

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
10/22/2025 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met October 22, 2025. The meeting was hosted at the Career/Tech Centers in Wahpeton and Oakes with video connections. Markus Geffre, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Board Members Present

Chad Fyre-Milnor-V
Markus Geffre-Fairmount-W
Lisa Graves – Wahpeton-W
Brandon Hanson-Sargent Central-V
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah-W
John Manstrom-Wyndmere-V
Sheila Nagel – Oakes-O
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-W
Tom Nitschke-Kulm-V
Mark Qual-Lisbon-O
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-V
Val Wagner – Ellendale-O

Board Members Absent

Kris Beck-N Sargent
Nathan Berseth-Richland 44
Jason Semerad-Hankinson

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director-W
Randal Brockman, Asst. Director-O
Janel Sayler, Bus Mgr-W

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Lisa, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Motion by Mark, seconded by Amanda, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2025, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Val, to approve the September Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$1,846,820 or 32.66% while expenses are at \$1,036,133 or 18.32%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Sadie, to approve the September Activity Account Report. ND State Fair premium checks have come in. If students showed livestock, their premiums are kicked back to them. The balance of the Activities Account is \$247,622. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Amanda, to approve the October General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$118,931. Some purchases/payments include: Focus repair due to a deer accident \$2,497; Smart Boards for Lisbon and Wyndmere \$6,189; growing supplies/soil for the Ag Programs \$6,143; shed pad for 26 house \$1,126; welding jackets for Lisbon Ag \$821; Pro Demand scan tool to diagnose for Oakes & Edgeley Auto \$1,954;

natural gas service line through MD-Dakota Utilities for the 2026 house \$2,952 (we were previously charged only \$25 through Great Plains Natural Gas); kitchen appliances for the meats lab and Hankinson Ag \$2,846; Small Engine Kits and engines for Enderlin \$9,672; and house materials \$25,548. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Sheila, to approve Hannah Moderow and Chloe Schmidt as the recipients of the October Student Awards of Excellence. Hannah is a Wahpeton Junior enrolled in Ag and was nominated by Mrs. Thiel. Chloe is an Oakes Junior enrolled in Botany & Horticulture and was nominated by Mrs. Kemmer. She is also in Foundations of Auto. Motion carried unanimously.

The electrical and plumbing are getting wrapped up on the 2026 house, wall insulation is done, the vapor barrier has been started and 40-45% of the siding is done. There will be an open house of the house tomorrow night from 3:30-6:30 as part of parent-teacher conferences.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Tom, to approve the gutter bid from All New Gutter Service in the amount of \$2,160, which is comparable to past bids. Even though Dan reached out, there were no other bids. Motion carried unanimously.

The board viewed the parent-teacher conference schedule. Member school conferences range from October 13 to November 25.

Grants obtained by staff so far this year total \$16,350. Dan highlighted the fact that Jessica McGuire, our long-term Oakes Ag sub, was successful in receiving two grants.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Val, to approve the 2025-26 Program of Work. Dan asked that board members let he or Randal know if they have any thoughts, feedback or suggestions. Feedback was also requested from the staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Amanda, to approve the MOUs with Sargent Central in the amount of \$98,574 and Lisbon School in the amount of \$96,000 for Career Development Services. Dan has passed the savings onto the schools through a reduction in their assessments. Dan intends to continue the MOUs until the state decides on their funding formula. Motion carried unanimously.

SRCTC FFA Programs earned \$36,621 in ND State Fair premiums, 46.79% of the State grand total.

Mrs. Miller, our West side Work Based Learning Coordinator, will attend training in November through January. Mrs. Bouressa had a booth at the Career Expo October 1 hosted by the Wahpeton Job Service Employer Committee. There are 22 students enrolled in WBL on this side and Mr. Marquette has signed up five Ellendale students.

Assistant Director's Report

Randal reported that the laser engraver and vinyl cutter training held the last two days at the Oakes Center went well. "Some of the best training" was one comment.

Staff reviews for certified staff with less than three years of experience need to be done by December 15.

Mrs. Kemmer plans to have cookie and lefse adult classes this fall. Dates will be scheduled soon.

Director's Report

Dan highlighted a Daily News article about Mrs. Severance who will be receiving an Honorary American Degree at National FFA. It is very deserving, a very high privilege and honor. We are very proud of her and what she has done for the Wyndmere Ag Program and her community.

Daily News ran an article today on workforce development. Dan was interviewed last weekend for that article.

Dan was in Edgeley Monday to discuss items yet to be done in the Career/Tech Center building. Items include epoxying the classroom, hallway and bathroom floors, finishing the outside signage, figuring out the Kulm School schedule to allow more students to take advantage of Career/Tech Center classes and communication between buildings.

Dan attended the NDSCS Speaker Series October 14. Steve Scheel, Scheel's Board Chair Emeritus, was the main speaker. A reason for Scheel's success is that "they hire for attitude and train for skill".

NDSCS President Flanigan invited Dan for a tour of the new NDSCS Career Innovation Center in Fargo.

Dan has been doing some research for replacing the Oakes 2015 Suburban. It has over 170,000 miles. He's hoping to find a plain Jane vehicle that doesn't have all the bells and whistles. Suggestions from the board included shopping locally and getting a long model.

Dan and Randal were among the 100 that attended the Governor's Workforce Summit October 2 in Bismarck. The Governor invited college presidents, the Leadership Cabinet and CTE directors. The governor is all in on CTE and discussion was held on how to work together and being efficient.

Dan and Randal will attend the State Directors meeting next week in Bismarck.

Dan's Director's Evaluation will be done in November since it's due December 15.

Flights for the ACTE Vision Conference will be booked soon.

Dan has been made aware that an Ag student teacher will be placed in Edgeley spring semester.

Markus announced that Nathan Berseth has been elected NDSBA President while Dan announced it's Randal's birthday tomorrow.

Due to Thanksgiving, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at the Career/Tech Centers and any other designated sites or video connections.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Michelle, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Janel Sayler, Business Manager