

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
BOARD MEETING  
3/26/2025 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met March 26, 2025, with the meeting being hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes with virtual connections. Neil Planteen, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Board Members Present

Nathan Berseth-Richland 44-W  
Markus Geffre-Fairmount-W  
Lisa Graves – Wahpeton-W  
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O  
John Manstrom-Wyndmere-W  
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah-W  
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-W  
Tom Nitschke-Kulm-V  
Neil Planteen- Sargent Central-O  
Mark Qual-Lisbon-O  
Val Wagner – Ellendale-V

Board Members Absent

Kris Beck–N Sargent  
Chad Fyre-Milnor  
Jason Semerad-Hankinson  
Sheila Nagel – Oakes  
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director-W  
Randal Brockman, Asst. Director-O  
Janel Sayler, Business Manager-W  
Richard Osman-CTPS Instructor-W

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Ben, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nathan, seconded by John, to approve the February Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$4,162,661 or 77.6% while expenses are at \$5,195,965 or 96.9%. SRCTC will be receiving \$800,000 from Edgeley School within two weeks and \$200,000 right after July 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Tom, to approve the February Activity Account Report. HOSA has qualified for nationals so they have fundraising work to do. Edgeley Kulm FFA received a \$12,500 donation from the Edgeley Co-op. An FFA scholarship will be given out every year. The balance of the Activities Account is \$251,674. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Ben, to approve the March General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$187,232. Some purchases/payments include: Bismarck Career Academy \$15,239 for one period of Marketing this year since we didn't fill the Oakes Marketing position; Automation trainer for Emerging Tech from First Technologies \$60,578; rolltop benches from Greenhouse Megastore \$3,352 for Hankinson Ag; House

of Glass replaced the Chef Training-W door \$3,713; and the final Scott's Electric bill for the Hankinson Ag bldg. \$42,409. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Michelle, to approve Emily Fredenburg and Alexa Almendarez as the recipients of the March Student Awards of Excellence. Emily is an Edgeley Senior enrolled in Mrs. Ketterling's Ag Ed III class. Alexa is a Richland 44 Sophomore enrolled in Ag Ed and was nominated by Mr. Boehm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan did a walk through the 2025 House with the potential home buyers. The vinyl flooring has been laid; the carpet will be laid mid-April. Gutters will be installed next Tuesday. Once the counters are set, appliances will be installed. The students have hung the interior doors and are installing the final trim inside. They will start siding outside once the weather warms up.

Motion by Nathan, seconded by Ben, to set the sale price of the 2025 Construction Tech house at \$315,000, allowing Dan to negotiate if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nathan, seconded by Ben, to approve of the offer of \$322,400 with a seller's credit of \$7,500 on the 2023 House. The original price set was \$319,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Marcus, seconded by Mark, to approve the landscaping bid of \$3,200 from Dakota Designs for the 2025 house. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Michelle, to approve the following 21 students for National Technical Honor Society induction: Emily Fredenburg, McKenna Kamletz & Natalee Syversen from Edgeley; Kenadi David & Denver Nelson from Hankinson; Caleb Harris from Kulm; Ava Meyer from Lidgerwood; Aidan Anderson & Marcus Mathias from North Sargent; Mallory Domine, Kate Gramlow, Samantha McHarry & Megan Miller from Oakes; Kalie Boehm & Cora Hermunslie from Richland 44; Shae Abel, McKinnlee Haberman, Ava Krier, Hannah Nelson, Vincent Streng and Myla Witt from Wyndmere; In order to qualify, students must take at least two credits of CTE classes and carry a 95% or higher, maintain a 3.5 GPA at their home school, be involved in a CTSO, be nominated by an instructor and be approved by their home school administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Lisa, to recognize Aaron Stone, Desi Severance and Danielle Luebke as the designated reps for all licensed or certified SRCTC staff and that they represent the majority of the licensed or certified SRCTC staff. The first negotiations meeting will be held the first part of April. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nathan, seconded by Marcus, to approve the summary of the Director's Evaluation as satisfactory. Neil met with Dan March 12 to review the evaluations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Amanda, to approve the 2025-26 MOU with NDSCS for Welding, Auto and Diesel classes. This constitutes a four percent increase over this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan gave the board an update on the Edgeley CTE building. Parking lot, air handler and roof issues need addressing. The final payment to Gast Construction is being withheld and warranties won't begin until the issues are resolved. The building is in the process of being named. Partnership/donor boards will be displayed.

Dan and Randal will do SRCTC presentations at the following April school board meetings: Fairmount April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Sargent Central April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with a meal at SRCTC-O.

Dan hopes to have initial budget numbers by the April board meeting. He was informed BCBS may be increasing 15-20% due to weight loss drugs that will be covered in the future.

Dan feels SRCTC will come out alright with the new CTE Funding formula starting in 2025-26. He also mentioned he testified for CTE SB 2019 and said nothing is over until the final gavel drops so we will see what happens.

#### *Assistant Director's Report*

The GSE ITV principals met yesterday to work on next year's schedule. Lidgerwood School may provide Accounting and potentially Cyber Security. Preliminary registration numbers are due Friday, March 28, and final numbers by May 1. They will also be restructuring what expenses will be submitted for Carl Perkins funding.

Four instructors and Pat will receive training tomorrow on the new Emerging Tech Automation trainers. The next Emerging Tech rotation begins Monday, April 7.

Mr. Osman, Campbell-Tintah Instructor, asked to speak to board. He is in support of the Emerging (High) Tech Program but he feels some changes need to be made. The equipment that is delivered often times doesn't work or it is old; inventory should be taken of the supply totes to make sure everything is included; there should be five rotations rather than six so there is time to see if everything is in order; and teachers that use the equipment should be required to attend the trainings. He said trainings used to be scheduled on Saturdays. Dan agreed that some protocols need to be changed. Randal said he has visited w/Pat about the concerns.

Four students from Oakes and two from Wahpeton have qualified for National DECA to be held April 26-29 in Orlando. Currently, one Oakes student has qualified for National

FCCLA in Orlando July 5-9. Six students have qualified for the HOSA International Conference in Nashville June 18-21. The FFA students competed at the Winter Leadership Conference in Minot Monday. The ND State FFA Conference will be held June 2-5 at NDSU. SkillsUSA students will be attending the state conference in Bismarck April 13-15.

FFA banquets are scheduled as follows: Edgeley April 3 at 6:30; Richland April 4 at 6:30; North Sargent April 7 at 6:00; Hankinson, Lisbon and Oakes are April 11 at 6:30; Wyndmere April 13 at 5:00; and Wahpeton April 27 at 6:30. Lidgerwood's will be April 27 or May 4. The NTHS banquet will be held April 23 at 6:30.

### *Director's Report*

Dan mentioned newspaper articles highlighting Wahpeton student Jayden Merrick working at Heitkamp Construction through the Work-based Learning Program and our counselors. He also mentioned he may attend the A-Ox Welding Supply customer appreciation event either April 9 or 10 in Fargo to check out the laser welders.

Staff evaluations are due April 15.

Randal Brockman submitted a nomination for Auto Skills Advisor of the Year.

Dan has a meeting tomorrow w/someone who may be interested in our 2026 house.

Health Science instructor interviews are scheduled. The Richland County Health nurse will help w/the interviews. There are seven apps. Three are interested in the Wahpeton Ag position and there are some interested in the Wahpeton Counseling position.

Time has expired for our former employee to do a rebuttal. The attorney filed for a judgement on legal merits. SRCTC's legal fees can't be added to the total because it isn't stated in the agreement. Dan hopes we can recoup some of the legal fees with the interest earned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2025, after the NTHS banquet in Wyndmere at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Val, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Janel Sayler, Business Manager