



North Central Special Education Cooperative

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Unapproved minutes for the North Central Special Education Cooperative meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026 NCSEC Conference Room #212 (NSU Campus) – 10:30 am

- Meeting was called to order at 10:34 am
- Members Present: Joe Schwan (Groton), Jeff Clark (Hitchcock-Tulare), Kevin Kunz (Edmunds Central), Mike Kroll (Warner), Shad Storley (Langford), and Jeff Kusters (Frederick)
- Members Absent: Rob Lewis (Northwestern), Jeremy Wieseler (Doland), & Domenic Paolo (Leola)
- Approve Agenda – **Frederick/Warner (carries)**
- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (If Any): **None**
- Public Input: **None**
- ACTION ITEMS (Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on the following items):
 1. Approval of Minutes, Financial Statements, and Bills: **Hitchcock-Tulare/Edmunds Central (carries)**
 - Minutes from December 2, 2025
 - Approve bills and financial statements from December 2025
 2. Approve hiring Haley Larson, Speech-Language Pathologist, for 2026-2027 school year: **Frederick/Warner (carries)**
 - \$63,000 (3 years of experience)
 - \$5,000 Bonus paid over 3 years.
- INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 1. Caseload Summary:
 - Caseloads were reviewed and a handout was provided for each district.
 2. Update given on Yearly Evaluation Comparison (handout provided)
 3. Fall Evaluation Numbers by district provided for each district
 4. Federal Mileage Rate Increase
 - Increase from 0.70 to 0.725 as of January 1st.
 5. Time and Effort Certification:
 - Sign off completed by staff for 1st semester.
 6. Special Education Procedure manual:
 - Transfer procedures have been updated
 7. Pre-ETS Summer Initiative Grant:
 - It should be submitted by end of the week.
 8. Internal Review Reminders:

Doland*Edmunds Central*Frederick*Groton Area*Hitchcock Tulare
Langford Area*Leola*Northwestern Area*Warner

- Due June 1st
- 9. Other Health Impaired Funding Classification:
 - Legislation may be brought this session to move this classification from a Level 1 to a Level 2 disability.
- 10. March Meeting Date:
 - Move to Monday, March 9th at 10:30 AM
- 11. Child Count:
 - Submission Deadline: January 16, 2026
 - Final Certification: February 27, 2026
- 12. Trainings/Important Dates:
 - NSU Career Fair – February 10, 2026
 - Collaboration Cohort
 - Spring Screen Schedule
 - Handout Provided
 - Transition Skills Workshop

Executive Session: SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel/Director's Evaluation and SDCL 1-25-2(4) Negotiations
 In: **Warner/Edmunds Central at 10:56 am (carries)**
 Out: Chairman Schwan declared the board our of executive session at 11:05 am

Adjournment at 11:05 AM – **Edmunds Central/Frederick (carries)**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Governance Board Meeting:
 - Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM – NCSEC Conference Room – NSU Graham Hall Rm # 212
- Regular Advisory Board Meeting:
 - Monday, February 2, 2026, at 10:30 AM: NCSEC Conference Room on NSU Campus.