

Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education Funding Subcommittee

The meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education Funding Subcommittee was held on Monday, January 22, 2024, in the office of State Director Wayde Sick. It began at 9:00 am CT.

Present:

Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Mr. Josh Johnson
Mr. Wayde Sick
Mr. Mark Wagner
Ms. Gwen Ferderer

Also present: Lorie Ruff

Virtual CTE Discussion: Wayde Sick recounted the Virtual CTE Discussion meeting that was held on January 18, 2024. The Western ND CTE Directors had met several times prior, and it was felt that all CTE Directors should be included in the discussion which was the meeting on January 18. Conversation was held on the history of virtual courses, and it was deemed that it is not going away but growing as it now includes hybrid lessons. Virtual in the Eastern part of the state does not appear to be an issue as the CTE centers will be absorbing the virtual courses; however, that is not the case in the Western part of North Dakota. Concern was voiced that non-member schools will take course spots that should go to member schools. They also discussed how it would function if there was one state-wide center including setting aside grant dollars to operate, putting parameters for hands-on days and work-based learning by using industry for hands-on days. If we had one state-wide virtual center, would it be managed by CTE or CDE, either would need legislative approval.

Those present agree that CTE roles are to fill gaps and focus on needs. It was asked if there is data that exists as to why there is a problem and perhaps the solution.

Next steps:

- Wayde Sick is meeting with Alyssa Martin, Center for Distance Education State Director, on January 26 to get her feedback.
- Continue working on the new funding model incorporating sold incentives.
- Design a concrete policy with strong reference to the why incorporating the six principles.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.