



# NESC Joint Governing and Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 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; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Jeff Hagler, North Star; and Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Robert Thom, Leeds/Maddock; Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC; Ryan Baron, Midkota; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Donna Sorenson, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Amber Krapp, Pingree/Buchanan; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Mary Langley, Warwick; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Dan Driessen, LRSC; 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 Robert Bubach and seconded by Daren Christianson to approve the November 9, 2022, NESC Joint Board Minutes on pages 3-9 of the board packet; motion carried.



## Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on pages 10-12. Daren Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Kent Dennis seconded; motion carried.

## NESC Operations

### NESC Staffing Update

#### Technology Specialist

Jamison Brekke will be resigning this spring to move with his family to Grand Forks. We're working on plans to cover his duties with support from DLPS tech department.

#### Professional Learning Specialist

We've advertised for this position; hope to have interviews soon.

### NESC Website Update

The revised NESC website is up and running. We're still finalizing the ConnectEd portion of the site.

### NESC Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESC services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 13-14.

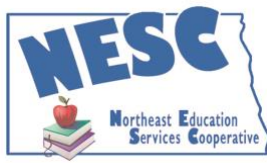
## Grants/Professional Learning

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

The NESC was recently notified of the grant award for a five-year project with the goals 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 as well as the Spirit Lake Tribe and Devils Lake Public Schools. Jean Callahan shared out impacts of the program to-date.

### NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutor Training Grant

Last fall, DPI offered a grant to the REAs for training of paraprofessionals and/or tutors statewide. The NESC and SEEC were approved to provide the plan and administration for this project, which will provide the option for schools to participate in Master Teacher PD (online platform with 150+ courses; annual subscription paid directly by NESC), or in



Safe and Civil Schools PD, such as Assisting the Teacher workshops. Schools are encouraged to get staff members registered for the August 21 Safe and Civil Schools *Assisting the Teacher* workshop soon (registrations are limited). Information is on pages 15-16 of the board packet.

#### ND DPI Family Engagement Grant

*Planning for School, Family and Community Partnerships* is a workshop series for leadership teams (Joyce Epstein framework for family engagement / Johns Hopkins University). Erin Lacina and Cortney Shuley 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). The plan is for more PD cohorts to be available next year.

#### 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 2023-24 school year. Grade K-12 proficiency scales for Science, Social Studies, and Health were developed by state workgroups in June 2022. Pages 20-21 includes additional information.

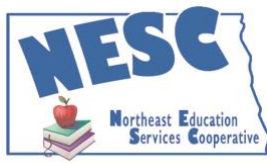
NDSS Professional Learning: There is a Marzano led workshop being planned for June 7-8, 2023 with the focus on using proficiency scales in the classroom. Prioritized Instructional Planning will also be available this Spring through the ND Education Learning Hub: <https://my.ndeducationalhub.org/login/index.php>. Registration will be open soon for each of those offerings.

NDSS Resources: A new ND Standards-Based Learning website is being developed to support the NDSS initiative and ND schools' implementation. It will be released soon. Currently, resources are housed at <http://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=112>.

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

#### ND DPI Assessing to Inform Grant

This is a two-part webinar series available for free to all schools through a grant to the NESC. Supports are available for STAR, AIMSweb, FastBridge, NWEA, ACT, and Assessment Overview. Phase 1 focuses on Universal Screeners; Phase 2 focuses on Diagnostics. There was a Renaissance STAR session on February 7, Pre-ACT and ACT session today and there will be a WorkKeys session on February 22. Recorded



webinars and supplemental resources can be found here:

<https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=138>. More information is on page 22 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 an NDREA Phase 3 proposal for statewide SoR supports for next year.

#### NESC LETRS

The LETRS Training Series was held in Devils Lake starting January 2023 for the NESC. There will be another training held in the NESC next year. Resources from NDREA are available here: <https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=139>.

#### 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>. We are soliciting available keynotes and will keep the group informed as to options for workshop.

##### ESPB NESC Beginning Teacher Grant

The NESC was awarded this grant again this year and we're working with two cohorts including more than 30 educators during the winter/spring of 2023.

##### CHAMPS Trainings

This classroom behavior management program is something that has been requested from districts. The NESC is hoping to offer this workshop sometime during the spring of 2023. 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. 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 on both is on pages 23-24 of the board packet as well as 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 is planning to participate in the Afterschool Day on the Hill in Bismarck on February 22 featuring our ConnectEd program available statewide.

### Technology Learning Cooperative

The 2022-2023 full rotation is included in the board packet on page 42. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, we are working with DLPS to take over the TLC rotation next year. We'll be adjusting the rotation to move equipment four times over the year, following the quarters already common to districts. Some equipment will remain at schools for half the year.

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. To date, 463 fifth graders are slated to attend.

ITV: There is one high school ITV class being offered this year between NESC schools (DL and Starkweather). Langdon receives two classes outside of the NESC, and LRSC has one dual credit ITV class going to Edmore. Dan Driessen from LRSC reported that classes have nearly all moved over to online formats. We will also hire out consulting to help support tech for ITV next year.

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, and ND State Historic Site virtual field trips). ConnectEd is supported through grants from the ND Afterschool Network Million Girls Moonshot Grant and the ND Council on the Arts. NESC ConnectEd website: <https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected/home>.

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



You're Hired! will be offered for multiple grade levels this spring. Information is included on pages 26-28 and 29-31. Sessions for grades 3-5 are being held May 5 or 12, and grades 6-12 is on May 11. Both are also available asynchronously.

## Other

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

## 2022-2023; 2023-2024 NESCS Calendar

Page 32-33 has NESCS calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

## Next NESCS Board Meeting

The Joint Governing/Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held on April 12, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

## Governing Board President

Steve Halldorson will not seek re-election to the Devils Lake Public School Board in June. We will need to either move up Daren Christianson to President and elect a new Vice President, or elect a new President for a one-year term (and Christianson remains Vice President).

We will also need to have elections for Administrative Board Chair and Vice-Chair, current terms expire in June 2023.

## Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.