



# North Central Special Education Cooperative

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## Unapproved minutes for the North Central Special Education Cooperative meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 NCSEC Conference Room #212 (NSU Campus) – 10:30 am

- Meeting was called to order at 10:32 am
- Members Present: Joe Schwan (Groton), Jeff Clark (Hitchcock-Tulare), Shad Storley (Langford), Jeff Kusters (Frederick), Kevin Kunz (Edmunds Central), Garrett Schmidt (Doland), Rob Lewis (Northwestern), and Domenic Paolo (Leola)
- Members Absent: Mike Kroll (Warner)
- Approve Agenda – **Frederick/Edmunds Central (carries)**
- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (If Any): **None**
- Public Input: **None**
- ACTION ITEMS:
  1. Approve minutes, financial statements, and bills: **Hitchcock-Tulare/Edmunds Central (carries)**
    - Minutes from September 3, 2024, Advisory Board meeting.
    - Bills and financial statements from September 2024
  2. Approve amended contract with Stephanie Sorensen, School Psychologist – **Frederick/Doland (carries)**
  3. Consider \$160 request from Rodney Freeman to attend Educational Law Association Annual Meeting – **Northwestern/Hitchcock-Tulare (carries)**
  4. Approve setting unemployment balance to \$12,000 – **Edmunds Central/Doland (carries)**
- DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS:
  1. Caseload Summaries – handout was provided for each district.
  2. Audit Update:
    - Review of finished audit.
    - Will receive final documentation of audit and findings soon.
  3. ICS Account:
    - Option was discussed of changing to ICS account to earn more interest.
  4. Website and TEAMS update was given by the director.
  5. PRF:
    - Will be finalized and completed once the system opens back up.
  6. Comprehensive Plans, Policies, and Procedures Update:
    - Comp Plans will need to be fine tuned for each district.
    - Will need a separate Procedural Manual with written procedures for a number of things pertain to SPED.
  7. 2024-2030 District Accountability Reviews:
    - State has switched to a 6-year review process.
    - New timeline for each district was provided.

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

8. 2024 District Accountability Reviews:

- Edmunds Central
- Frederick
- Groton
- Leola

9. RDA Coaching:

- Discussed with state to see if it was an option for Co-Op staff to provide.
- Minimum 50 days.
- Currently with the short staff across the Co-Op, this does not look like an option right now.

10. Hiring & Job Fairs was discussed and reviewed.

11. Trainings/Important Dates:

- Preschool Screenings:
  - October 25 – Leola
  - November 1 – Hitchcock-Tulare
- Tri-state Law Conference
  - November 7-8
  - Omaha, NE
- IEP Behavior Workshop
  - End of September
  - Well attended by Co-Op schools and staff
- ASERT Trainings
- Transiting Workshops
  - Looking at dates in Novembers
- Hearing Screenings
  - End of October
- Indicator 14:
  - Due November 1<sup>st</sup>

Adjournment at 11:18 AM – **Northwestern/Hitchcock-Tulare (carries)**

**Upcoming Board Meetings:**

- Governance Board Meeting:
  - Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM – Aberdeen NSU Graham Hall Rm #212
- Regular Advisory Board Meeting:
  - Monday, November 4, 2024, at 10:30 AM: NCSEC Conference Room on NSU Campus.