

**Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education
February 24, 2025**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education was held on Monday, February 24, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. It was called to order by Chair Sonia Meehl at 1:02 pm CT.

Roll call was conducted and voting members present include:

Board Member Levi Bachmeier
Superintendent Kirsten Baesler
Board Member Pat Bertagnolli
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom
Vice-Chair Mike McHugh
Board Member Eric Nelson
Board Member Jason Rohr

Also present: Wayde Sick, Mark Wagner, Gwen Ferderer, Laurie Elliott, Pam Stroklund, Daniel Spellerberg, Lyle Krueger, Ronda Schauer, Heidi Eckart, Randal Brockman, Eric Ripley, Jessica DeVaal and Lorie Ruff.

Meeting chat information for this meeting does not exist.

Board Outcome Progress Monitoring:

Wayde Sick provided updates on Goal 1, Goal Progress Measure 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3. GPM 1.1 is the percentage of students in rural schools identified as a concentrator. Our target for 2024 is 42% but we only achieved 38% and therefore not meeting our target. The state concentrator rates decreased for rural and all students and, although our number of concentrators have grown, the student population has grown at a faster rate. Our next step to attain this target is to monitor the opening and expansion of CTE centers to ensure they are providing access to rural school districts and to determine how to incentive concentrator rates.

The 2024 target for GPM 1.2, percentage of minority students identified as a concentrator, is 16%. Our reporting numbers are 14.3%, again not achieving our targets. We will monitor CTE Center openings and expansions to ensure they are providing access to schools that may serve high populations of minority students.

GPM 1.3 measures the percentage of special population students identified as a concentrator. Our target for 2024 was 27% but our actual was 23.2%, again not meeting the target. The state saw a consistent decrease in concentrator students in the Special Population area unfortunately, these numbers are self-reported and provides for inconsistent data. Our steps to accomplish our target include reviewing the Special Population Grant to determine how it may be better utilized, monitor openings and expansions of CTE Centers to ensure they are proactively serving the various special populations and determine how to incentive concentrator rates.

Due to other commitments, Jason Rohr left the meeting at 1:45 and Pat Bertagnolli left at 2:29.

Discussion was held to consider the scope of student grades to report and to reevaluate the goals and targets during the August retreat.

Eric Nelson moved to accept the Director's Report of Board Outcome Progress Monitoring Goal 1 and it was seconded by Superintendent Baesler. With no further discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom - Aye
Vice-Chair Mike McHugh – Aye
Board Member Eric Nelson - Aye
Board Member Levi Bachmeier - Aye
Superintendent Baesler - Aye
Chair Sonia Meehl - Aye
6-0-3 Absent

Consent Agenda:

Levi Bachmeier moved to approve and accept the items listed on the consent agenda and it was seconded by Lyndsi Engstrom. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action:

Revised Program Approval Policy 2nd Reading: Wayde Sick reviewed the clarifying language that was changed in the policy since the last meeting. There was discussion on the placement of the CTE Administrator Credential section and if that should be incorporated within the licensure section. It was agreed to rename that portion and incorporate into the additional requirement section. It was then moved by Vice-Chair Mike McHugh to approve the amendment to change the Administrator Credential section and move into appropriate subdivision and it was seconded by Lyndsi Engstrom. With no further discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Board Member Levi Bachmeier - Aye
Superintendent Baesler - Aye
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom - Aye
Vice-Chair Mike McHugh – Aye
Board Member Eric Nelson - Aye
Chair Sonia Meehl - Aye
6-0-3 Absent

It was moved by Levi Bachmeier to approve the Revised Program Approval Policy and it was seconded by Mike McHugh. With no further discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Vice-Chair Mike McHugh – Aye
Board Member Eric Nelson - Aye
Board Member Levi Bachmeier - Aye
Superintendent Baesler - Aye
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom - Aye
Chair Sonia Meehl - Aye
6-0-3 Absent

Superintendent Baesler commended Board Members and CTE staff for all their work on developing this policy.

Revised Secondary CTE Funding Policy 1st Reading: Chair Meehl requested that the Funding Subcommittee members share their thoughts on where they feel we have a consensus and where we need additional input. Lyndsi Engstrom, Mike McHugh, Levi Bachmeier and Chair Meehl each gave their feedback stating that there is a

consensus on the basic framework of the policy but that the non-consensus lies in the funding of local administration FTE, operating expenses, brick and mortar programs versus virtual programs and incentive dollars. Members were reminded that they are approving the policy language and not the actual dollar amounts on the appendix as these numbers are currently unknown until after the legislative session. Much discussion was held on allocations and the incentive funding percentages.

It was agreed that the next steps would be to approve the 1st Reading of the policy, invite constructive stakeholder feedback for the subcommittee to review and possible revision of any sections of the policy based on that feedback and develop a policy for the Board to review prior to our next meeting.

Due to other commitments, Levi Bachmeier left the meeting at 2:55.

Eric Nelson moved to approve the Revised Secondary CTE Funding Policy 1st Reading and it was seconded by Superintendent Baesler. With no further discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Vice-Chair Mike McHugh – Aye
Board Member Eric Nelson - Aye
Superintendent Baesler - Aye
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom - Aye
Chair Sonia Meehl - Aye
5-0-4 Absent

Information Only:

January Time Tracking Report: Chair Meehl reported that Members should have received a revised time tracker today via email.

Board Comments:

Superintendent Baesler commended Board Members and CTE staff for all they do for the students of North Dakota.

Wayde Sick reported that SB 2019, which is the ND CTE Appropriations Bill, has moved out of Senate Appropriations with amendments and referenced his report for details.

Chair Meehl reminded Members of the invitations that were included in their packet and encouraged them to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.