



# 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 Kosters (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, Speed-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 1<sup>st</sup>.
  5. Time and Effort Certification:
    - Sign off completed by staff for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>
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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 out 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.