

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
3/27/2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met March 27, 2024, with the meeting being hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes along with a video connection. Neil Planteen, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present

Kris Beck–N Sargent-O
Derek Beito-Richland 44-W
Chad Fyre-Milnor-V
Lisa Graves – Wahpeton-W
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah-W
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-W
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central-O
Val Wagner – Ellendale-O

Board Members Absent

Mat Asp–Hankinson
Markus Geffre-Fairmount
Sheila Nagel - Oakes
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 Val, seconded by Amanda, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Kris, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Chad, to approve the February Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$5,769,812 or 76% while expenses are at \$5,554,651 or 73.2%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Lisa, to approve the February Activity Account Report. The balance of the Activities Accounts is \$194,518. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded Val, to approve the March General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$82,772. Some purchases/payments included: sump pump lines to the houses, plant supplies from Cole Papers for the Oakes Center, North Sargent FFA is building a warming shed for Forman, Robinson Masonry was used to repair the old Wahpeton Ag greenhouse, Schmitt's Plumbing's first draw for the 2024 house, and Mike Marquette's VCSU Transition to Teaching courses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Lisa, to approve Landon Buehre, Ellecia (Elle) Cline and Bethany Harris as the recipients of the March Student Awards of Excellence. Landon is a Lidgerwood Senior enrolled in Aaron Stone's Construction Technology Program. Elle

and Bethany are Oakes Seniors and enrolled in Cary Wertz' EMT class. Motion carried unanimously.

The tape & texture crew have 80% of the taping done on the 2024 house. Fine sanding, texturing & painting will then be done. The new Wahpeton Elementary Assistant Principal is Interested in the house. The closing date could potentially be in May. They will have the option of picking out flooring. The students have sheetrocked the basement of the 2022 house and have started siding the 2024 house.

Motion by Val , seconded by Amanda, to set the sale price of the 2023 CT House at \$319,900. The basement isn't finished in this house. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Val, seconded by Amanda, to set the sale price of the 2024 CT House at \$329,900. The basement will be finished. Dan will get an agreement ready tomorrow. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on plans for the 2025 CT House. Aaron and Dan are leaning towards a slab on grade house. It would be less expensive. Foundation would be poured this summer and students would be able to start on it right away once school begins. The kitchen is small so Dan would like to see something different done there. There wouldn't be a lot of storage so an option would be to build a shed. The house has to be 38 feet wide to fit the lot and would be 10 feet longer than the current houses so therefore a smaller yard. This will be acted on next month.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Val, to approve the following 32 students for National Technical Honor Society induction: Nate Kjellberg, Abby Mathern, Dylan Ostendorf & Tayia Zahn-Edgeley; Courtney Durham, Jaden Henning, Evan Olson & Makenzie Thorpe-Ellendale; Layne Lovdokken & Oaklee Medenwaldt-Hankinson; Thomas Baldwin, Olivia Frolek & Kara Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood; Addisyn Cavett & Alivia Katzenmeyer-Lisbon; Paetyn Hamann, Halle Nelson & Matthew Wehseler-North Sargent; Paige Bakke, Ellecia Cline, Jarett Gebhardt; Macoya Hansen, Bethany Harris, Cooper Quandt, Isabella Sundby & Lily Thorpe -Oakes; Patrick Boyle & Nicholas Wulfekuhle-Richland 44; and Garret Fenske, Gina Quamme, Autumn Rossow & Julya Seibold-Wahpeton. To qualify for NTHS, it is required the students have a 95% in CTE classes, a 3.5 GPA, they are active in their CTSO and they pass the character test by their home school principal. The banquet will be held at the Wyndmere Community Center May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Lisa, to approve the following resignations: Brooke Kunz, Oakes Ag Instructor, Amber Johnson, Oakes Marketing Instructor, and Audra Montgomery, Lisbon Ag Instructor; and charge no punitive damages to Audra Montgomery as recommended by Director Spellerberg. Brooke and Audra want to get closer to home. Brooke took a teaching job at New Salem and Audra has cattle near Carrington and took a job at Medina. Dan had encouraged Audra to sign her contract in the case she wasn't hired for the Medina job. Amber is moving to Minnesota. Brooke was a first year teacher, Amber was w/SRCTC for three years and Audra six years. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Kris, to accept all signed contracts with the exception of Audra Montgomery's including contracts received late from Brady Coleman, Wahpeton Ag Instructor, and Tanner Zetocha, North Sargent Ag Instructor, as recommended by Director Spellerberg. Brady and Tanner were trying to figure out what they wanted to do. Dan said it will be hard to find two Ag instructors; it would be extremely difficult to find four. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Michelle, to approve Mr. Spellerberg's Director's Evaluation. Neil reported all areas were satisfactory and all the remarks were good. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the progress report from YHR Partners dated March 18. The floor will be poured soon in the Edgeley CTE building. The team has met with Sanford Health. They are researching how they may work with the Center and possibly provide equipment or resource tools. There are other possible partnerships and individual investors as well.

Dan and Randal will present at the Sargent Central school board meeting April 10 at 6 p.m. following a meal at SRCTC-O.

A meeting will be set up in the near future with Neil and Val to discuss admin and noncertified negotiations. Dan wanted to wait until CTE funding changes were known.

2024-25 CTE funding will be similar to this year with a seven percent increase on our 23-24 reimbursement. This gap funding was approved Monday.

Dan hasn't slept well since finding out the proposed plan for CTE funding for 2025 & beyond. What we are doing is spot on for CTCs. In Dan's opinion, it is going to be scary to go the route they are suggesting. Stand-alone schools that have all these programs will end up great while CTCs with Ag and are counselor heavy will go backwards. Our Career/Tech Center will be losing some funding even if we hit all the requirements. Randal feels there are too many unknowns. Dan has sent the correspondence to area superintendents. The next ND CTE board meeting is April 22 with public comment due by April 3.

Assistant Director's Report

Area ITV principals are getting the schedule set for next year. We are looking for new classes and ideas. A lot of schools are having a hard time finding teachers.

The State DECA Conference was held in Bismarck March 3-5. Amber Johnson was named New Advisor of the Year. Elle Cline was named the Outstanding Chapter Senior Member. Mallory Harris was named the Outstanding Chapter New Member. Elle Cline, Beth Harris and Lexi Harris have qualified to attend the National DECA Conference April

24-28. The State Winter FFA CDEs contest was held in Minot March 18. Lisbon FFA received four Individual Golds and the team received Gold in Livestock Judging. The State FCCLA Conference will be held April 7-9. The ND SkillsUSA Conference will be held in Bismarck April 14-16. The State HOSA Conference which was to be held March 24-26 was cancelled due to weather and they aren't finding another time and place to hold it.

The following is the FFA Banquet schedule: Lisbon April 4, 6:30 pm; Richland 44 April 5, 6:30 pm; Wahpeton April 7, 7 pm; Edgeley April 9, 6 pm; Lidgerwood April 10, 6:30 pm, Hankinson 6 pm and Oakes April 12, 6:30 at the Guelph gym; North Sargent April 25, 6 pm, and Wyndmere April 28, 6 pm.

Director's Report

Dan provided the ND CTE newsletter to the board. Dan attended an event in Bismarck March 21 highlighting FANUC and industry partners. Wahpeton School in conjunction with NDSCS is offering a practical nursing pilot program. A nice letter was received from Kristen Baesler. Lt. Governor Tammy Miller stopped by the Wahpeton Campus for a tour on a Saturday after she received our letter highlighting CTE Month.

Staff evaluations are to be completed by April 15.

Dan and Randal will nominate programs that are eligible and deserving for the Directors Award of Excellence.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Career/Tech Centers and any other requested sites.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Val, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Janel Sayler
Business Manager