planning a 10-day Ag focused student trip to Ireland in June of 2023 through EF Tours. Places to be toured include farmers markets, St. Patrick's Cathedral, museums, potato farms, dairy/sheep farms, and they will see sheep dog demos. So far, twenty-four students are signed up. It is open to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders thru sophomores. Some have paid the full amount; others have arranged monthly payment plans and fundraising will be done as well. Students may receive both high school and college credit for the trip. Wyndmere had their informational meeting tonight. Lidgerwood has expressed interest as well. The students will ride a 55-passenger bus with a tour guide. Total cost per student is \$4,000 which include flights, tours, meals, etc. Ginny requested a presentation after the trip.

ND CTE has given its first \$20 million out but SRCTC wasn't included. Dan is confident SRCTC will get something. He hopes to hear in the next month.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at the Career/Tech Centers and any other designated sites.

Motion by Scott T, seconded by Tim, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janel Saylor".

Janel Saylor  
Business Manager