

NCTE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 26, 2012

Meeting Sites: *Nebraska State Office Building—V-Tel Room*

Sharon Katt, Kevin Peters

UNO—Roskens Hall, 107L—Becky Schnabel, Alan Bone, Doreen Jankovich

Absent: Mark Adler

Guests: Jim Woodland-NDE, Deb Romanek-NDE, Anne Bird-Omaha, Marge Harouff,

Pat Madsen, Marlene Beiermann

Call to Order—President Becky Schnabel called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of January 26, 2012 NCTE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Jankovich moved, Katt seconded for approval. Minutes approved.

Approval of March 9, 2012 General Session Meeting Minutes – Jankovich moved, Katt seconded for approval. Minutes approved.

Approval of March 9, 2012 Standing Committee Minutes – stand as posted

1. Rule Status Updates—Sharon Katt

- Rule 24 Report—Anticipated effective date 8/1/12—awaiting Governor’s signature
School Counselor, School Librarian, Information Technology Education, English as a Second Language, Bilingual Education (new), Health Education, Health and Physical Education, Physical Education, Adapted Physical Education, Instructional Technology Leadership (new), Elementary Education, Principal, and School Psychologist endorsements have been revised/updated. Additional changes in the Rule include revision of the Provisional Special Education Endorsement and the Provisional Endorsement (to align with Rule 21) and standardized “two years of teaching experience” language across existing endorsements with that requirement.
Update: Rule 24 was signed by the Governor on May 2, 2012, with an effective date of May 7, 2012.

2. Rule 24 Endorsements—Pat Madsen and Ad Hoc Chairs

- Superintendent—endorsement contains updated Guidelines. Madsen explained that the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) Standards language was incorporated into the revised endorsement. The ELCC has not changed the intent of each standard, but the language is more sophisticated. Discussion continued concerning the elements, standards, and initiatives in the endorsement. Katt moved and Bone seconded that the proposed version containing the ELCC standards proceed to the June NCTE meeting. Katt clarified that the revised endorsement containing the ELCC standards should go for second round reading to the Graduate committee at the June meeting and then proceed with third/final reading at the October NCTE meeting.

Proposed Endorsements ready for Full Council Action—

- Science (field)—Jim Woodland, NDE, Science Ad Hoc Chair, stated that candidates wanting this endorsement would need to take 48 hours, with 12 hours taken in each of the 4 disciplines: biology, chemistry, physics, and Earth and space. This is a broad field endorsement, not a specific subject endorsement. Nationally the desire is to have a teacher get a general degree to teach across the disciplines, not a degree to teach a specific discipline. Katt expressed a concern from some institutions that taking only 12 hours in each discipline might not be adequate for a person hired to teach a specific discipline. This concern may be brought up at the June NCTE meeting. Woodland explained there is no data or research to guide the number of credit hours needed to be a well-prepared science teacher. Schnabel expressed concern about counting the 12 hours per discipline, with Woodland stating it is up to the institutions to decide their program hours. Science (field) endorsement will move to the June NCTE meeting.

Proposed Endorsements ready for First and Second Readings—

- Speech-Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician (Special Services)—Ann Bird, Speech-Language Pathologist Ad Hoc Committee Chair reported. Speech Language Pathologist endorsement has minimal changes:
 - Section 006.67B should move from subject to field endorsement;
 - Section 006.67c is a clarification to read: “Persons with this teaching endorsement may provide speech language pathology services to and consultative services for individuals from birth to age 21.”
 - Section 006.67D increases the minimum clock hours necessary for internship and clinical experiences to 400. These need to be done in both school and clinical settings.
 - CFCC-ASHA standards should be used for the Guidelines, as shown in the Speech Language Pathologist Draft #2. Katt stated that institution representatives on the Ad Hoc committee expressed an interest to include a certification test as a requirement. It was determined this would not be added to the Rule at this time.

The Speech Language Technician endorsement emerged due to the shortage of Speech Language Pathologists. It was intended to be available for people who were not Speech Language pathologists, but had studied the first level (bachelor’s level) to become Speech Language Pathologists. Initially, the first recommendation was to eliminate the endorsement, as there are currently only 15 Speech Language Technicians using the endorsement in Nebraska schools during the current school year. After more deliberation, the committee decided to keep the endorsement with these changes:

- Section 007.04A should change the grade levels to Birth through Grade 12.
- Section 007.04C should read: “Persons with this endorsement may provide speech-language services for individuals from birth to age 21; they must be supervised by a certified speech-language pathologist; they may not fulfill the requirements of a speech-language pathologist on a multidisciplinary evaluation team or an individualized family service plan (IFSP) team or individual education plan (IEP) team.”

- The Intent of the endorsement changes are that candidates have a bachelor's degree, have been accepted and/or are working on a masters degree, and they would not be able to continue to renew this certificate for more than ten years.

Peters stated that renewing certificates for Speech Language Technicians is a problem due to the difficulty getting into a program of study, which leads to taking online courses. Issues affecting certificate renewal include the fact that current institutions do not have the resources or personnel to expand their programs. Institutions are also taking only the best candidates including those from out of state. Out-of-state candidates don't always intend to stay in Nebraska, which contributes to the shortage problem. Bird suggested a group be organized to study the shortage issue.

Katt questioned the Birth to age 21 versus Birth through grade 12 issue. Schnabel said that using age 21 is logical from federal guidelines standpoint. The Executive Committee supports infusing the latest recommendations made by Annie Bird to the endorsement, and to move the endorsement to the June meeting. Jankovich moved and Katt seconded.

- Mathematics—Deb Romanek, NDE, Mathematics Ad Hoc Committee Chair presented. Romanek explained that endorsement semester hours were increased from 30 to 36 with the expectation that students already know Calculus I content prior to starting the 36 semester hours count. The expectations now are that all students in high school will be taking the advanced algebra class, thus the increase to 36 hours. Also, the endorsement grade level should be grades 6-12, not 7-12. This came from Common Core Standards, and mathematics content now being taught at the sixth grade level that was formerly taught at seventh and eighth grade levels. Schnabel questioned if beginning the course hour count with Calculus II, and not requiring Calculus III, were listed in the endorsement. Romanek stressed that actual courses aren't listed—just the general wording concerning Calculus. Fluency vs. proficiency of necessary math courses was questioned by Jankovich, but Romanek stressed that general math knowledge standards, rather than specifics were needed in the endorsement. The Mathematics endorsement will move to the NCTE June meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee Update/Progress—Madsen

- Early Childhood Education— There is much discussion with the endorsements, especially the infant-toddler age group. The plans are to introduce the Early Childhood endorsements at the August Executive Committee Meeting. Next Ad Hoc meeting is in Lincoln on Monday, May 7.
- Special Education—Specialty Areas Work Group met on April 23. The goal is to try to move away from having specialty endorsements named by the disability. Would still like to see a Special Education Generalist endorsement. More discussions are planned with the next meeting scheduled for May 8 in Lincoln.
- Language Arts Ad Hoc meeting—May 31 and June 1, 2012
- Art, General Art, and Middle Grades ad hoc meetings will be scheduled during 2012-2013.

3. NDE Updates:

- Rule 20—Sharon Katt reported that work is continuing, and information from the Effective Educator Frameworks needs to be incorporated into Rule 20.
 - Teacher Certification Update—Kevin Peters reported that everything is running smoothly in Teacher Certification.
 - Program Approval—
 - Doane College on-site visit was successfully completed on April 15-17, 2012. At the June NCTE meeting a recommendation for program approval of Doane College will need to be made to the Commissioner. There is no need for a rejoinder meeting for Doane College.
 - Chadron State College and Nebraska Wesleyan University Folio Reviews will take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Country Inn & Suites—Lincoln.
 - Concordia University Folio Review—July 19, 2012 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln
 - State NCATE recalibration training for previously trained NCATE State team members is tentatively scheduled for June 19 and 20, 2012. A full training for new state team members will not take place until the consolidation of NCATE and TEAC in CAEP is completed. K. Rempp, R. Bork, J. Kupper, and P. Madsen were recently approved as NCATE Board of Examiners.
 - NCTE Membership Update:
 - Members leaving NCTE:
 - Sandra Jensen (NE Association of School Boards)
 - New members nominated:
 - Heidi Vahle (NE Association of School Boards)
 - Dana Wiseman (NE Council of School Administrators)
 - Jean Blomenkamp (Wayne State College);
- Motion made by Jankovich and seconded by Katt to approve membership update;
- *Additional members nominated that were not listed on the Executive Committee Agenda:
 - Jennifer Lorenzen - NE Wesleyan (replacing T. Anderson)
 - Bob DeHart – York College (replacing K. Wheeler)
 - Freddie Gray – NE Association of School Boards (replacing H. Vahle as alternate)- NCTE Meeting Management—Sharon Katt
 - Katt explained the necessity of studying NCTE meeting management. How can we streamline the meeting processes to accomplish the most at the meetings? We need to look at the goals and objectives of the NCTE, including a review of the Organizational Policies. Mike Dulaney of NCSA suggested in a conversation with NDE staff that a reduction in the size of the NCTE membership should be considered. The Executive Committee members agreed to meet this summer to further discuss this topic and develop recommendations for NCTE consideration at a later meeting. Other individuals representing the membership categories may be invited to participate.

4. Proposed Agenda Items for June 8, 2012 NCTE Meeting at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln:

- Welcome—
- Endorsements for Full Council Action
- Endorsements for First and Second Hearings
- Ad Hoc Committee Updates/Progress
- NCTE Meeting Management Plan – summer discussion
- Other Council Discussion Topics
 - 2011 Teacher of year Bob Feurer communicated with the Commissioner regarding perspectives he has gained as a result of his Teacher of the Year experience. Katt questioned if he should be an invited speaker at the NCTE meeting. Katt will provide Executive Committee members with a copy of correspondence with Mr. Feurer. The Executive Committee determined Mr. Feurer should not present at the June meeting.
- Development of a statewide model for educator evaluation (based on the Effective Educator Frameworks). Several NCTE members participate on the Leadership committee and can be asked to summarize progress.
- Reece Peterson has prepared a presentation that summarizes issues and opportunities related to the special education endorsement revision process and will be contacted to see if he can present at the June meeting. Guiding questions for Standing Committee meetings could be developed to gather input regarding the revision of the endorsements.

Schnabel suggested a clarification is needed for the depth of preparation teachers need for field and subject endorsements. After discussion it was decided that this should be presented at NACTE, not NCTE.

Upcoming Meetings:

NCTE Full Council Meeting—June 8, 2012 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln.

NCTE Executive Committee Meeting—Thursday, August 16, 2012, in Omaha rather than Lincoln.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.