

Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education was held on Monday, February 27, 2023, in the CTE Conference Room and via Microsoft Teams. It began at 9:14 am CT and was presided over by Chairperson Ms. Sonia Meehl.

Voting Members Present:

Ms. Kirsten Baesler
Mr. Pat Bertagnolli
Ms. Lyndsi Engstrom
Ms. Terry Meyer proxy for Dr. Mark Hagerott
Mr. Mike McHugh
Mr. Eric Nelson

Also present: Wayde Sick, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Alyssa Martin, Allyson Hicks, Dan Spellerberg, Eric Ripley, Lyle Krueger, Patrick Mineer, Maren Furuseeth, Wanda Meyer, Ronda Schauer, Michael Netzloff, Jessica DeVaal, Julie Hersch, Laura Glasser, Dawn Ulmer and Lorie Ruff.

Meeting chat information for this meeting does not exist. Due to technical difficulties, agenda items were rearranged to accommodate.

Reminder of State Director's Evaluation due March 31:

Ms. Meehl reminded members that the State Director's Summative Evaluation is due to her on March 31 but if you can complete earlier that would be ideal. An email was sent to members last week with the forms to complete.

Financial Reports:

Ms. Gwen Ferderer reviewed the Appropriation Status Report referencing the Grants – Secondary line is at 61%. We may need to look at a .5% reduction as we may be short. The 92% in Workforce Training line is the Grant to Lake Region State College. Once that is paid out that grant is done. Also, the Marketplace for Kids line once it is paid out it is done for the biennium. Ms. Ferderer then referenced the CTE Administrative Budget noting that the travel is a little high but overall, we are at 82.59%. This is a little higher than we would like but we did gain .5% the last month.

Dr. Martin reviewed the CDE Administrative Budget stating they remain well below the amount expended when compared to the percentage of time elapsed. She also informed members that their projected tuition fees for January were better than expected so they anticipate being down only \$100,000 from where they initially thought.

Ms. Engstrom moved to approve the financial reports and it was seconded by Mr. McHugh. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of January 23, 2023, Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. McHugh and seconded by Ms. Engstrom to approve the minutes as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update:

Mr. Sick reported that the agency is currently tracking 125 bills. Bill content ranges from K12 education, postsecondary education and workforce to employee compensation and retirement. Those of significant to CTE include:

HB 1019 – NDCTE Appropriations Bill. This has passed out of sub-committee and passed by the full House Appropriations Committee on 2/13 and on the House Floor on 2/15. Updates are below:

- 2 additional FTEs (We asked for 4)

- \$4M for cost to continue (This was our ask)

- \$8M for new and expanding programs (We asked for \$20M, Governor included \$10M)

- \$500,000 to fund Career Advisors (We asked for \$3M)

- \$1.5M to fund Work-based Learning Coordinators (We asked for \$3M)

- \$200,000 added to Emerging Technology (We didn't ask for it, the bill carrier added it)

- The CDE budget was zeroed out because if SB2269 passes, it will move over the DPI.

- The \$40M for overage/inflationary costs was zeroed out, but I was informed this will come back on the Senate side, once the March revenue forecast comes out

- The \$20M for additional CTE Center Capital projects was zeroed out. This will be discussed after crossover

- The \$2M increase to TrainND was not included.

HB 1178 – This bill would allow Higher Education, Private/Parochial School, and/or Private Sector to be represented on a CTE Center Board. This passed the House on 2/6.

HB 1199 – This is the fast-track bill, that would provide NDCTE with Loan Authority to carry out the CTE Capital Projects Program. This passed both the House Appropriations (1/18) and House Floor (1/20) unanimously and was signed by the Governor on 2/2. There is a process for these funds to be available to us as the loan still needs BND and Industrial Commission permission. The Agency should have access to the funds by mid-March.

HB 1232 – A bill that would appropriate \$500,000 to NDCTE to add a virtual reality career exploration resource to our RUMReadyND platform. This was amended to include an Emergency Clause and passed on the House Floor on 1/30.

HB 1348 – A bill that amends CTE Center Governance, to address large CTE Center Boards and allow for a representative Board structure. This passed the House on 2/3.

HB 1519 – A bill that would appropriate \$1,000,000 to NDCTE, to grant out for UAS workforce training to a workforce training center serving NW North Dakota. House Appropriations amended this down to \$250,000 and passed it out on 2/16. It passed on the House Floor, as amended on 2/21.

SB 2170 – A bill that would allow a minor under the age of 18 to be on a construction site, with parental approval. This can already happen through a registered apprenticeship or student learner agreement. A hearing is scheduled for 2/16. It came out of Senate WFD with a Do Not Pass Recommendation. This was amended on the Senate Floor into a study of how to employ 16- and 17-year-old individuals. This passed on the Senate Floor on 2/21.

SB 2284 – This is a large bill, but the portion to be aware of addresses the State Board for Public Education. It would align appointments to Legislative Districts, not counties. It would also require at least two members of the Board are employed by school districts and are active members of the North Dakota association of school administrators. This passed out of Senate Education on 2/6 and re-referred to Senate Appropriations. This houses the K12 Funding Formula as well. This passed the Senate floor on 2/20.

Currently the session is in recess and will reconvene March 1.

Dr. Martin provided an update on SB 2269 which is the bill moving authority over Center for Distance Education from NDCTE to NDDPI. Mr. Sick, Ms. Baesler and Dr. Martin have met and developed a FAQ document to address some of the questions and concerns they have received regarding this bill. Dr. Martin has also met with CTE Directors and CDE employees to address their concerns. Overall, everyone is in support of this move there are just concerns on logistics associated with the transition process.

Central Regional Area CTC New Member Request:

With Westhope Public School being one of the schools joining the Center, Ms. Engstrom declared a potential conflict of interest due to her being a board member of Westhope Public School and being an employee of Central Region Education Association, which is the parent organization for Central Regional Area CTC. She asked the Board to determine her role on whether she is allowed to vote on this matter. Ms. Baesler moved to allow Ms. Engstrom to weigh in and formally vote on this issue. It was seconded by Mr. McHugh. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was administered:

Mr. Nelson – Aye
Ms. Baesler - Aye
Mr. Bertagnolli – Aye
Ms. Meyer - Aye
Mr. McHugh – Aye
Ms. Meehl – Aye
6-0-2 Absent-1 not voting

Mr. Sick referred to documentation provided by Mr. Lyle Krueger requesting approval to add Bottineau, Newburg, Towner-Granville-Upham and Westhope Public School Districts as members of the Central Regional Area CTC. Mr. Sick reported that the Center has completed all requirements to follow Century Code and recommends this Board approve the request. Mr. McHugh moved to approve the request and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Krueger gave an outline of what will be offered to these schools starting the 2023-24 school year. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was administered:

Ms. Baesler - Aye
Mr. Bertagnolli – Aye
Ms. Engstrom - Aye
Ms. Meyer - Aye
Mr. McHugh – Aye
Mr. Nelson – Aye
Ms. Meehl – Aye
7-0-2 Absent

Cass County CTE Center Joint Powers Agreement:

Mr. Sick reported that Cass County CTE Center has completed the process to update their Joint Powers Agreement and has submitted it to the Board for approval. Ms. Hicks has reviewed the documents and agrees that it follows Century Code and recommends approval. Ms. Hicks reminded members that they are not approving the Joint Powers Agreement, that is something local entities do, but rather approving that it meets the requirements of Century Code 15-20.2. Ms. Engstrom moved and Mr. Bertagnolli seconded to approve the plan for the Cass County CTE Center as required by Century Code 15-20.2. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was administered:

Mr. McHugh – Aye
Mr. Nelson – Aye
Ms. Baesler - Aye
Mr. Bertagnolli – Aye
Ms. Engstrom - Aye
Ms. Meyer – Aye
Ms. Meehl – Aye
7-0-2 Absent

PK12 Strategic Vision Framework:

Ms. Baesler educated members on the PK12 Vision Steering Committee and K12 Education Coordination Council. She explained the difference of these two separate entities, the history of how they were developed and the membership of each. They have set six long-term goals and Ms. Baesler reviewed each and the progress monitoring calendar they have developed.

Due to other commitments, Ms. Baesler left the meeting at 10:39 am.

Team Vision Visits Recap:

Mr. Mark Wagner reviewed the 2022-23 Team Vision Visits that CTE staff have completed. The team provided technical assistance at nine facilities giving their commendations, suggestions and recommendations for programs using the ND Standards of Quality. School selection for next year will begin soon and a list of the 5-year rotation can be found on the CTE website.

Career Resource Network:

Ms. Julie Hersch provided an update of the RUPReady platform, how student's accounts are created and accessed and the work-based learning module that students can explore. She informed members that the Career Outlook will be going digital and they are currently designing an interactive site. Another area Ms. Hersch is responsible for is conducting Career Resource Network workshops to provide training and resources to support the usage of RUPReady and other career planning resources. She provided a list of the 2023 Spring workshops.

Work-Based Learning and RUReady ND Compass:

Ms. Dawn Ulmer informed members on what work-based learning is and what has been happening to move it forward. There were 18 work-based learning coordinators that were endorsed following the first training workshops. They are starting another training soon and have 30 signed up with 10 on the waiting list. These coordinators are the point of contact for students, employers and educators.

Mr. Patrick Mineer, CEO and Founder of Golden Path Solutions, demonstrated how the Compass system works by employers creating work-based learning opportunities and what skills they are looking for, students apply to those opportunities and then applicants are first approved by the school and then by the employer. Students can accept or decline the offer. Upon completion, the student is scored and earns credits. Currently there are 220 employers signed up to participate and agency partnerships include Job Service, WSI, Commerce and Labor Department.

Business Education:

Ms. Jessica DeVaal updated members with what has been happening in the Business Education program area and the FBLA student organization. Currently there are 97 business education programs in the state using 19 course codes PK-8 and 30 at the high school level that are funded. FBLA membership has progressed back to pre-pandemic numbers with 90 chapters and 1,497 members. Ms. DeVaal continues to support new instructors and reinforce that work-based learning and leadership are cocurricular experiences for students.

State Director's Report:

Mr. Sick updated members on his goal progress indicating that the next steps for the funding model is to create a committee for local input. A request for volunteers has been made and interested responses include business managers, superintendents and CTE directors. Mr. Sick will move forward with committee selection and scheduling meetings once the legislative session is complete as that takes top priority at this time.

Mr. Sick learned that AdvanceCTE is now providing technical assistance opportunities focusing on stakeholder engagement, developing strategic plans, building and executing action plans and designing and implement new policies and programs. The agency has submitted an application and will hopefully hear soon if we were selected.

Mr. Sick reported that the agency has approached DPI to partner with them to financially support the RUReadyND platform. DPI is in the process to determine if Title IV dollars could be used as long-term support.

Center for Distance Education Update:

Dr. Martin reported that January enrollments were above expected at 2,400 students. CDE is currently restructuring duties upon receiving the resignation of Tonya Greywind and two upcoming retirements. They are also looking at a facility reduction and potentially moving to another location in Fargo. Along with legislative session issues, CDE is assisting several school districts with regards to artificial intelligence and how to respond to cheating.

Career and Technical Student Organization 2023 State Conferences:

DECA – March 5-7, Bismarck

TSA – March 19-21, Mandan

FBLA Collegiate – March 26-27, Mandan

SkillsUSA ND – March 26-28, Wahpeton

FBLA – April 2-4, Bismarck

FCCLA – April 16-18, Bismarck

FFA – June 5-8, Fargo

Future Meetings:

The next regular meetings will be held Monday, March 27, 2023, Monday, April 24, 2023, and Monday, May 22, 2023.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.