

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

NCTE GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 7, 2013

Country Inn and Suites, 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521

Present: HED – S. Alford, N. Biggs, P. Blundell, R. Bork, B. DeHart, L. Forester, K. Fuchser, J. Kupper, D. Ladwig, D. Ponec, K. Rempp, E. Scantling, B. Schnabel, P. Spethman, T. Wandzilak
D. White

NCCA –

NASB – S. DeCamp, J. Vlach

NCAPE – B. Schweiger

NCSA – M. Adler, D. Bird, B. Habrock, M. Lenihan, K. Mathews, S. Smith, D. Wiseman

TSB – D. Harder

NSEA – S. Bartholomew, A. Bone, D. Casey, T. Coe, D. Jankovich, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, D. Moss, C. Rice, S. Ptacek, S. Stake, J. Sears

NDE – S. Katt, K. Peters

Guests: HED - K. Chappell, J. Crotty, S. Evanich, J. Jansky, M. Lundgren, K. Mallette, C. Pease, D. Phelps, C. Townsend-Frey, K. Wheeler, L. Zeller

NDE – P. Madsen, K. Buller, M. Beiermann, T. Coonts, R. Fleischer, D. Rice

OTHER – A. Epstein, N. Becker, C. Sepich, B. Sunderman, E. Vautravers

Absent Without Alternate Replacement:

HED –

NCCA – J. Huck

NCSA – S. Anderson, P. Bohn, D. Ludwig

TSB – D. Freese

NSEA – P. Ludeke, M. Tebbe

HED - Higher Education

NCCA - NE Community College Association

NASB - NE Association of School Boards

NCAPE - NE Council on American Private Education

NCSA - NE Council of School Administrators

TSB - Teachers State Board Appointed

NSEA - NE State Education Association

NDE - NE Dept. of Education

Meeting Called to Order – President Jankovich called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act – stated by President Jankovich.

Effective Educator Frameworks and Evaluation -Donlynn Rice, NDE, and Nancy Becker, NDE Consultant, presented.

Public Comments – Eileen Vautravers, M. D., past President of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association presented.

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Approval of October 11, 2013 NCTE General Session Meeting Minutes - Forester moved and Scantling seconded to approve minutes. Roll call vote. Minutes approved.

Executive Committee Minutes - The minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting were reviewed by Jankovich.

Rule Status Report - Katt

- Rule 20 - Preliminary State Board approval pending legal review.
- Rule 21 – Revision will move forward in conjunction with the next Rule 24.
- Rule 23 – Approved by Attorney General’s Office December 3, 2013; awaiting Governor’s signature.
- Rule 24 – Public Hearing held January 14, 2014; final State Board of Education approval on February 4, 2014; expected implementation by August 1, 2014, pending Attorney General and Governor approval.

Rule 24 - Pat Madsen and Ad Hoc Chairs

Proposed Rule 24 Endorsements for First and Second Hearings:

- Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist / Supplemental – Donna Moss for Carol McClain (NDE); Standing Committee ‘C’ did not have time to review this endorsement at the October 11, 2014 NCTE meeting. This endorsement is perceived to help fill the gap for those not covered in other Early Childhood endorsements, especially Birth to Kindergarten. This could be added to a special education ‘generalist’ endorsement that should be effective August 1, 2014. Rules 51, 11, and 24 are all involved in this endorsement, which is a Birth to Kindergarten (**not including kindergarten**) endorsement and requires 21 hours with 200 clock hours of field experience. Can the 200 hours of field experience be met with a “student teaching experience”? Yes, but it should be noted that this is a supplemental endorsement, and a student teaching experience is not required by Rule. Field experience/student teaching should address the Birth-PK age levels.

Proposed Rule 24 Endorsements for Final Hearings:

- Special Education: Visual Impairment / Subject – Teresa Coonts, NDE Education Specialist and Ad Hoc Chair. No changes have been made since the endorsement was forwarded by the Standing Committee at the October meeting.
- Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing / Subject – Rhonda Fleischer, NDE State Liaison and Ad Hoc Chair. There are no changes in the endorsement since the last NCTE meeting. Audiologist / Special Services – Rhonda Fleischer, NDE State Liaison and Ad Hoc Chair. This endorsement requires an HHS certificate to be certified through NDE.
- Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist / Supplemental – Moss for Carol McClain; Birth through grade 12 endorsement. If a person does not have a special education endorsement, additional special education coursework must be completed to obtain the endorsement. This is a graduate level endorsement.

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- Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist / Supplemental; Moss for McClain. New endorsement, replaces the Severe/Multiple Disorders endorsement. No changes in the endorsement since the last NCTE meeting.
- Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist / Supplemental – Moss for McClain. New endorsement; replaces the Learning Disabilities endorsement. No changes in the endorsement since the last NCTE meeting.
- Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist / Supplemental – Moss for McClain. This was formerly a Special Services endorsement. This does not require a special education endorsement. No changes in the endorsement since the last NCTE meeting.
- Special Education Supervisor / Administrative – Moss for McClain. Questions/Comments about this endorsement include:
 - Can an administrator with a special education endorsement be the special education administrator in a school? Yes, and the school can be reimbursed under Rule 51.
 - Does a person need two years of special education teaching to get this endorsement? No.
 - Can the School Psychologist be the special education supervisor? Yes.
 - Concern was expressed that this endorsement will allow individuals holding an administrative endorsement with special education experience to become the special education administrator for the school.

Upcoming 2014 Ad Hoc Committees: Madsen

- Middle Grades – TBA
- Art and General Art – Late spring/summer
- Music, Instrumental Music, and Vocal Music – Late spring/summer
- Health Occupations – September 10, 2014; Intent is to revise this endorsement to address teacher needs for the Health Science Career Field.

Low Enrollment Endorsements Overdue in Review Cycle: Madsen advised the membership of a plan for discussion/revision of low enrollment endorsements:

- Assessment Leadership – NACTE will be asked to discuss the viability of this endorsement and their recommendation will be presented to NCTE.
- Coaching (Supplemental) – Likely no formal Ad Hoc Committee; will be rewritten to incorporate current NCAA language used in the Special Services Coaching endorsement.
- Curriculum Supervisor (Administrative) – A formal Ad Hoc will be held in 2015-16.
- Religious Education – Electronic communication with NCTE NAPE representatives and institutions that offer this endorsement will be conducted; likely no formal Ad Hoc Committee.
- School Nurse (Special Services) – NCTE Executive Committee recommended no need for changes at this time. Annual licensure requirement by DHHS will remain.

NDE Updates - Katt, Sears, Madsen and Buller

- Legislative Update – J. Sears reported. Bills involving education:
 - LB438 went to final reading as it deals with accountability in the schools;

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- LB952, dealing with reading education is in committee—may see focus on reading in other bills;
- LB842 would increase the money allocated for the Excellence in Teaching programs, with a quicker pay-back schedule;
- LB972, the Independent Schools Act, is still under debate
- CAEP Refresher Training – Katt.
 - A possible training for those wanting to become in-state institution site visitors for accreditation visits is under consideration. March 14, 2014 is the deadline to self-nominate to be a CAEP reviewer on the national level.
- Content Testing Update – Madsen.
 - The School Librarian Committee met on January 16, 2014 to review the selected ETS test and make recommendations concerning the required score. The test will be in effect on September 1, 2015.
 - The ETS Praxis II content tests required for Nebraska certification after September 1, 2015, will have mid-range level scores. Individuals adding an endorsement after September 1, 2015 will be required to take the test adopted for that endorsement.
 - Supplemental endorsements are not subject to the Nebraska content testing requirements at this time.
 - Elementary Education teachers must be NCLB qualified. The Elementary Education content test is the EECIA—it will cover both certification and NCLB qualified. However, an Elementary Education special education teacher will have to take the special education content test for certification and the EECIA test for NCLB Qualified status. The EECIA test is used to address federal requirements that require evidence of core academic content proficiency for Special Education teachers at the elementary education level. The EECIA requirement also applies to ECI and ECSE—those who possibly could be teaching at the K-8 level.
 - Those with the Middle Grades endorsement will not have to take a content test at this time, as the endorsement will be undergoing review later this year.
- Excellence in Teaching Act and Nebraska Teacher Shortage Survey – Buller.
 - The AETP program currently allows \$3000 per year per individual. The EETP program for current teachers seeking advanced degrees pays \$175.00 per credit hour.
 - Data from the Excellence in Teaching Act indicates that teachers are staying in Nebraska, contrary to data that is commonly reported nationally.
- NE Teacher Vacancy Survey – Buller.
 - Information from the survey completed by Nebraska districts is used to determine areas of high need/shortage areas and is used for some federal and state loan forgiveness programs. Summary documents regarding the surveys and loan forgiveness can be found on the NDE/Educator Preparation Programs website.

Announcements - Jankovich

- Program Approval – Chadron State College and Concordia University both received full accreditation letters from NCATE/CAEP.

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- Nebraska Wesleyan University State Approval On-Site Visit was held November 3-5, 2013.
- Four institutions are currently piloting the revised state approval process.
- Upcoming Dates: The folio reviews for Grace University and Midland University, as well as the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Peru State College may be combined into one big folio review, tentatively on October 8-9, 2014. On-Site Visits will be held Spring and Fall, 2015.

Standing Committee Agenda Review – Jankovich

- 11:50a.m.** First General Session adjourned by Jankovich.
- 12:00p.m.** Working Lunch
- 12:45 p.m.** Standing Committees Meetings convened.
- 2:25 p.m.** Second General Session called to order by Jankovich.

Reports from Standing Committees – Adler, Bone, and Moss

Standing Committee 'A' – Adler reported; the committee moved these endorsements forward for final approval:

1. Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist;
2. Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist
3. Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist; and
4. Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist.

Discussion concerning the Middle Grades Endorsement was that it should continue as a separate endorsement. However, are all the Content Areas of Specialization necessary—can some be removed?

Adler introduced Corey Sepich, a superintendent intern at Ralston Public Schools.

Standing Committee 'B' – Bone reported; the committee moved these endorsements forward for approval:

1. Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Subject); Eliminate the DHH Field endorsement as per Ad Hoc Committee recommendation;
2. Special Education: Visual Impairment; and
3. Audiologist.

School Psychologist is considered to be a special education endorsement.

The Middle Grades endorsement needs a major overhaul. It seems to have outlived its intent. The committee recommends it become a supplemental endorsement.

The committee encourages members to use the information presented by Eileen Vautravers of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association.

Standing Committee 'C' – Moss reported; before moving the Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist endorsement forward, these editing changes need to be made:

1. In section 006.59D the endorsement should read “a special education endorsement,” not “the Special Education” endorsement;

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2. In section 006.59D1 it should read “. . . hold a special education endorsement,” not “. . . hold a Special Education endorsement.”

The Special Education Supervisor endorsement, has an editing change in section 5.03D1. It should read “. . . with a special education endorsement,” not “. . . with a Special Education endorsement.” With this change the committee recommends moving the Special Education Supervisor endorsement forward for final approval.

The Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist was moved forward as proposed to the June meeting for final approval.

The committee encourages members to use the information presented by Eileen Vautravers of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association.

Full Council Action –

Motion by Bone, second by Forester to approve the Special Education: Visual Impairment endorsement. Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Motion by Rempp, second by DeCamp to vote for final approval all of the following endorsements with one roll call vote rather than voting individually on each endorsement. Roll call vote taken – motion approved.

Motion by Rempp, second by DeCamp to approve the following endorsements with no changes:

1. Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Subject);
2. Audiologist;
3. Special Education Functional Academic skills and Independent Living Specialist;
4. Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist; and
5. Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist. Roll call vote taken. Motion Approved.

Moss explained the editing changes to two endorsements: Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist and Special Education Supervisor. Motion by Forester , second by Scantling to approve the editing changes as suggested by Committee C (stated above) in these two endorsements and proceed with roll call votes on each endorsement. Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Motion by Forester, second by Scantling to approve the Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist as edited. Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Motion by Forester, second by Scantling to approve the Special Education Supervisor as edited. Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Upcoming Meetings: April 24, 2014 – NCTE Executive Committee Meeting at Ralston
June 6, 2014 – NCTE Full Council Meeting at The Cornhusker – Lincoln

Adjournment - Jankovich adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.