

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
BOARD MEETING  
2/22/2023 - 8:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met February 22, 2023, over Zoom. Neil Planteen, Chair, called the meeting to order. He wished everyone Happy Ash Wednesday.

Board Members Present

Mat Asp–Hankinson  
Kris Beck–N Sargent  
Markus Geffre-Fairmount  
Amanda Huber-Edgeley  
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah  
Art Nelson-Wahpeton  
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central  
Dave Puetz–Wyndmere  
Mark Qual–Lisbon  
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood  
Val Wagner – Ellendale

Board Members Absent

Derek Beito-Richland  
Kate Mund – Milnor  
Sheila Nagel – Oakes  
Scott Thiel – Wahpeton

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director-W  
Randal Brockman, Asst. Director  
Janel Saylor, Business Manager-W  
Michael Bitz, Wahpeton Auto Instructor  
Daisy Canfield, Counselor  
Anna Kemmer, Culinary Arts Instructor  
Cameron Young, Edgeley Ag Instructor

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Mark, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Art, seconded by Val, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Dave, to approve the January Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$2,732,592 or 61% while expenses are at \$2,912,106 or 65%. Dan has requested reimbursement for \$499,900 SRCTC has expended in grant funds not yet received. That reimbursement should come to SRCTC by mid-March. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Mat, to approve the January Activity Account Report. The Wahpeton and Wyndmere FFAs continue to raise funds for their Ireland trip this summer. Wyndmere FFA held their annual Santa Day. State CTSO events are coming up so there are registration fee payments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Ben, to approve the February General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$295,621. A few of the purchases include: Scan Tool and Jump Starter from Napa for Edgeley Auto with a Sand Grant; online Heartsaver CPR for

Health Science students-Choice Ready Grant; new poly for the Edgeley and Oakes high tunnels; Manning Mechanical and Meridian Construction for the Hankinson Ag building project; MarsFarm kit for Wahpeton Ag-CHS Grant; specials on our CT house lots, Schmitt's Plumbing-1<sup>st</sup> draw on CT house project; a griddle for Chef Training-Carl Perkins; microscopes for Richland 44-grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan showed the board pictures of Claire Wehseler and Ashley Pauly, January Student Awards of Excellence recipients.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Val, to approve Olivia Nitschke, Nick Wulfekuhle and Tahra Heley as the recipients of the February Awards of Excellence. Olivia is in Mr Young and Mrs Ketterling's Edgeley Ag classes; Nick is enrolled in Mr. Boehm's Richland 44 Ag program; and Tahra is in Mrs. Severance's Wyndmere Ag Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The wind has created havoc on the CT house shingles and some will have to be replaced. The students are done drywalling in the house. They are finishing up on the soffits and facia and will start siding.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Amanda, to approve the taping/texturing bid from Scott Schmitt & Sons Construction in the amount of \$7,000. This bid doesn't include the garage and this bid was the only one received. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mat, seconded by Art, to approve Director Spellerberg's Evaluation. Neil reviewed everything with him this afternoon. There were no unsatisfactory and a lot of positive. There were some recommendations. Dan appreciates the board's comments, will use the eval to grow, keep the board informed and address the needs of the SRCTC member schools' students. He had advised to look at aligning the evaluation tool to his job description. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Dave, to accept with regrets Oakes Auto Instructor John Andrus' resignation, effective the end of this 2022-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

March member school board meetings scheduled include: Wahpeton March 8th. and Ellendale March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Sargent Central moved their scheduled meeting at the Oakes Center to April 12<sup>th</sup>. Milnor school changed the date of their meeting and will have to reschedule.

Lisbon School is working to get the receipts for the Ag expansion to Dan so that we can request reimbursement. The contractors for the Hankinson Ag building moved snow to make room for the building as the metal will be delivered this week. The plan was to begin construction March 1 but the weather may delay it a day or two.

Daisy Canfield, SRCTC Counselor at Wahpeton High School, highlighted the recent counselor conference held in Bismarck. Topics included self care, legislation regarding

standards, admissions, ACTE, ACT Workkeys, and homeless and cultural populations/foster care updates. Ms. Canfield works with the Freshman and Seniors at WHS. She posts scholarship info and sends text reminders to students. She noted that the Bank of ND does a lot for students including Dollars for Scholars and financial aid nights. RU Ready is used to connect students with employers through Golden Path. Be More Colorful is utilized for students to experience virtual job shadowing. Counselors also work with students regarding social/mental health issues.

Summer SAE will be offered for students in all of the SRCTC Ag Programs Other summer camps and opportunities were discussed. Mini camps were offered last year and a summer Construction class has been offered in the past. If SRCTC receives additional grant funds, more may be offered. Val suggested a welding camp since Ellendale students don't have that opportunity in school. Dan suggested doing something at the local fairs.

#### *Assistant Director's Report*

The new embroidery machines have arrived at Blows in Fargo. A laser engraver has been ordered and may arrive the end of the month. Computer Express replaced the mother board in one of the Anatomage tables.

Some activities that FCCLA has done for CTE Month include: made cotton candy for the students, made lunch for the teachers one day and held a coloring contest for the elementary students. This week is FFA Week. Mr Ringler is making ice cream and getting it out to the schools. There have been CTE Month newspaper inserts, social media postings and radio spots. North Sargent and Sargent Central students were to tour the Oakes Center yesterday and Ellendale students today but those tours will have to be rescheduled. Amber Johnson, Cary Wertz and Cheyenne Ketterling and students had booths in the Great Hall.

Greater SE ITV principals will meet in Milnor March 7 to set next year's schedule. The annual superintendents meeting will be scheduled in April.

#### *Director's Report*

A thank you note was received from Dickey County for allowing them to hold their Tri-County Activity Day at the Oakes Center. A couple of SRCTC's staff members and programs were highlighted in the February State CTE newsletter. Dan and Randal were on TV highlighting the Center's partnership with ND CTE and DRN Readitech.

The two most important legislative bills for the Center are HB 1019 and SB 2340. Inflationary funds are not built in HB 1019 but could still be. SB 2340 would make it easier to hire counselors but Dan would like to see a transition program be required to ensure

students' needs are met. Dan will send the board highlights of the legislative bills he is tracking.

The \$20,000 Choice Ready Grant will be used to cover SRCTC students CTE dual credit classes this semester along with the bussing for our Health Science students to businesses for job shadowing.

HB 1199 passed so SRCTC should receive the CTE Capital Improvement Grant funds around March 15 for the Hankinson and Lisbon Ag projects. Once the amount for the inflationary funds is set and approved by the legislature, plans for the Edgeley project will be figured out.

Thanks to the weather, Lidgerwood and Wyndmere student tours need to be rescheduled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the Career/Tech Centers and any other designated sites.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Amanda, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Janel Saylor  
Business Manager