



# NESC Joint Governing and Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 12:30 p.m.  
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowdon; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Ben Allmaras, Maddock; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Donna Sorensen, NDSD; Jeff Hagler, North Star; and Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Robert Thom, Leeds/Maddock; Gil Black, Kensal; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Ryan Baron, Midkota; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Amber Krapp, Pingree/Buchanan; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Mary Langley, Warwick; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Jennifer Carlson, NESC Executive Director; and Erin Lacina, NESC Director of Professional Learning and Operations

## Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Halldorson, Governing Board President, at 12:30 p.m.

## Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

## Board Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jean Callahan, and seconded by Kent Dennis, to approve the February 8, 2023, NESC Joint Board Minutes on pages 3-8 of the board packet; motion carried.



## Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on pages 9-10. Daren Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Robert Bubach seconded; motion carried.

## NESC Operations

### NESC Business Services

The NESC is planning to migrate business services to operate independently and is exploring options with CREA and DLPS for the transition. The board recommended having a more formalized plan to share with the Executive Committee prior to the next board meeting.

### NESC Staffing Update

#### Technology Specialist

Jamison Brekke's last day was Monday, April 10. We have an informal agreement in place with DLPS (to be formalized prior to next fiscal year) to buy time from the district for Ryan Wiberg from their Tech Department to do the TLC Rotation. Jennifer also contacted Jeremy Eisenzimmer for any tech help related to ITV as well as the internal NESC office network.

#### Professional Learning Specialist

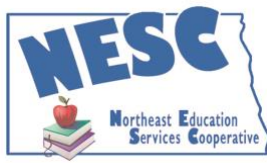
Katherine (Katie) Oster has been hired for this position and will start on July 1. Her duties will include project co-coordinator for the ND Standards Based Learning grant and she will also provide PD support to NESC schools. She has 12 years of experience in HS science in small, large and private school districts, as well as a masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

#### School Support Specialist

Jessica (Jess) Edwards brings a background in HS math and SpEd, and has experience working with an organization similar to an REA. She also worked extensively in marketing, training and facilitation of events, which will be an asset to several projects for the NESC and NDREA.

### NESC Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESC services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 11-12.



## Grants/Professional Learning

### US Department of Education Native Youth Community Project (NYCP)

The NYCP grant is a five-year project with the goals being to increase college and career readiness for secondary students and increase awareness of and pathways to the teaching profession. The focus is on Minnewaukan High School with additional partnerships between the University of Jamestown, Spirit Lake Tribe and Devils Lake Public Schools. To-date, this project is exceeding expectations and those involved are pleased with the progress.

### NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutor Training Grant

The NESC and SEEC plan and administer this project, which provides the option for schools to participate in The Master Teacher PD (online platform with 150+ courses; annual subscription paid directly by NESC). Other opportunities include Safe and Civil Schools, *Assisting the Teacher* virtual workshop on August 21. Schools are encouraged to have participants register for the workshop soon (registrations are limited). Information is on page 13 of the board packet.

### ND DPI Family Engagement Grant

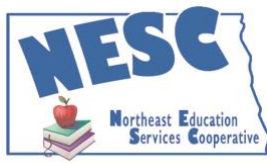
Erin Lacina, Cortney Shuley and Alyson Parsley from the NESC are certified trainers in the Epstein model of family engagement. Several cohorts are in progress this year, including two NESC member districts (Four Winds and Oberon). There will be options for schools to participate in a new cohort next year, as well.

### DPI NDSS Grant

The NESC, SEEC and CREA were awarded a collaborative grant from DPI to support schools' implementation of the ND Content Standards through September of 2024. ND Standards-Based Learning frameworks, resources, and professional learning are in development with more to be available to schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

Application for State Workgroups: Educators are encouraged to apply to participate on the state workgroup June 2, 5, & 6. Content areas will be K12 ELA, Math, Music and Essential Skills. More information is available on page 14.

NDSS Professional Learning: There is a Marzano-led workshop being planned for June 7 and 8, 2023, with the focus on using proficiency scales in the classroom. Information is on page 15.



NDSBL Website: The statewide website has been recently updated to [www.ndsbl.org](http://www.ndsbl.org).

#### DPI Assessing to Inform Grant

This is an initiative to support schools to review and interpret data and reports to guide instruction and interventions. Supports are available for STAR, AIMSweb, FastBridge, NWEA, ACT, WorkKeys and Assessment Overview. Phase 1 focuses on Universal Screeners; Phase 2 focuses on Diagnostics; and Phase 3 digs into Progress Monitoring.

An upcoming session will be on FastBridge/Progress Monitoring on April 20.

Recorded webinars and supplemental resources can be found here:

<https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=138>. More information is on page 16 of the board packet.

#### Science of Reading Training to support NDCC 15.1-21-12.1

Last year, REAs formed a state workgroup with DPI to develop professional learning to support the mandated trainings related to the Science of Reading legislation. We are currently working on a NDREA Phase 3 proposal for statewide SoR supports for next year. Resources from NDREA are available here:

<https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=139>.

NESC LETRS Training Series launched in Devils Lake in January 2023. There will be another round of LETRS Volume I beginning Fall 2023, and LETRS Volume 2 will be offered in the Winter/Spring of 2024.

Foundations of Reading will be held next fall for K-5, which will be helpful to new staff.

Supporting Secondary Struggling Readers is aligned with Foundations of Reading. This will also be available within the NESC region beginning in November 2023.

#### Math Professional Learning coming in 2023-2024

DPI and NDREA are monitoring schools' needs for math support, along with Science of Math developments, etc. We're seeking funding opportunities for collaborative development and facilitation of professional learning and resources in the 2023-24 school year; more information will hopefully be available soon.



## NESC Professional Learning

### NESC Regional Fall Inservice 2023

The latest date we are able to use the LRSC auditorium in August is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The keynote is not finalized, but the plan is to offer a ½ day workshop with the same topic both AM/PM. Schools are encouraged to let Erin know what session you prefer.

### ESPB NESC Beginning Teacher Grant

The final session from the two Beginning Teacher cohorts just concluded with 31 participants from 12 districts.

### CHAMPS Trainings

This classroom behavior management program is something that has been requested from districts. The NESC was hoping to offer this workshop sometime during the spring or summer of 2023 but dates were not available that would be conducive to schools' schedules. We will write this back into the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC continuation grant to see if we can get it approved for next year. More information is here:

[https://www.safeandcivilschools.com/services/classroom\\_management.php](https://www.safeandcivilschools.com/services/classroom_management.php)

### ALICE Active Shooter Training

TrainND NE is offering ALICE Active Shooter training to NESC schools at a discounted price. Information is on pages 17-18; contact Erin Lacina for more information.

### NESC Cafeteria Credit/UND VESi

Credit is available for NESC professional learning events through Valley City State University. UND also offers graduate credit opportunities through their VESi courses at a reduced rate to NESC educators. Information is located on the NESC website:

<https://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/graduate-credit/>.

## Student Activities

### 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant

The NESC 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program has its next Site Coordinator/Principal meeting on April 19 at the NESC offices. The continuation grant has not yet been released by DPI.

### Technology Learning Cooperative

We have developed a "Help Desk" ticket that will be utilized for TLC teachers/schools to contact our office for support, information is on page 20. The link is:

<https://tinyurl.com/tlchelpticket>.



Scrubs Camp: The NESC was awarded the Scrubs Camp grant from UND Rural Health to host a two-day health careers camp on March 30 & 31, 2023 at LRSC and we hosted 463 fifth graders. A listing of participating schools is on page 21.

ITV: Only a few schools still utilize ITV; reminder to those schools to please not unplug anything ITV over the summer.

ConnectEd is available live each Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. Lessons (lesson plans, resources, and videos) are archived on the ConnectEd website (engineering, arts, college/career readiness, ND State Historic Site virtual field trips, etc.). ConnectEd is supported through funding from the ND Afterschool Network Million Girls Moonshot Grant and the ND Council on the Arts. NESC ConnectEd website had a recent update and is now integrated into the NESC website, more information is included on pages 22-23.

Building Tomorrow's Leaders (BTL) was offered in February with a joint partnership through DPI and NDSU Extension. There were three high schools that participated in this project statewide. BTL Jr. was also offered, with two NESC schools (Devils Lake CMS and New Rockford-Sheyenne middle school student groups) participating.

You're Hired! is offered for multiple grade levels with sessions for grades 3-5 being held May 5 or 12, and sessions for grades 6-12 on May 11. Both are also available to schools in on-demand formats. There are 189 students registered for the on-demand option and 600 students that will be live.

## Other

ND Education Hub: Educators can find PD and Trainings offered statewide for free on this site. <https://my.ndeducationalhub.org/login/index.php>

## 2023-2024 NESC Calendar

2023-2024 was sent out via email, standing meeting dates will remain similar to this year for the next year.

## Next NESC Board Meeting

The Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held on May 11, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

## Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 1:35 p.m.