

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Hofer (left Zoom @10:01) & Bailey (Zoom); Ethan – Vogel (Zoom); Hanson – Oltmanns (Zoom); Marion – Schmidt (9:53 Zoom); McCook Central – Stiefvater & Alley; Montrose – McAreavey & Aaker (Zoom) and Parker – Hoffman (Zoom) & Johnson. Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director and Pamela Selken, Business Manager. Absent: Canistota – Jacobsen & Nebelsick (interim); Ethan – Hawkins; Freeman – Andersen & Tietje; Hanson – McManus and Marion – Brosnahan.

Director Kueter introduced Board Members and Superintendents.

The Oath of Office was administered to all school Board Members and the Business Manager.

At 9:46 A.M. President McAreavey called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 27-01- Agenda – Stiefvater moved seconded by Vogel to approve Agenda. **ALL VOTED YES.**

President McAreavey asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. There were none presented.

The meeting was turned over to Director Kueter for election of the Board President.

Action # 27-02 - Election of President and Vice-President of the Board of Directors

Election of President – Stiefvater nominated McAreavey for President of the Board of Directors seconded by Vogel. There were no other nominations. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Director Kueter turned the meeting over to President McAreavey.

Election of Vice-President – Vogel nominated Stiefvater for Vice-President of the Board of Directors seconded by Hofer. There were no other nominations. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 27-03 - Minutes – Vogel moved seconded by Stiefvater to approve the Minutes from the June 9, 2026 Advisory Board meeting as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

President McAreavey asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

Action # 27-04 - Financial Reports – Hofer moved seconded by Vogel to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

June 2026: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$7,906.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,906.66. **SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$787,444.44; **Revenue - Interest:** \$5,931.71; **Judgements:** \$285.59; **Other:** \$639.91; **IDEA 611:** \$68,127.00; **IDEA 619:** \$3,678.00. **Expenditures:** \$141,115.84; **Closing Balance:** \$724,990.81.

July 2026: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$7,906.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,906.66. **SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$724,990.81; **Revenue - Interest:** \$168.12; **Local Shared Assessment:** \$243,749.76; **IDEA 611:** \$62,085.00; **IDEA 619:** \$3,678.00; **Expenditures:** \$184,529.06; **Closing Balance:** \$850,142.63. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 27-05 - Monthly Claims – Stiefvater moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

July 2026 Claims: IMPREST Fund: BLUEPEAK...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...183.07; EASY TIME CLOCK, INC....NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...13.00; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...27.95; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...10.67; SAMS CLUB...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...23.82. **SPED Fund:** AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES...OTHER NON-CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES ...898.00; AREA II SUPERINTENDENTS...DUES AND FEES ...175.00; ASB PROPERTY/LIABILITY FUND...INSURANCE AND JUDGEMENTS...14,481.00; ASB WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND...WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE ...4,473.00; ASSOCIATED SCHOOL BOARD PROTECTIVE TRUST...DUES AND FEES ...1,752.42; ASSOCIATED SCHOOL BOARDS OF SD...DUES AND FEES ...775.00; BLUEPEAK...COMMUNICATION ...183.40; BRAUN...TRAVEL - ESY...145.60; CANISTOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT 43-1...OTHER PROFESSIONAL & TECH SERVICES...204.63; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES IDEA...91.16; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL - ESY...238.00; DAKOTA DATA SHRED...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...30.00; DEELSTRA...TRAVEL - ESY...136.50; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES...27.95; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...COMMUNICATION ...183.07; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...13.00; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES...23.82; GRAVES IT SOLUTIONS...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...300.00; HEALY...TRAVEL - ESY...219.10; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL - ESY...218.40; KOCER...TRAVEL - ESY...119.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW...OTHER PROFESSIONAL & TECH SERVICES ...157.50; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...72.76; KUETER...TRAVEL...712.60; LAIBLE...TRAVEL - ESY...78.40; MILLER...TRAVEL - ESY...212.80; MINERAL PALACE HOTEL...TRAVEL...231.00; NASP...DUES AND FEES ...240.00; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL - ESY...412.30; PIONEER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...RENTALS...1,415.06; RANDALL...TRAVEL - ESY...30.80; RELAY HUB LLC...OTHER PROFESSIONAL & TECH SERVICES ...7,111.00; SABERS...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...1,380.00; SASD...DUES AND FEES ...1,503.00; SD ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS...DUES AND FEES ...90.00; SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC...COMPUTER SOFTWARE (ADMINISTRATIVE) ...6,350.00; TAESE/USU...REGISTRATION FEES ...405.00; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...500.00; WAGeworks...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...15.85; XCEL ENERGY...PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES...76.68; ZULK...TRAVEL - ESY...39.20. **Total Claims July 2026 \$45,969.84; June 2026 Payroll \$103,512.53 & Benefits \$29,075.33; Grand Total Expenditures \$178,557.70.**

August 2026 Claims: SPED Fund: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...648.45; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES...CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES...926.36; Bjorem Speech Publications, LL...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...648.97; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES IDEA...91.16; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL - ESY...133.00; DEELSTRA...TRAVEL - ESY...54.60; HEALY...TRAVEL - ESY...200.20; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL - ESY...196.00; KOCER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...92.40; KSB SCHOOL LAW...OTHER PROFESSIONAL & TECH SERVICES ...535.50; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...72.81; KUETER...TRAVEL...206.50; LAKESHORE

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LEARNING...CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES...305.81; LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS...CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES...192.50; MILLER...TRAVEL - ESY...106.40; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL - ESY...91.00; PARENT INSTITUTE...PERIODICALS...578.00; PEARSON CLINICAL ASSESSMENT...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...3,038.26; PIONEER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...RENTALS...1,415.06; PRO-ED, INC....NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...1,012.10; RANDALL...TRAVEL - ESY...46.20; SPEECH CORNER...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...265.89; STARFALL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION...CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES...70.00; SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...483.54; WAGWORKS...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...11.85; WPS...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...211.20; XCEL ENERGY...PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES...162.12; ZULK...TRAVEL - ESY...39.20. **Total Claims August 2026 \$11,835.08; July 2026 Payroll \$107,054.05 & Benefits \$31,753.06; Grand Total Expenditures \$150,642.19. ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 27-06 - Reorganization Motion for 2026-2027 school term – Hoffman moved seconded by Stiefvater to approve the following reorganization motions for the 2026-2027 school term.

- a. Designate First Interstate Bank, FIT and Security State Bank as the official depositories for the Cooperative Funds.
- b. Designate the Business Manager to be custodian of all financial accounts.
- c. Designate KSB School Law firm as the Cooperative's attorney.
- d. Designate the Argus Leader as official newspaper.
- e. Designate the third Wednesday of each month excluding July, August, December, March and May for Advisory Board meetings and the Tuesday after the second Monday of each month for the August, December, March and May regular meeting dates for the Board of Directors.
- f. Designate the Director to be administrator of all Federal programs.
- g. Approve placing the signatures of current Board President, Vice-President, Business Manager and Director names on the Cooperative's bank signature cards.
- h. Authorize the establishment of an Imprest Fund in the Fiduciary Fund account up to \$6,000 with the Business Manager serving as custodian of said accounts.
- i. Authorize the Business Manager, with the approval of the Advisory Board, and in accordance with SDCL 13-18-17 to make payments up to \$410,000 when the Board of Directors are not in session.
- j. Appoint Business Manager Selken as the Title IX coordinator.
- k. Authorize the Director to offer contracts and accept resignations on behalf of the Board of Directors with the approval of the Advisory Board President. Said contracts and resignations shall be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 27-07 - South Dakota open meeting laws were reviewed.

Action # 27-08 - Approve returning Paraprofessional letters of employment – Schmidt moved second by Vogel to approve the returning Paraprofessional letters of employment for the following: Kyla Laursen at \$20.15 per hour; April Roth at \$18.90 per hour and Wendy Miller at \$20.70 per hour for the 2026-2027 school term. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 27-09 - Approve Paraprofessional agreement for Jennifer A. Weber – Stiefvater moved second by Hoffman to approve the Paraprofessional employment agreement for Jenny Weber at \$19.60 per hour.

Action # 27-10 - Approve Staff Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Disclosure from Alicia Peterson was shared. Vogel moved seconded by Stiefvater to approve the Staff Conflict of Interest Disclosure and determined that no conflicts exist with regard to the activities as long as the policy and guidelines set by the Director are followed. **ALL VOTED YES.**

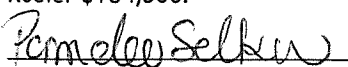
Action # 27-11 - Approve Staff Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Disclosure from Sarah Fergen was shared. Stiefvater moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the Staff Conflict of Interest Disclosure and determined that no conflicts exist with regard to the activities as long as the policy and guidelines set by the Director are followed. **ALL VOTED YES.**

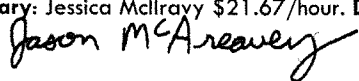
Action # 27-12 - Approve Cooperative Budget – Vogel moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the Cooperative Budget for the 2026-2027 school term as presented. The budget presented for adoption includes modifications to the revenue and expenditures. The revenue changes include 4175 IDEA Part B 611 - increase to \$851,009.00; 4186 - increase to \$49,829.00. EXPENDITURES - Special Education – 2311 Insurance Services increase to \$16,317.42. The use of the fund balance was decreased from \$45,262.27 in the preliminary budget to \$3,780.87 because of these changes. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the Board: a) Extraordinary Cost Fund; b) Parental rights brochures; c) Parental involvement surveys (Indicator 8); d) Medicaid rates, reimbursements and updated brochures; e) IEP workshops and f) Totem PD.

Action # 28-13 - Adjournment – At 10:38 A.M. Stiefvater moved seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 9:45 A.M., at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Gross Salaries for the 2026-2027 School Term: Early Childhood Teachers: Brooke Edman \$61,705; April Johnston \$65,506; Brenda Kocer \$60,329; Erin Healy \$59,720. Speech-Language Pathologists: Colleen Cleveland \$73,028; Echo Deelstra \$66,419; Sarah Fergen (SLPA) \$25,673; Morgen Laible (SLPA) \$35,700; Jenna Miller \$69,058; Emily Neugebauer \$64,404; Robyn Randall \$70,490; Lori Tschetter \$70,490; Jennifer Zulk \$72,317. 65% Psychologist & 35% ECSE/SLP Coordinator: Alicia Peterson \$88,340. Psychologist: Abbie Wiebers \$69,790. Business Manager & Medicaid Billing Agent: Pamela Selken \$56,690. Administrative Secretary: Jessica McIlravy \$21.67/hour. Director: Dean Kueter \$134,600.


Pamela Selken, Business Manager


Jason McAreavey, President Board of Directors