

**SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD MEETING
4/22/2026 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Southeast Region Career & Technology Center Board met April 22, 2026 after the National Technology Honor Society banquet. The meeting was hosted at Edgeley School 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
Lisa Graves – Wahpeton-V
Amanda Huber-Edgeley-E
John Manstrom-Wyndmere-V
Sheila Nagel – Oakes-V
Michelle Nelson-Wahpeton-V
Tom Nitschke-Kulm-E
Sadie Siemieniowski-Lidgerwood-V
Val Wagner – Ellendale-E

Board Members Absent

Chad Fyre-Milnor
Brandon Hanson-Sargent Central
Ben Loll-Campbell-Tintah
Mark Qual-Lisbon
Jason Semerad-Hankinson

Others Present

Dan Spellerberg, Director-E
Randal Brockman, Asst Director-E
Janel Saylor, Bus Mgr-E
Tyler Hanson, Edgeley School Supt-E

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment - None

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

Motion by Tom, seconded by Val, to approve the March Expenditure & Revenue Report. Revenue is at \$4,770,451 or 84.35% while expenses are at \$3,624,654 or 64.09%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amanda, seconded by Tom, to approve the March Activity Account Report. Donations are coming in as both DECA chapters will be traveling to the International CDC. Hankinson FFA, Welding Skills and HOSA-O are in the negative. The balance of the Activities Account is \$257,784. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kris, seconded by Michelle, to approve the April General Fund bills as submitted in the amount of \$170,886. Some purchases/payments include: American Board Certification of Teacher Excellence is a pilot program which SRCTC is using to get our Oakes Ag Instructor certified (\$1,900), he has a masters degree but doesn't have an education degree; Grandma Manikins for Health Sciences \$5,274; flights for the DECA ILC leave Sunday (\$708 Mr. Miller); Janel closed the US Bank General Fund checking after all credit card points were used; Hills Cabinetry for the CT house cabinets, etc. \$23,268; poly

rolls for the Edgeley high tunnel \$1,081; and the 2026 Suburban \$64,700. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Val, seconded by Amanda, to approve Mady Merrick and Stacy Martinez as the recipients of the April Student Awards of Excellence. They are Wahpeton Juniors enrolled in Health Sciences and were nominated by their instructor Mrs. Tollefson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nathan, seconded by Lisa, to set the sale price of the 2026 CT house at \$365,000. Dan got comparables online from Colfax, Hankinson and Wahpeton. Dan has been the realtor for the past six years and will continue to do so as long as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Siding installation on the 2026 house is 95% done, carpet will be laid in the bedrooms Monday and countertops will be installed Friday. The students are working on miscellaneous trim work and they work outside when the weather allows.

Draft options for 2027 house project plans have been discussed with the students. Different options suggested include a 3-stall garage or one larger door and one smaller door and what will fit on the lot.

SRCTC owns one remaining lot. The lots behind the houses SRCTC students have built are \$20,000 to \$24,000 and specials are \$35,000. Dan has met with the city developer. He will find options and bring back to the board. It works well building on site.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Nathan, to authorize the purchase of appliances from Nielsen's in the amount of \$5,131. Other estimates from Nielsen's considered were \$3,291 and \$8,751. Motion carried unanimously.

SRCTC has the following open positions: Ag instructors for Hankinson, Edgeley (or FACS), and Ellendale; Business Manager-Wahpeton; Admin Assistant-Oakes; Work Based Learning Coordinator-West side; and Counselor for Campbell-Tintah and possibly Richland 44. Two candidates for the WBLC-West side will be interviewed Tuesday. Dan will interview a candidate for the Hankinson Ag Instructor position Friday. There are five applicants for the Business Manager position and another one just reached out. There have been a couple reach outs for the Admin Asst. position. An applicant applied for the Edgeley FACS position.

Mr. Hanson has ordered the signage for the Edgeley CTC building. It will be put on the building as the monument style originally planned would be hard to see from the road. Bids will be solicited for coating the unfinished floors.

It has been a tug of war as far as the 2026-27 SRCTC budget. The state's funding plan doesn't recognize centers our size. We are meeting all the other criteria. We will receive the same funding next year as we received this year. We may have to have two Centers below us (Oakes & Edgeley). Schools may have to vote on being a member of the individual centers to receive this extra funding. More to come. Have been told to be patient. We have been working on this for three years.

Dan and Randal will do their best to maintain or lower school assessments. It's going to be hard to do that if we can't branch out our center. Administrator negotiations haven't been started yet along with noncertified packages.

Rural Health grants are available to rural centers and communities. We could possibly use our kitchens in partnership with the local Sanford /Essentia to train on healthy meal habits. Centers aren't eligible for R Whip grants but our local REAs are.

Dan and Randal will be presenting at the following member school board meetings in May: 5/13 Richland 44 at 5:30 p.m. and Milnor at 7:00 p.m. and Kulm 5/18 at 5:30 p.m.

Assistant Director's Report

The Greater SE ITV administrators annual meeting will be held Friday before the Schoolmasters meeting.

The ND SkillsUSA Conference was held at NDSCS April 19-21. The Center's SkillsUSA students earned 25 medals. Three students qualified for Nationals: Lillian Ostendorf, an Auto student from Edgeley, Cameryn Taylor, an Auto student from Hankinson and Landon Carlsrud, a Chef Training student from Wahpeton. The ND FCCLA Conference was held in Bismarck April 12-14. Four Oakes students qualified for Nationals: two students at Level 3 Professional Presentation-Gold with a perfect score, two students at Level 2 Professional Presentation-Gold. Other students receiving recognition were one at Level 1 Hospitality-Silver, one Level 2 Career Investigation-Silver and one Level 2 Hospitality-Silver.

Randal attended the National Policy Seminar in DC March 22-25. A lot of discussion was held on where things are headed. He met with staffers from the offices of Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer. He was unable to make an appointment with Representative Julie Fedorchak after several attempts. He also met with ACTE staff and made many connections.

Director's Report

Dan highlighted a few newspaper clippings: Ben Adams, January Student Award of Excellence recipient; food pantry Construction Tech students built for a local church; both Wahpeton and Oakes DECA having success at the State Conference, qualifying for Natls. Wahpeton FFA Small Animal Care Team donated funds to the Richland/Wilkin Humane Society; Wahpeton Ag student Marissa Mumm attending the Next Gen Conference and bringing experience home and National FFA week.

Dan just received notice yesterday that SRCTC's next year's Federal Carl Perkins allocations total \$125,000.

SRCTC programs that are taking the extra level will be nominated for the Directors Award of Excellence, which will be presented at PDC in August.

Dan may line up greenhouse management/maintenance as summer PD for the Ag instructors. Will be looking for something for our other certified staff as well.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday May 27, 2026, at the Career/Tech Centers along with any other designated video connections.

Motion by Val, seconded by Amanda, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janel Sayler", is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Janel Sayler, Business Manager