

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 Friday, November 8, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. It began at 8:33 am CT.

Present:

Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Ms. Sonia Meehl
Mr. Mike McHugh
Mr. Wayde Sick
Ms. Gwen Ferderer

Also present: Lorie Ruff

Review Adjusted Funding Level Impact

Wayde informed members that agency staff has revised the previous spreadsheet decreasing the number of tiers and incentives which simplified the funding policy. Before presenting the new numbers, it was asked to clarify who and how funding is received by schools. Wayde explained the per pupil, state and perkins funding processes along with the history of virtual centers. He referenced ND Century Code 15-20.2-01, Area centers – Definition of terms and 15-20.2-08, Assessment of participating districts for proportionate share of center expenses - Allocation of students – Civil penalty for failure to remit payment.

Wayde reminded members that this spreadsheet does not include the new and expanding programs that were recently approved. As he displayed the revised spreadsheet, he explained the changes that were made. Wayde also explained that the increases and decreases are due to reducing the percentage for Career Development and Agricultural Education funding, increasing the percentage for Family & Consumer Sciences Education and Business Education and programs that are transferring to a center.

It was agreed that when this plan is presented, clear communications need to be made to avoid misunderstanding of the reduced allocations. Also clearly identifying reasons why an allocation received an increase or decrease. Revisions and adjustments need to be incorporated to continue to meet our needs should be expressed when presented.

CTE center funding was discussed and how historically they generate their funding – 40% reimbursed from the state and 60% from member school assessment fees based on their average daily membership. Wayde informed members that there has been discussion on bills being proposed to change statute verbiage that local boards have the authority to assess their member schools as they see fit. This would give them more local control.

The concern of teacher retention and funding teacher pathways were discussed. It was agreed that looking into a grant opportunity for this would be a more suitable fit than including it in our funding policy.

Due to other commitments, Mike left the meeting at 10:01 am.

Other

Next steps:

- CTE staff will revisit the spreadsheet looking at 1 rate per membership and reducing virtual operating cost.
- CTE staff will review the large deficit for Williston.
- Develop presentation documents including FAQ and marketing sheets.
- Revise policy documents.
- Next meeting will be December 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.