

NCTE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 27, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Wayne Erickson, Becky Schnabel, Doreen Jankovich, Mark Adler, Alan Bone, Sharon Katt, and Kevin Peters

GUESTS: Pat Madsen, Marge Harouff, Danielle Lotspeich, Marlene Beiermann, Tricia Parker, Julane Hill, Carol McClain, Teresa Koontz, and Rhonda Fleischer

Meeting Called to Order at 9:34 a.m. by President Erickson

Approval of August 26, 2010 NCTE Executive Committee Meeting minutes:
Schnabel moved and Bone seconded approval. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Approval of the October 8, 2010, NCTE General Session Meeting minutes:
Bone moved and Schnabel seconded approval. Minutes were approved.

1. Status Report and Review of Endorsements/Rules:

Proposed Endorsements/Rules awaiting Governor's approval: none

Proposed Endorsements/Rules awaiting State Board of Education action: none

Proposed Endorsements ready for Full Council action:

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

2. Proposed Endorsements ready for First and Second Hearings:

Elementary Education – Tricia Parker, NDE Reading and Writing Curriculum Specialist, presented the endorsement. The proposed endorsement reflects the current Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) standards; discussion centered on the definition of a 'diverse student.' Schnabel questioned if there needs to be more clarification of a 'diverse student.' Schnabel said Rule 24 does not define 'diverse students.' Katt noted 006.20D1e is broad and suggested removal of 'including those with diverse languages and cultures' language. It was decided to send this to the Undergraduate Standing Committee for further discussion.

Adapted Physical Education – Julane Hill, NDE Health and Physical Education Specialist, presented the endorsement. It was decided to maintain the language in the current Rule 24, but include the guidelines that were created by the ad hoc committee. Katt made a motion to forward the original endorsement with the proposed guidelines to the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Bone. Motion carried.

Special Education: Mild/Moderate, Learning Disabilities, and Behaviorally Disordered - Carol McClain, NDE Special Education Management Team presented the endorsement. McClain stated that the emphasis should be on the initiatives, rather than on specific disabilities and disorders. She noted that there was a problem with what to call the endorsement. The proposed endorsement combines the mild/moderate endorsement with learning disabilities and behaviorally disordered endorsements to allow a more generalist endorsement at the initial certification level. Jankovich noted the required semester hours were now at 30 and questioned how that number was determined. Harouff explained the 30 required hours was determined by the pedagogy related to special education students. Katt questioned what best practices are necessary to meet the needs of students in the K-12 environment so that educators could be prepared to work with the variety of special education needs. Harouff stated there was no consistent agreement at the ad hoc meeting and more work is needed on the endorsement. Schnabel said the ad hoc generalist view was a good idea, but there are concerns on the institutional level and more discussion needs to take place because of the huge implications of this issue. Erickson moved to pull from the March meeting the endorsement for further review. Jankovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The endorsement was pulled from the March NCTE meeting agenda with the recommendation that a broader large group special education meeting be held to provide more input.

Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing – Teresa Koontz and Rhonda Fleischer, NDE State Liaison for Programs for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing presented the endorsement. Fleischer explained that the current field endorsement wasn't meeting the needs of DHH kids now, so it should be changed to a subject endorsement. This was done by combining the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) competencies and making the required hours align with a subject endorsement. The age range was changed to Birth-21 based on the rationale that new teachers must be able to teach content and must also be able to deal with all age ranges. Schnabel questioned if 30 hours of required coursework was enough to adequately prepare a teacher to work with the age range of Birth-21. Schnabel also questioned whether the endorsement should include language stating that persons with this endorsement must be pursuing a subject endorsement in a content area or have an elementary endorsement. Schnabel moved to postpone this endorsement to the June meeting so there can be more discussion concerning changes to this endorsement. Jankovich seconded this motion. Motion carried. The endorsement was pulled from the March meeting agenda with the recommendation that the DHH endorsement be included in the larger special education discussion.

3. Proposed Endorsements in Process: Madsen and Harouff

These will be on the agenda at the April Executive Committee meeting:

1. Superintendent
2. Principal
2. School Psychologist

4. Endorsements for Possible Review: Madsen and Harouff

These endorsements are next in line for review, depending on budget issues:

1. Language Arts areas – Language Arts, English, Speech, Theatre, Speech and Theatre, Reading and Writing, Journalism and Mass Communications, and Reading Specialist
2. Middle Grades
3. Speech Language Pathology
4. Curriculum Specialist
5. Early Childhood

5. NDE Updates:

Rules 20, 21, and 24 Status:

1. Rule 20 – nothing specific at this time; however, a report on discussions scheduled for February 9 and 10 with NACTE and NSEA concerning teacher preparation and State Board issues will be provided at the NCTE meeting.
2. Rule 21 – First draft status with legal department reviewing it at this time.
3. Rule 24 – Endorsements will go in Rule 24 in August 2012. (No Rule 24 changes for 2011).

6. Educator Effectiveness System Initiatives and Effective Educator Summit 2020:

Educator Effectiveness System:

This initiative was authorized by the State Board in November of 2010. The initial step is to create professional educator standards. It is being led by Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka.

Effective Educator Summit 2020 (EE2020):

Effective Educator Summit 2020 (EE2020) will be held in June, 2011. It is sponsored in part through Parental Involvement Resource Center (PIRC) grant money and will include stakeholders and representatives from across the state including teacher preparation institutions, NSEA, administrators, teacher practitioners, school boards, community colleges, NCTE, and private foundations. The purpose is to discuss statewide educator standards and what an Effective Educator will look like in Nebraska in the year 2020.

7. Other Discussion Items:

A. Ad Hoc update - Madsen

1. School Psychologist endorsement – January 28, 2011
2. Language Arts endorsements – summer, 2011 (tentative)
3. Possible other endorsements for 2011: TBA

B. Teacher Certification update – Peters

A draft is being prepared which will address:

1. Expiration date change for teacher certificates to August 31, not on birthdays
2. Concern with the number of conditional permits that are issued; trying to reduce it
3. Temporary certificates are good now for 180 days, not 2 years
4. Need for clarity and accountability with the new data system

C. 2010-2011 Educator Preparation Goals for NDE and NCTE – Katt

Will need to provide to the State Board an update on goals and proposed Rule changes this spring (May – tentative).

D. State Program Approval status reports: Katt

1. Union College – rejoinder at March NCTE meeting
2. York College – program approved
3. University of Nebraska-Kearney – rejoinder at the March NCTE meeting
4. Hastings College – program approved; on-site visit is April 3-5, 2011
5. Creighton University – still under review

- E. Schedule Revision for Program Approval (See NCTE Calendar):
NCATE folio reviews are now due 1.5 years prior to on-site visits. Changes were made to the NCTE calendar to reflect these changes. The directions/manual for folio reviews is undergoing revision.
- F. Rejoinders for University of Nebraska-Kearney and Union College:
Rejoinders for the University of Nebraska-Kearney and Union College will take place the morning of March 11 before the start of the regular NCTE meeting.
- G. 2010-2011 Budget Considerations: Katt reported we are being conservative with funds. There will be staff reductions in the future. Funding for the Excellence in Teaching Act will be reduced and will be available only to people who are already in the program. Schnabel suggested relaxing the EETP repayment process for those working on a Masters program with funding being cut.
- H. Revised Standing Committee assignments – Wandzilak is now on the Certification Committee, and Kupper is on the Undergraduate Committee.
- I. NCTE Membership update: At this time, we are aware that the following replacements for 2011-2012 will need to be made:
Molly O'Holleran, voting member (NASB)
N. Carol Olsen, voting member (NASB)
Dave Rokusek, alternate member (NCSA)
Marlene Blakeman, voting member (Other Teacher Representatives)
NPTA Representatives, designation of member and alternate
- J. March NCTE meeting:
Site change from UNO to Nebraska Wesleyan
Erickson proposed that the Executive Committee meet at 8:30 for rejoinders discussion. General Meeting will start at 9:30 and conclude at 3:30
- K. Material Duplication and Dissemination for NCTE meetings: NDE will print and mail documents which are of primary importance for the NCTE membership to have for the meeting.
- L. Effective Protocol for the First and Second Hearing Processes: Katt reviewed the current first and second hearing process. The first hearing is conducted with the full assembly and then goes to the appropriate subcommittee to address questions and have additional discussion at the second hearing. Questions and additional discussion should be directed to the appropriate standing committee to address during the second hearing. Katt suggested that if persons or groups have specific issues with endorsement changes they should be encouraged to submit their concerns prior to the NCTE meeting. She also suggested that time limits should be established so that everyone has an opportunity to state concerns or ask questions. A protocol for presenters will be developed to guide the hearing process. There is a need to continue to monitor this relatively new process to determine if it is working effectively and efficiently and Katt requested that the Executive Committee review the Organizational Bylaws and feel encouraged to make recommendations for improving the procedure.

M. Nominating Committee for President-Elect: Doreen Jankovich accepted nomination on the slate as President-Elect.

6. Items for March NCTE Meeting Agenda:

A. Nominating Committee Slate – Doreen Jankovich for President-Elect. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

B. 2010 State Program Approval updates: Executive Committee will meet before the NCTE Full Council meeting to hear rejoinders from Union College and the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Institutions ready for final approvals (tentatively) include:

University of Nebraska-Kearney

Union College

York College

Hastings College

Creighton University

C. Proposed Endorsements – First and Second Hearings:

Elementary Education

Adapted Physical Education

D. Proposed Endorsements - Final Approval:

School Counselor

School Librarian

Information Technology Education

Instructional Technology Leadership

English as a Second Language

Bilingual Education

Health Education

Health and Physical Education

Physical Education

E. Proposed Ad Hoc committees/sign-up sheets: TBA

F. Proposed Rule 21 revisions: TBA

G. 2010-2011 NCTE and NDE goals:

Progress related to challenges presented by the State Board

H. Excellence in Teaching update

I. NCTE membership update

J. Educator Effectiveness :

Report on Educator Effectiveness System – Jim Havelka

Report on Effective Educator 2020 – Sharon Katt

K. Protocol for First, Second Hearings & Final approval

L. Announcements:

- a. Hastings College visitation April 3-5, 2011
- b. Creighton University visitation April 9-13, 2011
- c. Folio Reviews – Fall, 2011
 - Doane College (Tentative Date: September 15, 2011)
 - Chadron State College
 - Concordia University

Next NCTE Executive Committee meeting – April 14, 2011 (note date change)

Adjournment: Erickson adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.