

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
2/25/2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met February 25, 2026. 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

Kris Beck–N Sargent-V
Nathan Berseth-Richland 44-V
Chad Fyre-Milnor-V
Markus Geffre-Fairmount-W
Lisa Graves – Wahpeton-W
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-W
Mark Qual-Lisbon-V
Jason Semerad-Hankinson-W
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-V

Board Members Absent

Brandon Hanson-Sargent Central
Amanda Huber-Edgeley
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah
John Manstrom-Wyndmere
Sheila Nagel – Oakes
Tom Nitschke-Kulm
Val Wagner – Ellendale

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 Nathan, seconded by Mark, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Lisa, to approve the January Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$3,098,735 or 54.79% while expenses are at \$2,726,651 or 48.21%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Jason, to approve the January Activity Account Report. The Hankinson FFA Alumni will be reimbursing Hankinson FFA for the lawnmower purchased for the Alumni raffle. The Hankinson Alumni is just starting out. CT Skills will be receiving payments for the shed projects. SRCTC's Edgeley/Kulm FFA account was replenished by Edgeley School in January. The balance of the Activities Account is \$259,878. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Kris, to approve the February General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$82,426. Some purchases/payments include: small welder for Lisbon Ag \$2,250; last tuition payment for Mr. Stone \$1,266, he should graduate in May; drywall/tape/paint invoice for the '26 house \$12,833; the Chef Training kitchen system was certified (needs to be done every 10 years) \$3,875; and Richland County specials for this year's and next year's lots \$3,947. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Sadie, to approve Lauren Boyer and Makenna Manock as the recipients of the February Student Awards of Excellence. Lauren is the Wyndmere FFA Chapter President and McKenna is on the Wahpeton FFA Officer team and both are very active. Motion carried unanimously.

The program highlight is postponed until March. The instructors had conflicts.

The taping, texturing and painting are done. Familias was called back to put a third coat of paint on because it was still splotchy. Both the electrical and HVAC installation are getting wrapped up. Brick and siding are installed on the nice days. The garage door is operational. Windows, casings, millwork and doors arrive tomorrow.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Lisa, to approve the \$7,613.93 flooring bid from Three Rivers Decorating. The students install the LVP. Motion carried unanimously.

Jodi will send out the Director's Evaluation tool. Dan will discuss with Marcus and then it will be acted on at the March board meeting.

In accordance to NDCC Section 15.1-15-04, the Center board is required to act on teacher contract renewals for the ensuing year. The statute provides that contract renewal notifications may be issued no earlier than March 1 and no later than May 1. Teachers offered a renewal must be given a minimum of fourteen calendar days to accept or reject the contract.

Motion by Jason, seconded by Kris, to release contracts to the provided list of teachers for the 2026-27 school year, and approve acceptance upon signed receipt before the deadline set in NDCC. Percentages will be similar to this year. Mindi Bopp, Sargent Central counselor, and Kerri Zahrbock, Lisbon Counselor, may possibly be MOUs next year. Contracts will be sent out Monday, March 2. They will be due back March 16. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan and Randal will be presenting at the following member school board meetings in March: Ellendale 3/9-7 pm; Edgeley 3/11-6 pm w/meal prior; Fairmount 3/18-6 pm and Hankinson 3/16-7 pm. SRCTC presentations were done at five member school board meetings this month.

Motion by Sadie, seconded by Mark, to approve the 2026-27 NDSCS MOU for Welding, Auto & Diesel Programs. Next year's rate will be the same as this year. Motion carried unanimously with Michelle abstaining since it is a conflict of interest.

Assistant Director's Report

Pat will bring the 3D printer to Campbell tomorrow for one-on-one training. One of the Anatomage tables was involved in a power bump. It caused several software issues which have been repaired. It has been delivered to the next school.

Some happenings during CTE Month included: FCCLA prepared lunch for the OPS staff and made cotton candy one day for students, Oakes/Sargent Central/Ellendale FFA held a bowling night, there were spreads in the newspapers, member school students have been touring the Center programs (Ellendale toured the Oakes Center this a.m.). and Lisbon Ag held a petting zoo.

The Greater SE ITV principals will hold a virtual meeting to discuss next year's class offerings. This will be scheduled soon. The superintendents will hold their annual meeting at the end of April in conjunction with the Schoolmasters meeting.

Director's Report

SRCTC now has an employee who is in the guard. SRCTC doesn't have a military leave policy so Dan has reached out to the superintendents in order to create one for the board and staff handbook.

A nice note was received from the Rural Leadership group that was here January 29. Dan gave a shout out to the local students that attended and intermingled with the guests. It was great to see the students in action.

Randal and Dan have been covering North Sargent Ag the month of February. A few different subs have been lined up for the remaining school year.

Dan attended the quarterly CTE Directors meeting in Bismarck yesterday & today. FLUX will be ND CTE's new management system that will be used in the future. Dan is disappointed in the new funding formula. There aren't incentives for high cost programs or rural student enrollments. He will do different simulations to see how the funding formula may affect SRCTC.

Summer camps NDSCS is offering includes a Culinary Camp June 14-18, a Scrubs Camp June 23-25 and a Titan Machinery Diesel Camp July 20-21. Ag students will be doing SAEs as well.

Wyndmere students will tour the Wahpeton Center programs tomorrow and Milnor students will on March 17.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Career/Tech Centers and any other designated sites and by video connections.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Michelle, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Janel Sayler, Business Manager