

# NESC Joint Governing and Administrative Board Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024, 12:30 p.m.  
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Sheri Olson, Devils Lake; Ned Clouten, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowdon; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Gil Black, Kensal & Midkota; Dr. Kelly Peters, Lakota; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Dan Driessen, LRSC; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Ben Allmaras, Maddock; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Amber Krapp, Pingree/Buchanan; Sarah Beck-Connot, Starkweather and Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Jeff Manley, Leeds; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Donna Sorensen, NDSD; Aimee Zachrison, North Star; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Mary Langley, Warwick; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

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

Guest(s) present: Seth Engelstad, North Border Superintendent

## Welcome & Call to Order

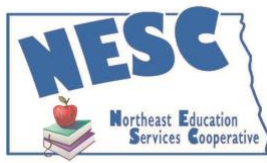
The meeting was called to order by Daren Christianson, Governing Board President, at 12:30 p.m.

## Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

## Board Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the February 14, 2024, minutes on pages 3-9 of the board packet was made by Kent Dennis and seconded by Dr. Kelly Peters; motion carried.



## Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current [financial report](#) on page 10. Dr. Frank Schill motioned to approve the financial report; Ben Allmaras seconded; motion carried. The [draft budget](#) for 2024-2025 was reviewed on page 11. It contains projected funding sources but does not include all revenue that is anticipated for next year, as we don't have final confirmation on some of the statewide projects. We have one staff resignation for the next year, Student Services Specialist, Cortney Shuley. The major funding for this position is covered between various programs including 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and the NYCP grant. Board members were recently invited to contribute to an online [evaluation](#) for the NESCS Executive Director, and results of the evaluation are included on pages 12 – 14 of the board packet. A motion was made by Jay Slade and seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the annual evaluation of the NESCS Executive Director; motion carried.

## NESCS Continuous Improvement

The NESCS continues to address internal continuous improvement through alignment of district/school focus (as identified and studied through strategy maps/strategic plans) and NESCS programs and services. The analysis will also provide further insights on common needs between schools in the NESCS region to better streamline planning for future initiatives. Discussion was held, and one of school leaders' areas of concern is student attendance.

## Grants/Professional Learning

### NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutor Training Grant

The NESCS and SEEC collaborate for this statewide project. This grant also provides the opportunity for schools to participate in [The Master Teacher](#) online platform that offers [150+ courses](#). Pages 15-16 provide the registration information for Master Teacher, and pages 17-18 include a listing of the available courses. The annual subscription is currently free to schools (act fast as grant funding is winding down). This grant is provided through December 2024. Some additional professional learning for paraeducators will be available next year through the statewide Educational Hub.

### DPI NDSS Grant

The NESCS, SEEC, and CREA hold a collaborative grant from DPI to support schools' implementation of the ND Content Standards. ND Standards-Based Learning frameworks, resources, and professional learning are available to schools during the 2023-2024 school year.



[NDSBL Website](#) (featuring ND Priority Standards and K-12 proficiency scales) is a resource available to districts with updated ELA and Math resources and scales in multiple content areas. Page 19 is a screenshot of the homepage for the website.

The [NDSBL leadership series](#) was offered once per month throughout the second half of this school year and has been archived on this site; more information is included on page 20 of the board packet. This work is highly recommended within schools for alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices (schools' Tier 1 supports for all learners).

NDSBL professional learning as part of the NDMTSS Conference on June 10-12 in Fargo. Erin Lacina and Katie Oster from the NESC will be presenting, along with other NDSBL team members, to support educators through multiple phases of NDSBL implementation.

The [ND CASE Server](#) can be used to access a machine-readable version of the official North Dakota Content Standards, ND Priority Standards & ND Essential Skills. This can be a resource for those schools looking to revise report cards through PowerSchool. Pages 21-24 of the packet outline the resource.  
[Accessing and utilizing the ND Case Server](#)

Science of Reading Training to support NDCC 15.1-21-12.1; 2023-24 Professional Learning

2024-25 Professional Learning planned for the NESC:

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling K-12 (LETRS) Volume 2 will be offered beginning Fall 2024 through the NESC.

Foundations of Reading & Supporting Secondary Struggling Readers: Registration opening soon

Leading for Literacy Impact

[ND Literacy Summit](#): Page 25 has information on this statewide event in Bismarck this summer.

Effective Math Instruction Professional Learning

The [NDREA Effective Math Instruction website](#) is available to support math educators and school leaders. Pages 26-30 have more information on the website.



[Driving Math Success Through Intentional Unit Planning](#) - information is on pages 31-32, the dates for this workshop are May 1-2, 2024, with an optional virtual first-day session.

Features of Effective Math Instruction I was hosted in Devils Lake in March. Other sites/dates are also available to NESCS educators. Features of Effective Math Instruction II, a second-level workshop will be available in the Fall of 2024.

NDMTSS Conference is set for June 10-12 in Fargo.

Behavior supports: Restorative Practices ([Restorative Conferencing](#) / [Proactive Circles](#), September 17-19, NESCS). Registration will be open soon.

The NESCS is planning for school data supports in 2024-25. We're also working with ND DPI to support ND A+ assessments. Discussion was held regarding the interim and formative assessment options in 2024-25; There is considerable interest in learning more, and the NESCS will set up a virtual information session between the NESCS and ND DPI Office of Assessment in the very near future.

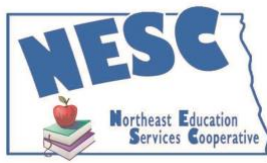
[NDSU / DPI Aspiring Principal Pipeline Grant](#): The NESCS was contacted to provide information on this opportunity to participate in a grant being written by NDSU. Schools can contact [Amanda.j.cordova@ndsu.edu](mailto:Amanda.j.cordova@ndsu.edu) if interested. More information is provided on pages 35-37 of the board packet.

EduTech SCRIPT Training [needs](#) - [SCRIPT website](#): Board members were asked if there was a need for more in-depth resources for their tech integration plans with NESCS hosting a workshop. Pages 38-40 outline the information on the SCRIPT planning tool. At this time, no interest was noted, and schools are encouraged to contact EduTech for support.

## NESCS Professional Learning

### NESCS 2024 Regional Fall Inservice

NESCS Regional Fall In-service with Ron Clark - August 15, 2024 - Information & district [registration link](#). At this point, about 600 educators are registered from our NESCS schools for the keynote presentation. Schools will have the opportunity for representatives to attend a breakout session with Clark after the main keynote, to then lead professional learning at their school for the remainder of the school year. NESCS personnel will facilitate this year-long continued study for the district representatives, connecting the keynote and breakout content with additional resources.



## 2024-25 NESCS support for districts/schools

Schools are already booking late starts/early outs with NESCS staff for the 2024-25 school year. Contact Erin Lacina for your district's professional learning support.

Please submit your district's 2024-25 calendars to Erin Lacina.

## ALICE Active Shooter Training

TrainND NE is offering ALICE Active Shooter training to NESCS schools at a discounted price. August 19-21 are dates (updated) being held for schools to book fall training at NESCS districts/schools. Contact Erin Lacina for more information and to reserve a date.

## NESCS Cafeteria Credit/UND VESi

Credit is available for NESCS professional learning events through Valley City State University. UND also offers graduate credit opportunities through their VESi courses at a reduced rate to NESCS educators. Information is on pages 41-42 and the NESCS website: <https://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/graduate-credit/>.

## Student Activities

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

Site visits will happen in the next month, and the continuation grant/budget will be developed with districts in the program.

### Technology Learning Cooperative

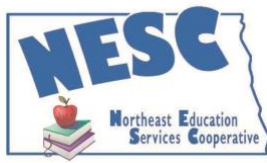
Dates for training over the summer are being finalized, and we will host at either NESCS offices or the LACTC depending on interested teachers. A [Padlet](#) for TLC is available as a resource for member schools, including embedded Padlets with information on all modules.

### Scrubs Camp

Scrubs Camp for fifth graders was held at LRSC on April 4 & 5, 2024. We had 300 students attend over the two days. Three schools could not attend, and the NESCS Student Services Specialist will be going out to those classrooms to do a few of the Scrubs activities with those 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### ITV

Please let Jennifer know if your school will be utilizing ITV next year.



## You're Hired

You're Hired is a project that allows students to use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) along with 21st-century skills to solve real, present-day problems. Students will work as a team (company) to find a solution and present their proposals to a boardroom. The NESCS facilitates You're Hired! events for students in grades 3-12. The NESCS will be offering full-day events within schools this Spring. Here is the [registration link](#) for You're Hired; pages 43-44 also have information.

## Other

NESCS Facility Use: Discussion was held related to a recent request from a private party to use the NESCS offices for an event. The board confirmed that the NESCS offices may only be used for NESCS and member district events.

## NDREA

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

## 2023-2024 NESCS Calendar

Page 45 has the current [NESCS 2023-2024 calendar](#) with dates noted for meetings and other important events.

## 2024-2025 NESCS Calendar

Page 46 has the draft [NESCS 2024-2025 calendar](#) with dates noted for meetings and other important events.

## Next NESCS Board Meeting

The Lead Administrators will not meet in May, the next Joint Board Meeting will be held on June 5 at 12:30 p.m. at Lake Region State College.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.