

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
6/28/2023 - 8:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met June 28, 2023, with the meeting being hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes. Neil Planteen, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present

Kris Beck–N Sargent-O
Derek Beito-Richland-W
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah-W
Sheila Nagel – Oakes-O
Mark Qual–Lisbon-O
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central-O
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-W
Scott Thiel – Wahpeton-W
Val Wagner – Ellendale-O

Board Members Absent

Mat Asp–Hankinson
Markus Geffre-Fairmount
Kate Mund – Milnor
Art Nelson-Wahpeton
Dave Puetz–Wyndmere

Others Present

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Val, seconded by Sheila, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Mark, to approve the May Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue to date is at \$4,423,437 or 98.6% while expenses are at \$5,023,478 or 112%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Val, to approve the May Activity Account Report. Dan is working with Mrs. Keaveny to strengthen the Health Sciences SkillsUSA account. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Ben, to approve the June General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$588,108. A few of the purchases include: \$22,000 in tools and an ironworker for Hankinson Ag; 29 laptops from Computer Express for High Tech; a trailer and other purchases for the Precision Ag mobile unit; some of the annual audits were prepaid; Manning Mechanical, Meridian Construction and Scott's Electric for the Hankinson Ag building; Oakes AC heat pump was replaced; and YHR Partners Architect for the Hankinson Ag project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Val, to approve Jaden Henning and Paetyn Hamann as the recipients of the June Awards of Excellence. Jaden was enrolled in Oakes Ag and was an Ellendale Senior and Paetyn was enrolled in N Sargent Ag and was a Junior. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan gave the board an update on the Hankinson Ag building. Asphalt will be laid the week of the 4th. Delivery of the cabinets is 10 weeks out, which is a concern. Dan will try to purchase most of the hand tools locally.

The foundation has been poured for the 2023 house. The goal is to finish the basement walls this week. Schmits will move the house to the site in mid-July.

The plan is to build the 2024 house onsite since the cost of moving has gotten so extreme. Concrete work will begin this fall. Transportation of the students to the site will have to be determined.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Amanda, to approve the 2024 CT house plan. The board requested that an additional lumber bid be obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Sheila, to approve the 2023-24 teaching contract with Brady Coleman. He will be teaching Wahpeton Ag. He is a former Oakes Ag student. He will participate in the Transition to Teaching Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Amanda, to approve the 2023-24 Adult Ed agreements with Sergey and Irina Karamanov. SRCTC is the fiscal agent for the Adult Ed Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sadie, seconded by Val, to approve an agenda addition.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Amanda, to approve the TFFR addendums to Dan and Randal's 2023-24 contracts. SRCTC will pay the employee share of TFFR per the board negotiated agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Ben, to approve the purchase of two S66 T4 Skid Steers with joy stick controls and buckets from Lillegard's in the amount of \$110,942.62 and to authorize Dan to sell SRCTC's current Skid Steers. A quote was also received from Bobcat of Gwinner in the amount of \$107,151.20 but doesn't include a bucket and a bolt-on cutting edge. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan will send out the CTSO Youth Group Merit Pay Summary with the weekly highlights. A lot of our instructors get the max and a lot are very close to it.

The board didn't act on changing the board member compensation for the 2023-24 school year.

The board reviewed the School Vehicle Report. All vehicles are in good or excellent condition.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Ben, to approve the revised 2023-24 NDSCS MOU, which constitutes a 4.7% increase over this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan submitted a grant app June 20 to fund two part-time Work-based Learning Coordinator positions, one for Oakes and one for Wahpeton. SRCTC should be notified by next week. The State of ND is planning to fund 15 coordinator positions across the state.

Dan and Randal will have preliminary budgets for 2023-24 mid-month. Monday, the ND State Board approved adding seven percent to this year's expenses. This is different than what was discussed at the Directors meeting a week ago yesterday. One concern is when a new employee who needs a family medical insurance policy replaces an employee with a less expensive policy.

Assistant Director's Report

Randal and Dan attended the Directors meeting in Bismarck June 18-19. The directors were given a legislative recap and program updates were presented by Career Development, Ag and Marketing. They were also given the chance to fly drones on the Capitol grounds.

The SkillsUSA Conference was held in Atlanta GA June 19-23. Briar Maudal of Wahpeton finished 30th out of 43 in Culinary and Joe Schaefer of Edgeley finished 14th out of 45 in Auto. Advisors Jerry Prante and Joe Weigel accompanied the students. Cary Wertz and students attended the International HOSA Conference held in Dallas TX June 21-24. Aspen Hill made it to the second round in her event and received the ACTE Catherine B Junge HOSA Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, one of two in the world.

The State FFA Convention was held at NDSU June 5-8. Randal announced detailed results. The Wahpeton FFA Chapter received the State Superior Chapter, State National Chapter-Gold and State Premier Chapter in Building Communities awards, their Plan of Activities document earned gold and will advance to Nationals and Marisa Mumm earned gold in the Agriscience Fair and will compete to go to Nationals; American Degree recipients include: Lance Kjellberg, Keyahna Musland and Emilee Weigel from Edgeley FFA. The Richland 44 FFA Chapter was a state finalist or top 3 in Growing Leaders, Strengthening Ag and Building Communities and took the state honors in Growing Leaders for our Colts Care Community Service Day. Cody Boehm took first in the AgriScience Fair-Food Products & Processing Division and Keagan Neppi was state champion with her Ag Service Proficiency award and both will compete to advance to Nationals.

Advisor Anna Kemmer and qualifying students will be attending the National FCCLA Conference in Denver July 2-6.

Gina Quamme, Wahpeton, highlighted the recent FFA Ireland trip. Advisors Desi Severance, Jeff Bjugstad, Audra Montgomery and Breanna Pastir accompanied FFA members from Wyndmere, Lidgerwood and Wahpeton. The group toured Dublin, museums, statues, a temple, cathedrals, a castle and a college. They toured potato, dairy, beef, strawberry and oyster farms, a thoroughbred breeding center and cliffs. Gina said their farms are a lot smaller (60-70 acres) and they grow everything they need for their animals and their machinery is limited. Dan mentioned that Mr. Bjugstad said the union has really changed what crops they are allowed to produce. The land and climate are suited for sugar beets but they aren't allowed to be grown. He also said everything is manual. Gina

mentioned that sheep farmers get subsidized checks since having too many sheep is hard on the land.

Director's Report

Desi Severance has once again been selected as one of 46 finalists for the Harbor Freights for Schools Program and will put together a video clip. The scholarship grant could potentially be \$100,000.

The Carrington superintendent, principal and one board member toured SRCTC-W yesterday with the hopes of adopting a Center concept.

Dan noted a couple newspaper articles. A thank you was received for our Wyndmere Post Prom donation.

State reimbursement claims are due the 30th and all have been submitted as of this a.m. We should be notified of our reimbursement amounts by July 15.

SRCTC received a check for \$3,753.50 from Steffes Auction for items sold including an Ellis band saw, wiring harnesses, an old compressor, two small AC buzz box welders etc. Dan is planning to bring up another load including a pickup fixed up by Joe Weigel and Edgeley Auto students, a car trailer that Mr. Thiel and Wydmere Ag students built around 30 years ago and the tommy lift from the totaled High Tech van.

The Wahpeton School Dawg Pound is being fixed up for the new DECA store including a new countertop, shelving and refrigerator.

Val announced that her son recently participated in an Ag Academy sponsored by NDSU and Northern Crops Institute for which he earned two credits and included the areas of food and animal science and policy and trade. She encouraged everyone to promote it.

Dan announced that Art Nelson and Scott Thiel weren't re-elected. Scott noted that Art was on the Wahpeton School Board for 12 years. They will be invited to our July board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the Career/Tech Center-Wahpeton after a provided supper.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Sheila, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Janel Saylor, Business Manager