

NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
General Session Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2011
Center for People in Need
3901 N. 27th Street – Lincoln, NE 68521

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

PRESENT: M. Adler, S. Alford, S. Bartholomew, N. Bateman, D. Bird, R. Bork, S. Brown, T. Coe, W. Erickson, A. Gay, M. Hardy, P. Heckman, S. Ishii-Jordan, D. Jankovich, S. Katt, D. King, J. Kupper, M. Losey, P. Ludeke, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, L. Moeller, Y. J. Moses, D. Moss, K. Rempp, K. Rohwer, B. Schnabel, N. Schnoor, B. Schweiger, J. Sears, M. Tebbe, D. Vitosh, T. Wandzilak, and K. Wheeler

GUESTS: B. Doll, D. Ernst, J. Havelka, L. Kelly-Vance, M. Lundgren, B. McKeivitt, M. McFarland, P. Rippe, P. Spethman, J. Uffelman, J. Vlach, L. Zeller, M. Beiermann, K. Buller, M. Harouff, K. Huff, P. Madsen, T. Parker

ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE REPLACEMENT: A. Auten, T. Bayne, P. Bohn, K. Danek, L. Forester, D. Freese, B. Habrock, B. Hastings, F. Helmink, N. Huston, S. Jensen, C. Rice, K. Ryan, M. Schlieder, S. Stake, M. Towey-Schulz, T. VonEssen, J. Zbylut-Birky

WELCOMING ADDRESS: Paul Ramirez, Center for People in Need

DECLARATION OF LEGAL MEETING BY PRESIDENT ERICKSON

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2011 NCTE MEETING MINUTES: Jankovich moved for approval of the meeting minutes. Seconded by Marymee. The minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES: The April 14, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed by Erickson.

REPORT ON 2010-11 STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISITS: Katt explained that both Hastings College and Creighton University programs met Rule 20 and 24 standards at approval visitations.

RULE STATUS REPORT: Madsen explained that no endorsements/rules are awaiting the Governor's approval at this time. The following endorsements/rules are awaiting State Board of Education action:

1. School Librarian
2. English as a Second Language
3. Bilingual
4. Information Technology Education
5. Instructional Technology Leadership
6. Health Education
7. Health and Physical Education
8. Physical Education

Endorsements ready for Full Council action:

1. Elementary Education

2. Adapted Physical Education
3. School Counselor

Endorsements ready for First and Second Readings:

1. Principal
2. Special Education – School Psychologist

PK-B CLARIFICATION: Madsen explained that for purposes of Rule 24 endorsements, PK (Pre-Kindergarten) means age 3 to Kindergarten entrance. Federal language uses PK as the year prior to Kindergarten. B (Birth) means that the individual teacher has been prepared to work with children younger than 3 years of age. This is consistent with Rule 10 and Rule 11. Sears suggested a need to be more cognizant of grade level vs. age level when revamping endorsements and suggested that using developmental levels would be an area to explore.

PROTOCOL for ENDORSEMENT DISCUSSION and READING PROCESSES: Madsen explained that there will be five (5) minutes allotted for the General Counsel to ask questions for those endorsements ready for Final Approval, and ten (10) minutes allotted for those endorsements being introduced for First and Second Hearings. Any additional questions will go to the Standing Committees for discussion.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED ENDORSEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL ACTION:

1. Elementary Education – Tricia Parker, NDE, explained that no changes were made to the endorsement since the March 11, 2011 NCTE meeting. Moss questioned whether the K6 or K8 endorsement might be too broad for various developmental levels. Parker stated that, based upon ad hoc and undergraduate standing committee discussion, narrowing the endorsement was not recommended for this revision.
2. Adapted Physical Education – Madsen explained that there were no changes to the endorsement other than the addition of guidelines.
3. School Counselor – Madsen explained that there were no changes to the endorsement.

ENDORSEMENTS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS:

1. Principal Endorsement – Mark Adler explained that the requirement of two (2) full years of teaching experience to obtain the Principal Endorsement was maintained and the endorsement guidelines are now aligned with the National Standards.
2. Special Education - School Psychologist – Beth Doll, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented the endorsement, along with Kathy Huff, NDE. The major change proposed is to make this a teaching endorsement rather than a special services endorsement. Doll explained the preparation to become a School Psychologist has changed with more emphasis in teaching cognitive skills used to keep students in regular classroom programs with some extra help. Student assessment is much broader and is linked to the classroom, working in teams with parents and teachers. King questioned if delivery of services would be changed if this were a teaching endorsement. Doll explained that the services would primarily be the same. Moss stated it would be a positive move in that it would help rural area schools obtain a school psychologist with teaching capabilities.

Administratively it would be easier if a school psychologist had a teaching endorsement. Sears stressed that school psychologists do teach skills that students need to succeed.

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS INITIATIVES:

1. Effective Educator 2020 Summit – Katt explained the initiatives that were needed in attracting and/or preparing teachers in Nebraska. Major outcomes determined at the summit included:
 - a. A mentoring program is needed in the state
 - b. Teaching and Administrative professions need to be more diverse
 - c. Professional Standards for Teachers and Leaders need to be implemented
 - d. Educators and stakeholders need to be more collaborative when educating children
2. Nebraska Professional Educator Standards – Havelka explained progress made on the standards through a PowerPoint presentation. A survey will be posted July 1-September 1 for comments.
3. Nebraska Educator Association (NEA) Effective Teachers Presentation – Sears explained that the NEA is defining four (4) areas pertaining to teacher education. These are:
 - a. Analyze existing standards and craft a teacher definition
 - b. Develop a vision for effective educators
 - c. Develop the recommendations describing what makes an effective educator
 - d. Educator Unions and their effectiveness

NDE UPDATES:

1. Rules 20, 21, 24 and 25 – Katt described that Rule 20 includes the guidelines for approval of Educator Preparation programs. Are the INTASC standards and Educator/Teacher standards appropriate for Rule 20? There will be a hearing on Rule 21 on June 14, and then it will move forward to State Board approval. As the next revision of Rule 24 is prepared, there will be an effort to review for more consistent language. Rule 25 is going to the State Board in July, 2011. The revision will address a statutory change that reduces the amount of scholarships/loans in the next two years in addition to restricting these monies only to those initial teaching persons who received the award in the past.
2. Ad Hoc Update – Madsen questioned whether or not the proposed future endorsements including Language Arts, Science, and Early Childhood area endorsements be considered field endorsements, or should they keep their multiple subject endorsements in each area? The Language Arts endorsements ad hoc will be held June 24, 2011; Science endorsements ad hoc will be held July 12, 2011, and the Early Childhood area endorsements ad hoc will be held September 16, 2011.

Discussion is ongoing with the Special Education endorsements. The Special Education Stakeholders meeting will be held on June 23, 2011.

Middle Grades endorsements ad hoc won't be held until 2012 or after, as new standards will not be out until 2012.

3. Superintendent Endorsement – Havelka explained that the Superintendent Endorsement was not ready to move forward at this time and was tabled until the October NCTE meeting. Havelka explained the proposed changes to the endorsement with a handout. A major initiative that has been proposed is to require an internship when obtaining the Superintendent endorsement. There was much discussion concerning the endorsement changes, but nothing definitive was decided at this time.

NCTE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Erickson recognized these members upon their retirement from NCTE and awarded them with certificates of appreciation:

- a. Don King (Chadron State College)
- b. Sharon Ishii-Jordan (Creighton University)
- c. Mark Hardy (NCSA)
- d. Wayne Erickson (NASB)

These retiring members were not in attendance and will have certificates mailed to them:

- a. Tami Eshleman (NSEA)
- b. Jim Walter (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- c. Linda Barnett (Nebraska Wesleyan)
- d. Heather Daubert (NSEA)
- e. Jim Juergensen (Concordia University)
- f. Lynne Houtz (Creighton University)
- g. Carolyn Linster (Wayne State College)

ELECTIONS: Erickson opened nominations for President with Becky Schnabel being the nominee with no nominations from the floor. Adler moved and Moss seconded to close nominations and elect Becky Schnabel as President. Vote was taken with Becky Schnabel elected as President for 2011-2013 term. Nominations were taken for President-Elect with Doreen Jankovich being the nominee with no nominations from the floor. Sears moved to close nominations and Ishii-Jordan seconded to close nominations and elect Doreen Jankovich as President-Elect. Vote was taken with Doreen Jankovich elected as President-Elect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Madsen reported the Doane College Folio Review will be on September 15, 2011 and asked for volunteers.

LUNCH BREAK FROM 11:45 -12:45: Room D-E-F (Center for People in Need)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION: Reconvened at 2:00 with Standing Committee reports.

1. Certification Committee Report – Adler reported that teacher education standards are a good thing and that perhaps a rubric might be developed to see how the standards are being met. They would support a recommendation to move the Principal Endorsement forward. There were some concerns with the School Psychologist endorsement, particularly with the number of hours necessary for the endorsement, and recommended that additional development/information is needed concerning this endorsement.
2. Graduate Committee - Jankovich reported that they elected Sarah Brown as Vice Chair of the Committee, with the Secretary position not yet filled. The Committee approved the Principal endorsement to move forward for Final Reading at the October meeting. The committee also recommended that the School Psychology endorsement move forward for final reading at the October meeting with clarification from representatives of the ad hoc committee relative to sections 007.03 D1 and D2. It was moved and seconded to adopt the School Counselor Endorsement; motion passed.
3. Undergraduate Committee - Kupper reported that the committee had no major concerns regarding teacher standards. The committee supports that the School Psychologist endorsement be a teaching endorsement. These endorsements were sent forward for Full Council action by the Undergraduate Committee:

- a. Elementary Education Endorsement – moved to adopt; motion passed
 - b. Adapted Physical Education Endorsement – moved to adopt; motion passed
4. Program Approval Reports for Creighton University and Hastings College – Jankovich moved and Hardy seconded to approve both reports. Motion passed.

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT SCHNABEL : Erickson passed the gavel to Becky Schnabel as the new President of NCTE. President Schnabel then presented Wayne Erickson with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to NCTE. Erickson then gave a speech of appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.