

Northeast Educational Services Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2026

The Board of Directors for the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2026 via Zoom and at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD. The meeting was called to order by President Schuurman at 7:01 P.M. and adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Members Present

In-Person:

Alisha Nielsen, Castlewood; Arend Schuurman, Elkton; Chris Verhoek, Estelline; Penny Thyen, Waverly/South Shore

Zoom:

Megann Murphy, Arlington; Lacey Ortberg, Clark; Wade Gubrud, Deuel; Jon Kahnke, Florence – entered at 7:16 P.M.; Tara Abraham, Hamlin; Amber Nelson, Lake Preston; Carrie Schiernbeck, ORR; Diana LeClair, Rosholt; Jayme Trygstad, Sioux Valley; Lisa Amdahl, Summit; Cory Zirbel, Waubay; Nick Fosheim, Webster– entered at 7:20 P.M.

Absent:

Heather Landreth, Britton/Hecla; Blake Hojer, DeSmet; Amy Otten, Deubrook; Skyman Redday, Enemy Swim Day School; Audrey Rider, Henry; Greg Bich, Iroquois; Tia Felberg, Willow Lake; Jacque Cameron, Wilmot

NESC Staff Representatives: Stephanie Hayunga (Z), Brenda Boyd (Z), Teresa Landmark (Z), Melissa Gent (Z), Shelly Skogstad (Z), Nicol Huyvaert (Z)

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

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

Special Guest: Josh Sumption

Call to Order

President Schuurman called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Introduction of Guests

Brian Sampson, Travis Ahrens, Todd Obele, Stephanie Hayunga, Brenda Boyd, Teresa Landmark, Melissa Gent and Shelly Skogstad were introduced as guests.

Agenda Review, Changes, and Approval

Action #26-38 Motion by C. Verhoek, second by A. Nielsen, to approve the agenda with the following changes: change 8e to discussion of NESC building and remove 10b Approve action on band room portion of NESC building. All present voted, motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were presented.

Financial Report

Action #26-39 Motion by C. Verhoek, second by P. Thyen, to approve the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2025. All present voted, motion carried.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Education Fund</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
December 1, 2025	\$237,478.04	\$786,436.56	\$13,904.19
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Local Sources	\$2,317.38	\$368,997.18	\$2,567.37
State Sources		\$47,195.12	
Federal Sources		\$173,585.00	
Other			
<u>Total Monthly Receipts</u>	<u>\$2,317.38</u>	<u>\$589,777.30</u>	<u>\$2,567.37</u>
Balance Forward	\$239,795.42	\$1,376,213.86	\$16,471.56
Manual Journal Entries			
Less Salaries	\$3,247.92	\$441,844.45	
Less Disbursements	\$9,853.80	\$58,004.07	\$1,905.79
<u>Total Salaries & Disbursements</u>	<u>\$13,101.72</u>	<u>\$499,848.52</u>	<u>\$1,905.79</u>
Ending Cash Balance			
December 31, 2025	\$226,693.70	\$876,365.34	\$14,565.77

Consent Agenda

Action #26-40 Motion by A. Nielsen, second by J. Trygstad to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 7a) Approval of December 15, 2025 Board of Directors minutes; 7b) Approval of payment of January 2026 budget claims; 7c) Approval of Contract – Erin Waikel – \$20.25 - Lake Preston paraprofessional; 7d) Approval of Contract – Angela Daly – Speech Pathologist Services - \$110/hr; 7e) Approval of Resignation – Tim Frewing – Assistant Director – End of FY26. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

*The board would like to thank
Tim Frewing on his 14 years of service!*

January 2026 Accounts Payable

General Fund: 605 CUSTOM DESIGN LLC BOARD SUPP 2,240.00; BASS SANITATION INC. OCT - DEC GARBAGE 12.40; BMO MASTERCARD PURCH SVCS, TRAVEL, PHONE, SPLS 139.27; C&R FIRE SUPPRESSION FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINT 3.20; CENEX FLEETCARD FLEET MAINT 4,641.28; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER MAINT CONTRACT 9.05; DEUEL CO. CENEX FLEET MAINT 218.00; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. DEC RUG USE 6.53; HAMLIN COUNTY FARMERS COOP FLEET MAINT 243.91; HEALTH EQUITY HSA/FLEX 4.88; KLOCKER, ABIGAIL BACKGROUND CHECK 4.00; MINERT & ASSOC, INC DRUG TESTING 1,449.00; NEBEL, JAMESON JULY-OCT LAWN CARE 44.80; NESC IMPREST 76.27; NESC PAYROLL JAN 2026 4,487.03; NESC SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS FY26 2ND QTR EXP MI 534.45; PALMLUND AUTOMOTIVE FLEET MAINT 722.33; PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS FLEET MAINT 73.45; ROB'S AUTO REPAIR FLEET MAINT 417.21; RON'S AUTO REPAIR FLEET MAINT 60.66; SCOTTING HEATING & COOLING LLC FURNACE MAINT 37.55; SMITH, BARTON FLEET MAINT 566.48; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 2.61; TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOPPER, INC. EMPLOY AD 3.52; TOWN OF HAYTI WATER 27.36; UNZEN MOTORS FY26 VEHICLE 14,999.00; WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC MINUTES 6.99; WEBSTER AUTO CARE FLEET MAINT 542.51; W.W. TIRE SERVICE FLEET MAINT 527.60

Fund Total: \$32,101.34

Special Education Fund: ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT Z.J. CONTRACT PENALTY 500.00; BASS SANITATION INC. OCT - DEC GARBAGE 142.60; BMO MASTERCARD PURCH SVCS, TRAVEL, PHONE, SPLS 16,936.17; C&R FIRE SUPPRESSION FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINT 36.80; CASTLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT DEC CB USE FEE 11,439.96; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER MAINT CONTRACT 104.10; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. DEC RUG USE 75.12; GIESE, LEAH ASHA DUES 250.00; HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT DEC CB USE FEE 1,666.17; HEALTH EQUITY HSA/FLEX 56.07; JENSEN, DEBRA MI REIMB 99.16; KLOCKER, ABIGAIL BACKGROUND CHECK 46.00; LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT DEC CB USE FEE 624.81; LERWICK, ASHLEY ASHA DUES 250.00; PARENT DEC 2025 MI REIMB 128.64; NEBEL, JAMESON JULY - OCT LAWN CARE 515.20; NEDVED, NICOLE ASHA DUES 250.00; NESC IMPREST 861.00; NESC PAYROLL JAN 2026 435,405.43; NESC SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS FY26 2ND QTR EXP MI 133,627.02; SCOTTING HEATING & COOLING LLC FURNACE MAINT 431.84; SOLIANT HEALTH LLC SLP CONTRACTED SERVICES 11,272.50; SPEECH PARTNERS, LLC SLP CONTRACTED SERVICES 12,338.88; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 160.45; TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOPPER, INC. EMPLOY AD 40.48; TOWN OF HAYTI WATER 314.64; WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC MINUTES 80.37; WEBSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT DEC CB USE FEE 1,457.90

Fund Total: \$629,111.31

Discussion Items

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Frewing informed the board about Medicaid proceeds for 2025.

Director's Report

Director Nelson discussed the in-service held on January 16, 2026.

FY25 Audit Report

Business Manager Stormo reviewed the FY25 audit report.

Technology Audit

Director Anneke introduced Josh Sumption from SWWC reviewed and answered questions about the technology audit.

NESC Building

President Schuurman updated the board on the NESC building, based on the recent conversation from the building committee.

Moving to one Unit for Negotiations

Director Nelson discussed moving Units 1 and 2 to a single combined collective bargaining unit.

Executive Session

Action #26-41 Pursuant to – Personnel SDCL 1-25-2(1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion by C. Verhoek, second by A. Nielsen to enter executive session at 7:45 P.M. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

President Schuurman declared the board out of executive session at 9:17 P.M.

Action Items

Approval of FY25 Audit Report

Action #26-42 Motion by C. Verhoek, second by P. Thyen to approve of FY25 Audit Report. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Business Manager Contract

Action #26-43 Motion by A. Nielsen, second by C. Zirbel to offer a contract to Business Manager Tiffany Stormo for FY27 with salary to be determined at a later date. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Director Contract

Action #26-44 Motion by C. Verhoek, second by J. Trygstad to offer a contract to Director Anneke Nelson for FY27 with salary to be determined at a later date. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Action #26-45 With there being no further business, motion by A. Nielsen, second by C. Verhoek, to adjourn. All present voted, motion carried.

The Steering Committee will meet at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
The next NESC Board of Directors meeting will be held at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Arend Schuurman, President

Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager