

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
3/25/2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met March 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 after some technical difficulties.

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
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-O
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah-W
John Manstrom-Wyndmere-W
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-W
Tom Nitschke-Kulm-O
Mark Qual-Lisbon-V
Jason Semerad-Hankinson-W
Sadie Siemieniewski-Lidgerwood-V
Val Wagner – Ellendale-V

Board Members Absent

Brandon Hanson-Sargent Central
Sheila Nagel – Oakes

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director-W
Janel Saylor, Bus Mgr-W
Aaron Stone, CT Instructor-W
Dave Sanborn, CT Student-W
Beck Schmitt, CT Student-W

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment - None

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Jason, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, Career/Tech Center meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Michelle, to approve the February Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$4,226,925 or 74.74% while expenses are at \$3,133,132 or 55.4%. Dan noted that reports have been gathered for the 2024-25 audit except for inventory, which will be done soon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Ben, to approve the February Activity Account Report. Hankinson FFA will be reimbursed for the mower by their Alumni in April once the raffle is complete. Shed revenue was deposited in CT Skills in March. HOSA-O is working on fundraising. Ten students have qualified for nationals so they have work to do. The balance of the Activities Account is \$268,075. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Kris, to approve the March General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$118,528. Some purchases/payments include: tools and safeguards have been purchased for the N. Sargent Ag shop since Dan has been subbing there a fair amount

of time; Feb. counselor conference rooms \$1,540; Emerging Tech 3D printer supplies \$1,029; NDSU spring Masters program tuition for Cassidy Bishop \$1,599; washers for Chef Training and Wahpeton Ag \$2,379; millwork/siding/soffit for the house \$15,533; Schmitt's HVAC & heating/plumbing/gas boiler approved bids \$31,290, counselor desk & collapsible crates for the small engines mobile unit from Uline \$5,936; and tables/catch pans for the Uni-Hydro iron workers \$3,030. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Ben, to approve Paige Kurowski and Ethan Skoog as the recipients of the March Student Awards of Excellence. Paige is a Wahpeton Junior and is enrolled in Health Science. She placed second in the Nursing Assistant contest at the ND State HOSA conference. Ethan is a Richland 44 Senior enrolled in Richland 44 Ag. He is an FFA officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Construction Tech Instructor Aaron Stone highlighted his program. He showed a power point of the different stages of the house construction. A shed for last year's house buyers was built in the shop. The students also built a second shed. Mrs. Tollefson trained and tested the students in First Aid CPR. Those that passed received CPR certificates. The students built a small emergency food pantry for Evergreen Methodist. Students Beck Schmitt and Dave Sanborn explained two Construction Skills contests; one where you start w/a pile of wood and screws and have to build a small cross section of a house and another where you receive a set of plans and you have to figure out how many studs to build three walls, a small bathroom w/electrical, plumbing, window, wash & dryer, vanity, water. The ND State Skills Conference will be held April 19-21 at NDSCS. Mr. Stone has a lot of first year students this year. Second and third year students are given more complex projects.

The Construction Tech students are putting flooring and cabinets in. Half of the millwork is completed.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Tom, to approve the following 19 students for National Technical Honor Society induction: Cody Klindt from Campbell-Tintah; Jadin Ellingson, Matilda Moch and Mariska Olson from Edgeley; Porter Glynn from Ellendale; TJ Buchholz from Kulm; Rylee Erdmann, Mara Kempel and Brock Lyons from Lisbon; Brea Johnson, Jaylyn Sarbaum and Claire Wehseler from North Sargent; Maddox Cline, Lexi Harris, Ava Thompson and Ben Wagner from Oakes; and Carter Pfeiff, Beck Schmitt and Ethan Skoog from Richland 44. In order to qualify, students must take at least two credits of CTE classes in which they carry a 95% or higher grade, 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. The banquet will be held in Edgeley Wednesday, April 22. Motion carried unanimously.

One 2026-27 certified contract wasn't returned. Dan has opened that position.

Dan verified with legal that a certified contract is binding when the instructor has signed it.

Eileen Vculek, SRCTC-O Admin Asst., has submitted a letter of retirement effective June 12, 2026, which is the end of her employment agreement.

Motion by Ben, seconded by Val, to approve the Director's Evaluation. Marcus reported that responses went pretty well, there were no negative comments and everyone feels Dan is doing a good job. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan explained the Perkins Federal Funds Annual Report. There are inconsistencies in the data collected but, until the process is changed at the federal level, SRCTC will have to continue to submit improvement plans if red flagged when performance levels are below 90%. As an example, Dan said that Wahpeton's performance report card shows, out of 83 Seniors, there were 33 completers. Oakes showed one completer out of 43 students. There were a whole lot more completers. Some schools are spot on. Students get kicked out if they don't take the ACT. SRCTC failed in three categories last year. Dan will take a deeper dive to see if they are factual. No board action is needed.

Dan and Randal will be presenting at the Campbell/Tintah board meeting at 6:30 pm April 8th at SRCTC following a 5:45 pm meal and Lisbon April 15th at 7:30 p.m. They will give presentations at the remaining school board meetings in May.

Dan has shared with the state his concerns for the new funding formula beginning with the 2026-27 year. The Center would see a savings of \$140,000 if we split. He will let the board know what SRCTC's options are and will keep the board posted.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Kris, to set the starting selling price of the 2015 Suburban at \$11,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Randal is just returning from the ACTE Policy Seminar in DC.

Dan had information on the camps NDSCS is offering this summer: Scrubs Camp June 23-25; Culinary Camp June 14-18 and Titan Machinery Diesel Camp July 20-21.

ITV principals met over Zoom March 17 to discuss next year's offerings, including NDSCS dual credit options. One of Wyndmere School's teachers has been approved to teach a dual credit advanced science course.

Emerging Tech has \$100,000 in equipment to purchase. As mentioned before, equipment easier to train is wanted. Dan has been receiving a few phone calls as to how to work it into middle schools.

Following are the results of the March 1-3 ND DECA Conference: On the Wahpeton side, Kinsley Martens placed 1st in Apparel & Accessories Marketing Series and was elected ND DECA VP; Adelaide King & Ava Schuler placed 2nd in Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making and Emma Kelin & Cameron Reibe placed 1st in Marketing Management Team Decision Making. These students qualify for the DECA ICDC to be held April 25-28 in Atlanta GA. Lexi and Mallory Harris, Oakes Chapter, and Chloe Bochat and Gracie Norling, Wahpeton Chapter, will also be participating in the Thrive Academy there as well. The Oakes Chapter was recognized for its outstanding chapter campaigns.

Following is the results of the March 22-24 ND HOSA Conference - SRCTC-O: Joanie Van Den Berg placed 1st and Sadey Taylor placed 2nd in Medical Terminology, Alayna Sundy placed 2nd in Medical Reading, Rebecca Schlader & Mariah Bopp placed 1st and Jackson Honeyman & Brooklyn Ponzer placed 2nd in EMT, Keira Kania placed 1st in Nurse Assistant, Lexi Harris & Mallory Harris placed 2nd in Public Service Announcement, Addison Lagodinski placed 1st in Physical Therapy, Rebecca Schlader placed 2nd in Behavioral Health and Marley Foss was re-elected as the 2026-27 ND HOSA Vice President. SRCTC-W: Paige Kurowski placed 2nd in Nursing Assistant.

Lisbon & Edgeley had the higher placing teams at the State FFA CDEs Contests in Minot Monday.

The ND FCCLA Conference will be in Bismarck April 12-14. The ND SkillsUSA Conference will be held at NDSCS April 19-21.

FFA banquets are scheduled as follows: Wahpeton 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Hankinson 6:00 p.m. Wednesday April 8; Edgeley 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 9; Oakes/Sargent Central/Ellendale 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 10; Wyndmere 6:00 p.m. Sunday April 26; Lisbon and Lidgerwood 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Dan noted board members are welcome to attend.

Staff Evaluations need to be wrapped up by April 15.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held after the NTHS banquet, approximately 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Edgeley School along with any other requested video connections.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Ben, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janel Sayler".

Janel Sayler, Business Manager