

**Minutes of the Career and Technical Committee Meeting
North Boone Community Unit School District #200**

Held at North Boone District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Career and Technical Education Committee Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Judy Hutchinson at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by the secretary.

Members Present: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Meyer, Dr. Cascio, Mrs. Louis, Mr. Eckmann, Mrs. Neri, Brandi Johnson, Jessica Borchardt, Roxann Grenlund, Cathy Richardson, Jim Webb, Sara Istad, Cindy Kastning.

****Jasen and Jennifer Chamberlain arrived at 6:31 p.m.****

****Amy Hildebrandt arrived at 6:37 p.m.****

Members Absent: Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Donnie Livdahl, Jamie Richardson, Billy Grotjan

III. Audience to Visitors (None)

IV. College and Career Interest Survey Data - NBHS

Mrs. Neri shared the results of the XELLO High School College and Career Interest Survey Data

- Data collected from all high school students
- Purpose: To understand students' post-high school plans, career cluster interests, preferred work environments, and activities they enjoy or feel confident doing.
- Key insights:
 - Many students expressed interest in hands-on, labor, or mechanical work.
 - Students could select multiple career clusters and work environment preferences.
- The data previously shared at Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee in fall; now shared with this group to provide context behind the district's exploration of expanding program offerings.
- Questions addressed:
 - About 50-60% of students pursue college (2-year or 4-year) post-graduation

V. Current Offerings

Mr. Eckmann gave a presentation on the following:

A. CEANCI - CEANCI stands for Career Education Associates of North Central Illinois.

- CEANCI serves as the Education for Employment (EFE) for North Central Illinois. Illinois is divided into Education for Employment regions which direct the state's CTE programs at the local level
- There are 58 EFE's in Illinois
- CEANCI is a flow through for the Carl Perkins and Career and Technical Education Improvement Grant Funds

- CEANCI covers over 1,075 square miles and provides support for more than 130 certified high school staff
- CEANCI serves over 10,000 students in grades 9-12 in nine public school districts that are members of CEANCI including Belvidere, Byron, Harlem, Hononegah, Meridian (Stillman Valley), North Boone, Rockford, South Beloit, and Winnebago
- CEANCI has 5 Regional Programs: Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Engineering, Graphic Communication, Exploratory Veterinary Medicine (New program for 2026-2027)
 - Cosmetology
 - Location: Educators of Beauty College of Cosmetology
 - Eligible to seniors only
 - Completion of the program and enroll in a cosmetology license programs
 - Automotive technology
 - Location: Hononegah High School
 - Automotive I is offered to juniors and seniors
 - Automotive II is offered to seniors who successfully complete Automotive I and are recommended by the auto instructor at Hononegah High School
 - Students who successfully complete the program can earn dual credit through Rock Valley College in ATM 106, Introduction to Automotive Electrical Systems & Powertrains
 - Students also can earn certifications in SP2 Safety, Automotive Lift Institute Safety, Motor Oil 101, and ASE Student Certification
 - Engineering
 - Location: Hononegah High School
 - Courses: Introduction to Engineering is offered to juniors and seniors. Computer Integrated Manufacturing is available to seniors who complete Introduction to Engineering
 - Students can earn dual credit from Rock Valley College in Engineering 101 and Introduction to Engineering
 - Graphic Communications
 - Location: Hononegah High School
 - Available to juniors and seniors
 - Introduction to Graphic Communications (Semester 1), Digital Design and Illustration (Semester 2)
 - Students earn dual credit from Rock Valley College in GAT 115 and Introduction to Adobe Illustrator
 - Students earn certifications in ACP in Adobe Illustrator
 - Exploratory Veterinary Medicine
 - Location: Rockford Career College
 - Available to seniors
 - Certifications: Fear-Free Certification

B. Rock Valley College (RVC)

- Additional CTE Programs available to North Boone High School Students through Rock Valley College are as follows:
 - EMT Program
 - Location: RVC Main Campus
 - Taught by instructors from Mercy Hospital
 - Aviation Program
 - Location: Rockford Airport
 - CNA Program
 - Location: RVC Main Campus
 - Classes and labs on RVC Campus
 - Clinicals at various medical locations

C. RVC's Advanced Technology Center (ATC, located in Belvidere)

- ATC is Rock Valley College's Advanced Technology Center located in Belvidere.
 - Courses offered at the ATC:
 - Mechatronics and Welding
 - To be considered for either of these courses, students must be a junior entering their senior year and have at least a 2.5 grade point average
 - There are 4 seats available in the Mechatronics program and 7 seats available in the welding program for all students in the region

VI. Current Agriculture Courses & Graduation Requirements

- Current courses that could fulfill a science requirement
 - Basic Ag Science (1.0 Credit)
 - Agriculture Environmental Studies (1.0 Credit)
 - Agriculture Biotechnology 1 (0.5 Credit)
 - Agriculture Biotechnology 2 (0.5 Credit)
- Current courses that could fulfill the Consumer Education requirement:
 - Agriculture Business Management (0.5 Credit)
- Curriculum
 - At least 50% of the course will need to be aligned with content-area specific standards for the course to count as a graduation requirement.
 - A curriculum review will need to be conducted to determine alignment and if updates need to be made.
 - A board policy would need to be created, approved by the Board of Education, and signed off by parents. (The committee requested exploration of a policy to be Board approved)

VII. NCAA Core Courses Update

- Division 1 Requirements
 - Graduate High School
 - Earn a core course GPA of 2.3 or higher
 - Complete 16 core courses
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of Math (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - 2 years of natural/physical science

- 1 year must be lab science if your school offers it
 - 1 additional year of English, Math, Natural/Physical Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Comparative religion or philosophy
 - You must complete 10 of the core courses by the end of your junior year (before the start of your seventh semester). Seven of the 10 core courses need to be in English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science. The grades in these seven courses will be “locked in,” meaning you will not be allowed to retake them to improve your grades.
- Division 2 Requirements
 - Graduate High School
 - Earn a core course GPA of 2.2 or higher
 - Complete 16 core courses
 - 3 years of English
 - 2 years of Math (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - 2 years of Natural/Physical Science
 - 1 year must be Lab Science if your school offers it
 - 3 additional years of English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
 - 2 years of Social Science
 - 4 additional years of English, Math, Natural/Physical Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Comparative Religion or Philosophy

VIII. Additional Anticipated Agriculture Position Posted

- The position for the additional anticipated agriculture teacher has been posted in various locations and websites.

IX. Master Facilities Plan/Strategic Plan

- Master Facilities Long-Range Plan contract signed; architect engaged to start planning.
- Plan includes assessment of current buildings, student population, and potential repurposing of the buildings
- Strategic planning sessions scheduled for late June

Other topics covered:

- Mobile learning labs (e.g., welding) available to North Boone were discussed.
- There has been past success and a desire to reinstate a career fair, especially for middle school students (7th and 8th graders).
- Current external career fair participation (e.g., CEANCI) involves bus trips with limited engagement; a preference was expressed for in-house career fairs tailored to student interests.
- Internship and job shadowing opportunities were discussed as future agenda items; there are currently no formal, credit-bearing internships offered.
- The committee offered to support and explore planning for career fairs and partnerships with local businesses.

X. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, and with no opposition heard, the motion carried by unanimous consent
7:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

Judy Hutchinson
Committee Chair

Sarah Meyer
Vice Chair

Approved: _____