

## CTE CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT REVIEW TEAM

Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2022

Members of the CTE Capital Project Grant Review Team met at 1:00 pm CT in the CTE CTSO Conference Room, State Capitol, Bismarck and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wayde Sick, CTE State Director. Roll call was conducted and the following members were present:

- Ms. Alexis Baxley, ND Schools Boards Association
- Senator Brad Bekkedahl, North Dakota State Senate
- Dr. Aimee Copas, ND Council of Educational Leaders
- Mr. Phillip Davis, ND Job Service
- Mr. David Farnsworth, Workforce Development Council
- Ms. Alison Orgaard, ND Association of Career & Technology Educators
- Ms. Katie Ralston, ND Department of Commerce
- Mr. Adam Tescher, ND Department of Public Instruction
- Mr. Wayde Sick, Department of Career & Technical Education State Director

Allyson Hicks, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Dawn Ulmer, Denise Jonas, Michael Hanson, Eric Ripley, Dan Spellerberg and Lorie Ruff were also present.

**Review of Capital Project Application Recommendations** – Ms. Sick presented the Review Team Recommendations to the Interim Higher Education Committee and Education Funding Committee. Mr. Sick was asked during the hearing if we were fully funding projects to ensure that they were successful. It was also stated that Legislators wanted to have projects fully funded so that they have the best chance of being successful. This is why Mr. Sick is calling this meeting. The Recommendations that this Review Team put together partially fund some projects and we need to review this prior to the State Board for CTE meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022. Mr. Sick reviewed the recommendations that the Review Team had compiled at their last meeting on February 14, 2022 with the scoring being available on Ranking Spreadsheet 1 and the final distribution of dollars being available on Ranking Spreadsheet 2. Those being as follows:

Southwest Area CTE Academy – fully fund  
Career Impact Academy – Grand Forks – fully fund  
Bakken Area Skills Center – fully fund  
North Valley CTC – partially fund  
Minot Public Schools – fully fund  
Heart River CTE Center – partially fund  
Cass County Career and Technical Education Center – fully fund  
Southeast Regional CTC – partially fund  
Bismarck Public Schools – partially fund

Lake Area Career and Technology Center – fully fund  
James Valley Career and Technology Center – fully fund  
Williston Basin – fully fund  
Sheyenne Valley Career and Technology Center – partially fund

There was discussion on the rural projects that funding was removed from and the high critical needs in those areas. Mr. Sick reminded the Review Team that legislators want to have projects fully funded so they have the best chance of being as successful as they possibly can be. The Review Team reviewed the partially funded projects to determine if they followed the guidelines set by both the legislature and the federal government. Portions of applications that were considered for non-funding were from the Heart River application the New Salem, Glen Ullin and Beulah portions, North Valley CTC the Minto and Park River portions, Southeast Region the Lisbon and Hankinson portions, Bismarck Public Schools removing the middle school portion and Sheyenne Valley CTC removing the bond referendum portion.

After reconsideration, it was felt that the Bismarck Public Schools middle school portion of the application will include high school activities, and therefore met the guidelines, and because it is scored higher in the rankings, it should be fully funded.

After the top projects were fully funded, there were questions about the remaining leftover dollars and whether it was legislative intent to try to fund the largest percent of a project or to award it to the next highest ranked school.

Discussion was then held on how everyone ranked the projects and the reasoning for that ranking. Lake Area CTC and James Valley CTC were very close in Mr. Sick's ranking that was approved at the last meeting. Mr. Sick gave a brief overview of these two applications. Lake Area CTC would add an Ag Education program and include New Rockford School. The James Valley CTC application would impact three programs – building trades, culinary arts and health sciences. Taking workforce into consideration, James Valley CTC would impact more and therefore ranked higher for some of the Review Team. It was then moved by David Farnsworth and seconded by Dr. Aimee Copas to adjust the order of the projects to be as follows, which is reflected on Ranking Spreadsheet 3:

Southwest Area CTE Academy  
Career Impact Academy – Grand Forks  
Bakken Area Skills Center  
North Valley CTC  
Minot Public Schools  
Heart River CTE Center  
Cass County Career and Technical Education Center  
Southeast Regional CTC  
Williston Basin  
Bismarck Public Schools  
James Valley Career and Technology Center  
Lake Area Career and Technology Center

A roll call vote was administered:

Ms. Orgaard – Aye  
Ms. Ralston – Aye  
Mr. Tescher – Aye  
Ms. Baxley - Aye  
Senator Bekkedahl – Aye  
Dr. Copas – Aye  
Mr. Davis – Aye  
Mr. Farnsworth – Aye  
Mr. Sick – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was then held on how to distribute funds according to the guidelines. It was decided that it was the intention of the Legislature in appropriating the grant funds to fully fund as many projects as possible, according to their ranking, and to give the remaining amount to that project next in line.

It was moved by David Farnsworth and seconded by Phillip Davis to fully fund the top 11 projects and partially fund with the remaining funds to James Valley Career and Technology Center. Total funding will be as follows:

Southwest Area CTE Academy – Additional \$3,333,334.00 for total of \$10,000,000.00  
Career Impact Academy – Grand Forks - \$10,000,000.00  
Bakken Area Skills Center – Additional \$3,333,334.00 for total of \$10,000,000.00  
North Valley Career and Technology Center - \$4,752,290.00  
Minot Public Schools - Additional \$3,333,334.00 for total of \$10,000,000.00  
Heart River Career and Technical Education Center – \$10,000,000.00  
Cass County Career and Technical Education Center – \$10,000,000.00  
Southeast Regional Career and Technology Center - \$2,979,975.00  
Williston Basin – \$10,000,000.00  
Bismarck Public Schools - \$10,000,000.00  
James Valley Career and Technology Center – \$543,963

A roll call vote was administered:

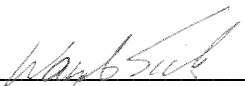
Mr. Davis – Aye  
Mr. Farnsworth – Aye  
Ms. Orgaard – Aye  
Ms. Ralston – Aye  
Mr. Tescher – Aye  
Ms. Baxley - Aye  
Senator Bekkedahl – Aye  
Dr. Copas – Aye  
Mr. Sick – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sick will prepare recommendation documents for the State Board meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022,  
and will keep the Review Team updated as to their decision.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Wayde Sick  
Chairperson