

Northeast Educational Services Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025

The Board of Directors for the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2025 via Zoom and at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD. The meeting was called to order by President Schuurman at 7:00 P.M. and adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Members Present

In-Person:

Alisha Nielsen, Castlewood; Amy Otten, Deubrook entered at 7:03 P.M.; Arend Schuurman, Elkton; Chris Verhoek, Estelline; Audrey Rider, Henry; Lisa Amdahl, Summit; Penny Thyen, Waverly/South Shore

Zoom:

Megann Murphy, Arlington; Lacey Ortberg, Clark; Wade Gubrud, Deuel; Tara Abraham, Hamlin; Sterling Eschenbaum, Lake Preston – entered at 7:27 P.M.; Diane LeClair, Rosholt; Jayme Trygstad, Sioux Valley – entered at 7:19 P.M.; Cory Zirbel, Waubay; Nick Fosheim, Webster; Tia Felberg, Willow Lake; Jacque Cameron, Wilmot

Absent:

Heather Landreth, Britton/Hecla; Blake Hojer, DeSmet; Skyman Redday, Enemy Swim Day School; Jon Kahnke, Florence; Greg Bich, Iroquois; Carrie Schiernbeck, ORR

NESC Staff Representatives: Sara Lorensberg (Z); Teresa Landmark (Z); Shelly Skogstad (Z) – entered at 7:01 P.M., Stephanie Hayunga (Z) – entered at 7:03 P.M.

Member District Superintendents: Brian Sampson, Arlington; Travis Ahrens, Clark; Todd Obele, Henry (Z)

NESC Administration: Anneke Nelson, Director; Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager; Tim Frewing, Assistant Director

Call to Order

President Schuurman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Introduction of Guests

Roger Whittle, Brian Sampson, Travis Ahrens, Todd Obele, Sara Lorensberg and Teresa Landmark were introduced as guests.

Agenda Review, Changes, and Approval

Action #26-8 Motion by A. Rider, second by J. Cameron, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7j) Approval of propane contract and 7k) Approval of payment of August 2025 budget claims. All present voted, motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were presented.

Financial Report

Action #26-9 Motion by C. Verhoek, second by A. Nielsen, to approve the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2025. All present voted, motion carried.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Education Fund</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
July 1, 2025	\$254,320.98	\$978,807.17	\$13,071.07
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Local Sources	\$107.51	\$139.85	\$1,985.37
State Sources		\$2,670.62	
Federal Sources			
Other	\$80,472.01	\$246,685.43	
<u>Total Monthly Receipts</u>	<u>\$80,579.52</u>	<u>\$249,495.90</u>	<u>\$1,985.37</u>
Balance Forward	\$334,900.50	\$1,228,303.07	\$15,056.44
Manual Journal Entries			
Less Salaries	\$3,214.88	\$393,528.47	
Less Disbursements	\$114,690.42	\$227,322.86	\$4,541.00
<u>Total Salaries & Disbursements</u>	<u>\$117,905.30</u>	<u>\$620,851.33</u>	<u>\$4,541.00</u>
Ending Cash Balance			
July 31, 2025	\$216,995.20	\$607,451.74	\$10,515.44

Consent Agenda

Action #26-10 Motion by L. Amdahl, second by J. Cameron to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 7a) Approval of July 21, 2025 Board of Directors minutes; 7b) Approval of Resignation – Kristol Erickson - paraprofessional; 7c) Approval of contract amendment - Maysen Grewe for RBT attainment; 7d) Approval of contract - Abby Klocker - \$19 per hr. - Hamlin Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter; 7e) Approval of contract - Aleah Hymens - \$19.30 per hr. - Hamlin Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter; 7f) Approval of contract - Amanda Raml - \$19.10 per hr. - Hamlin Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter 7g) Approval of contract - Jennifer Mitchell - \$21.40 per hr. - Castlewood Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter; 7h) Approval of contract - Shelby Sattler - \$19.30 per hr. - Lake Preston Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter; 7i) Approval of contract - Madison Henley - \$19.65 per hr. - Webster Pathways Paraprofessional/Transporter 7j) Approval of propane contract – Hamlin County Farmers Cooperative – 2300 gallons @ 1.65 = \$3,795.00; 7k)) Approval of payment of August 2025 budget claims. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

August 2025 Accounts Payable

General Fund: ALHOLINNA, JANINE BACKGROUND CHECK 3.46; ARS TECTA AMERICA COMPANY LLC BLDG MAINT 68.13; BMO MASTERCARD PURCH SVCS, TRAVEL, PHONE, SPLS 249.44; BYTESPEED, LLC TECH EQ 1,040.00; CENEX FLEETCARD FLEET MAINT 1,378.13; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER MAINT CONTRACT 8.15; DEUEL CO. CENEX FLEET MAINT 332.50; DONELAN, MYCHELLE BACKGROUND CHECK 4.26; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. AUG RUG USE 6.53; EMC INSURANCE ADD VEH COV 433.68; ENGELS, ANGELA BACKGROUND CHECK 5.06; HAHLER AUTOMOTIVE FLEET MAINT 170.20; HAMLIN COUNTY FARMERS COOP FLEET MAINT 83.74; HAMLIN COUNTY PUBLISHING PAPER 5.20; KDM EQUIPMENT FLEET MAINT 709.84; KSB SCHOOL LAW SCHOOL MATTERS 13.92; MINERT & ASSOCIATES, INC DRUG TESTING 79.00; NESC IMPREST 86.20; NESC PAYROLL AUG 2025 3,295.26; PALMLUND AUTOMOTIVE FLEET MAINT 964.43; ROB'S AUTO REPAIR FLEET MAINT 1,788.30; SCOTTING HEATING & COOLING LLC FURNACE MAINT 67.67; SEEDS, RILEY BACKGROUND CHECK 4.26; SHARP AUTOMOTIVE FLEET MAINT 688.17; SMITH, BARTON FLEET MAINT 677.72; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 1.85; W.W. TIRE SERVICE FLEET MAINT 31.00; WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION MINUTES 14.64

Fund Total: \$12,210.74

Special Education Fund: A-I COMPUTER SOLUTIONS TECH 119.98; ALHOLINNA, JANINE ESY MI/BACKGROUND CHECK 243.47; ARS TECTA AMERICA COMPANY LLC BLDG MAINT 783.52; BMO MASTERCARD PURCH SVCS, TRAVEL, PHONE, SPLS 19,538.69; BYTESPEED, LLC TECH EQ 11,960.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER MAINT CONTRACT 93.71; DONELAN, MYCHELLE ESY MI/BACKGROUND CHECK 591.63; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. AUG RUG USE 75.12; EMC INSURANCE ADD VEH COV 4,987.32; ENGELS, ANGELA BACKGROUND CHECK 58.19; HAMLIN COUNTY PUBLISHING PAPER 59.80; KROG, ABYGAIL ESY MI REIMB 65.50; KSB SCHOOL LAW SCHOOL MATTERS 160.08; MARTIAN, EMILY JULY 2025 ESY MI 225.12; MIDWEST SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS AUDIOMETERS 2,700.10; NESC IMPREST 991.36; NESC PAYROLL AUG 2025 390,153.61; OLSON, KIMBERLY JULY 2025 ESY MI 241.04; REINHILLER, LISA ED SPEC TRAVEL 54.00; SCOTTING HEATING & COOLING LLC FURNACE MAINT 778.25; SEEDS, RILEY ESY MI/BACKGROUND CHECK 99.24; SPEECH PARTNERS, LLC SLP CONTRACTED SERVICES 278.82; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 113.95; WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION MINUTES 168.30

Fund Total: \$434,540.80

Discussion Items

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Frewing talked about CPI training the organization held in Lake Area on July 30. He also showed how to access board documents online and how to use the navigational bookmarks being built into online board packets.

Director's Report

Director Nelson shared information about new employee orientation and in-service that was held in August. She also shared that NESC is fully staffed for FY26.

Board of Advisors

Director Nelson reviewed the July 2025 BOD meeting minutes.

Watertown Current

Roger Whittle shared information on the Watertown Current newspaper located in Watertown, SD.

CD Renewal

Business Manager Stormo discussed CD rates.

Building Committee

Discussion was held on creating a building committee.

Action Items

Approval of CD

Action #26-11 Motion by A. Rider, second by C. Verhoek to approve Business Manager Stormo to purchase CD with Reliabank when it comes due. All present voted, motion carried.

Appointment of Building Committee

President Schuurman tabled appointment of building committee.

Chairperson appointment of Steering/Negotiations Committee Members for FY26

President Schuurman appointed the following to join himself and Vice-President P. Thyen on the steering committee for FY26: Wade Gubrud – Large, T. Abraham – Large, C. Verhoek- Medium, Alisha Nielsen - Medium, and L. Amdahl-Small, A. Rider - Small.

Adjournment

Action #26-12 With there being no further business, motion by A. Nielsen, second by C. Verhoek, to adjourn. All present voted, motion carried.

The next NESC Board of Directors meeting will be held at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Arend Schuurman, President

Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager