

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
BOARD MEETING  
1/25/2023 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met January 25, 2023, with the meeting hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes. Scott Thiel, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present

Mat Asp–Hankinson-V  
Kris Beck–N Sargent-V  
Derek Beito-Richland-W  
Markus Geffre-Fairmount  
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O  
Art Nelson-Wahpeton-W  
Mark Qual–Lisbon-O  
Scott Thiel – Wahpeton-W  
Val Wagner – Ellendale-O

Board Members Absent

Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah  
Kate Mund – Milnor  
Sheila Nagel – Oakes  
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central  
Dave Puetz–Wyndmere  
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood

Others Present

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Art, seconded by Markus, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Art, seconded by Markus, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Art, to approve the December Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$2,240,153 or 50% while expenses are at \$2,563,635 or 57%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Val, to approve the December Activity Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Art, seconded by Mark, to approve the January General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$316,190. A few of the purchases include: continuing ed class taken by Mr. Stone (he is working on his Bachelors' Degree); High Tech laptops and an inkjet printer; liability/auto/inland marine insurance through Heritage Ins; work completed to date on the Hankinson Ag bldg; hydroponics kit from Nodak Hydro for Oakes Ag; house materials from Riverside Lumber; and Fall Masters classes for Ed Wentworth, counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Marcus, seconded by Amanda, to approve Claire Wehseler and Ashley Pauly as the recipients of the January Awards of Excellence. Claire is a N. Sargent Freshman in Mr Zetocha's Ag class. Ashley is a Wahpeton Senior in Mrs. Pastir's Ag Education class. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan showed the 2022 house to a potential buyer this afternoon. The CT students are sheetrocking the walls of the 2023 CT house, the HVAC is complete and insulation will be blown in the ceiling next week.

Motion by Marcus, seconded by Derek, to approve the foundation/apron bid of \$66,781 from Krump Construction. A bid was also received from Camrud-Foss in the amount of \$67,380. Discussion was held about the ceiling coat. Krump's bid is \$6,000 more than last years due to concrete prices. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan gave an update on this year's Program of Work. Dan met with an HR group in an effort to try to sell the Center's workbased learning on-the-job training. A Choice Ready grant app for \$20,000 was submitted and received, SRCTC will be hosting three of our member school's board meetings; SRCTC staff members have applied for 29 grants, and Carl Perkins purchases are 98% complete, some of which was used to build up the Welding Program. A second corporate sponsor hasn't been secured for the electronic sign in Wahpeton. Dan hopes to educate parents about our dual credit classes in February during CTE Month.

All the Center's Ag instructors have signed and turned in their 2023 SAE Agreements. These agreements are for the month of July, using a tiered approach based on the number of students the instructors supervise. The agreements are contingent on signed contracts for next year.

Currently, ND CTE reimburses 40% of SRCTC purchases with the member schools making up the remaining 60%. The funding formula will remain the same for two more years.

Motion by Marcus, seconded by Amanda, to approve the 2023-24 SRCTC Calendar. Classes will begin August 23 and conclude May 20. This is based on school calendars already approved and the best mix. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Art, seconded by Val, to recognize the SRCTC certified staff's January 11 Letter of Intent to Negotiate for the 2023-25 years. Negotiations will begin no sooner than March 1 and no later than April 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Neil Planteen and Val Wagner have volunteered to be the Board Negotiators for the 2023-25 certified contracts.

We are gearing up for CTE Month in February. Students from the member schools will tour our programs. The Health Careers students have just started job shadowing. Radio

interviews in Lisbon, Oakes and Wahpeton will be lined up to highlight our programs and youth group events.

February Member School Board Meetings that Dan and Randal plan to attend include: Campbell-Tintah 2/8 at the Center with a meal; Oakes 2/10 7 am at Center with a meal; North Sargent 2/13 5:00 pm; Wyndmere 2/13 7:00 pm; and Lisbon 2/15 7:30 pm.

### *Assistant Director's Report*

The new vinyl cutter printer for the High Tech Program should arrive the end of February. The embroidery units are being updated. A newer version and style of laser engraver will be ordered. Training will be scheduled on all of these items.

Amber Johnson, Cheyenne Ketterling Cary Wertz and students will be showcasing their programs for CTE in the Great Hall February 8.

To date, SRCTC staff have secured \$145,865 in grants this year. The board viewed a list of the grants. Desi Severance received a \$15,000 grant through the CHS Foundation. She will use it to create a mobile produce lab to be used by all the Center's Ag Programs.

### *Director's Report*

The board viewed correspondence and newspaper articles highlighting the Center's Ag and FFA chapters.

Mrs Keaveny attended SkillsUSA training in Bismarck yesterday. The counselors will be attending the Midwinter Conference in Bismarck February 11-13. So as not to give up school days, various trainings will be scheduled during the summer months.

Dan highlighted legislative bills: HB 1019 CTE funding, which includes new program funding which SRCTC could really use to offset our new Hankinson Ag Program next year; HB 1199 - ND CTE would like to take out a \$68 million emergency funds loan with the Bank of ND in order to forward funds to the schools who have been awarded federal money for which they haven't yet received. If approved, SRCTC could possibly receive those funds totaling just under \$3 million by mid February; HB 1305 changes the value of the State Scholarship from \$6,000 to \$10,000 along with changing the requirements; HB 1398 cyber security – many schools have written in opposition of this bill because of how it was written. Dan is watching 24-30 legislative bills and has vested a lot of time writing letters in support of the CTE bills and for the first time testifying.

Motion Marcus, seconded by Mat, to authorize Director Spellerberg to advertise for the instructor position for the Hankinson Ag Program slated to begin in Fall of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held by Zoom at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (due to it being Ash Wednesday).

Motion by Art, seconded by Marcus, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janel Sayler", is positioned above the printed name.

Janel Sayler  
Business Manager