

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2021

Members of the State Board for Career and Technical Education met at 9:00 am CT at the Bismarck Career Academy Multipurpose Room A and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Fastnacht, Chair. The following members were present:

- Ms. Kirsten Baesler
- Dr. Mark Hagerott
- Dr. Steven Holen
- Mr. Burdell Johnson
- Mr. Josh Johnson
- Ms. Sonia Meehl

Wayde Sick, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Dr. Matthew Lonn, Daniel Spellerberg, Randal Brockman, Eric Ripley, Larry Brooks, Becky Deichert, Julie Hersch, Michael Netzloff and Lorie Ruff were also present.

Consideration of October 25, 2021 Minutes – Ms. Meehl moved and Mr. Josh Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports for CTE and CDE – CTE – Ms. Ferderer reviewed the Appropriation Status Report and CTE Administrative Budget. Salaries and Wages are on track but operating expenses have increased this month. This is due to travel increase for school visits, Career Advisor Training and FCCLA Bootcamps. Printing and paper was another high area due to RUPReady and Career Outlook printing. We should continually gain on these areas in future months. **CDE** – Dr. Lonn reported that their Salaries are increased due to semester ending and paying part-time instructors but that all other line items are on track. Mr. Burdell Johnson moved and Dr. Holen seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

State Director's Report – Mr. Sick reported that Ms. Maria Effertz-Hanson has submitted her resignation effective December 1 from the State Board for CTE and State Board of Public School Education to the Governor's Office. Her resignation has been accepted and they are in the process of finding her replacement.

The Legislative Special Session was held November 8-12, 2021. Bills that we were following were HB1505 – Capital Projects Funds where we received an increase from \$70 million to \$88 million with \$20 million coming from American Rescue Plan Act Funds and \$68.3 million in Coronavirus Capital Project Funds. The ARPA money will be

deemed for those that the review committee feels are more shovel ready. HB1507 – Computer Science and Cyber Security Education would require all K-12 schools to offer computer science or cyber security course by 2023 and by 2025 being a graduation requirement replacing a science or math. This was amended to a study for Superintendent Baesler, K-12 Coordinating Council, Workforce Development and business and industry to provide recommendations by September 1, 2022 to Legislative Management. And SB2350 which was a true technical correction bill allowing students to take Integrated Math II or III to replace Algebra II for the CTE Scholarship requirement. It also provides flexibility for the Education Pathway.

At the Federal Legislature the Build Back Better Bill passed the House which would increase North Dakota's Perkins allocation by \$2.46 million giving us \$7.7 million. Also in this bill is \$100 million for modernization and innovation grants, \$1 billion for apprenticeship programs, \$113 million for grow your own programs to train instructors in high-need fields (similar to North Dakota's Transition to Teaching program) and \$4.6 billion for industry and sector partnership grants.

Mr. Sick gave other updates that have been occurring such as he presented on Principle 5 of the Shared Vision at the Advance CTE Conference and Mr. Mark Wagner presented this at the NDCEL Conference. Mr. Sick attended the subcommittee K-12 Education Duplication meeting on October 27 to discuss new teacher visits.

Mr. Wagner and CTE Staff have been busy conducting School Vision Visits at Dakota College at Bottineau on November 2-3 and Mandan Public Schools on November 16-17. There are two visits left for this year – Youth Correction Center in Mandan in December and Turtle Mt. Community College in April.

The CTE Director's held their quarterly meeting on November 9. Agenda items included Legislature update, a JDTECH program presentation by Gooseneck Implement, iCEV online curriculum vendor and a SLDS data update.

Mr. Sick presented a legislative update at the Workforce Development Council on November 18. They also toured the Southeast Region Career & Technology Center in Oakes.

Upcoming Events include K12 Education Coordination Council meeting on November 23 and also a meeting between BSC and Bismarck Public School to develop a stackable credential in Agricultural Education.

November 30 will be the DOL/CTE State Apprenticeship Grant Executive Board quarterly meeting.

On December 1 the K12 Education Duplication Subcommittee will meet to discuss virtual CTE. December 2-4 will

be the ACTE Vision Conference in New Orleans. Mr. Sick and Mr. Wagner will be attending virtually and Mr. Sick will also be presenting on Work-Based Learning in North Dakota.

The December Board meeting is usually when the Consolidated Annual Report is approved but this year that due date has been moved to January 31. Therefore, unless a special meeting needs to be held due to the Coronavirus Capital Projects funding, there does not need to be a December meeting.

CDE Report – Dr. Lonn presented the new CDE Reporting Dashboard. This enrollment data is updated nightly and does not reflect home schooled individuals. Each color-coded dot on the map represents a school district having enrollment in a CDE course. You are able to see enrollment data from North Dakota and as well as from around the world. Reports available include grade/status data on unique students and enrollments and course popularity. Dr. Lonn will send out link to site when they have received all needed approvals.

CDE will see an increase at the end of the year as first semester is completing and students are enrolling into second semester online courses.

Dr. Lonn reported that CDE represents North Dakota on two national organizations - the Virtual Learning Leaders Alliance and the Digital Learning Collaborative. These networks allow CDE to connect with other online schools across the country and gives them access to participate in research studies. Digital Learning Collaborative Annual Conference will be February in Atlanta Georgia and CDE staff has been asked to provide break-out sessions.

Mr. Josh Johnson commended CDE staff on the Dashboard data and the added online elementary enrollment.

Approval of Building Trades State Standards – Mr. Netzloff presented the standards that were renewed by instructors based on the 2020-2021 NCCER Standards. North Dakota instructors kept seven standards that the national organization dropped. Mr. Josh Johnson moved to accept the Building Trades State Standards as presented and Dr. Holen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Private Career Schools – Spectrum School of Massage – Mr. Netzloff reviewed the Request for Initial Authorization to Operate from the Spectrum School of Massage in Minot. They have met the minimum standards and criteria and have completed all required documentation. Mr. Netzloff recommended to approve their request and due to the timing of this approval, recommended that their expiration date be extended to June 2023.

Ms. Meehl moved to approve the application of Spectrum School of Massage as presented effective through June 2023 and Mr. Burdell Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Career Resource Network Area Update – Ms. Julie Hersch provided an update of activities occurring in the Career Resource Network area of CTE. This area manages the RUReady platform and has recently developed a single sign-on for the system in Powerschool. This has improved how students log into the system and makes it easier for instructors to get a classroom logged on. Currently all public colleges and universities throughout the state have free access to this platform. Ms. Hersch also conducts trainings on the RUReady platform and this Fall presented to 129 attendees at 12 different workshops and has requests for 21 one-on-one workshops that she will conduct in December.

Ms. Hersch presented the Choice Ready curriculum at the Choice Ready Workshops that was hosted by CTE and DPI this Fall in Bismarck, Minot and Fargo.

Career Resource Network also publishes and distributes the Career Outlook magazine. This year 50,000 copies were requested by schools and agencies across the state. Seven articles in the latest issue feature former ND students who contribute their career success to CTE and CTSO involvement.

Future plans for this area is to contract with ZAP to add work-based learning module with employer profiles to the RUReady Platform. This will connect students to opportunities in their area or across the state.

Review/Update of Coronavirus CTE Capital Projects Grant Guidance – Mr. Sick presented the proposed Grant Guidance and Project Ranking Sheet that has been revised after receiving the Federal guidelines and Legislative guidance from the 2021 Special Session. We can no longer call this the Federal Coronavirus Capital project since funds will be coming from different sources so it will now be called CTE Capital Projects Grant. After discussion it was decided that a project is considered shovel ready when including items such as an architectural plan, site testings, bid documents and documentation of secured match funds to their application. Those applications considered shovel ready will be eligible for the first round of funds.

Other changes include application deadline was moved to December 31, 2021 with an opportunity for those applications already submitted to amend and resubmit. Only applications submitted before October 1 will be considered for the Federal State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) and if not chosen, those applications will be

considered for the Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds (CCPF). These applications will be reviewed by committee and approval by the Board by January 31, 2022. All applications will be reviewed and approved by March 31, 2022.

Mr. Josh Johnson moved to accept the revised guidelines as discussed and Dr. Holen seconded. A roll call vote was administered:

Dr. Holen – Aye

Mr. Burdell Johnson - Aye

Mr. Josh Johnson – Aye

Ms. Meehl – Aye

Mr. Fastnacht – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sick will ask Ms. Hicks to address the Board regarding guidance to approving these applications prior to the next meeting.

Future Meetings – There will be no meeting in December with the next meeting being January 24, 2022.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.