

# Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

January 24, 2013

Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Site: Virginia Moon Administrative Center, 8545 Park Drive, Ralston, NE 68127

Call to Order – President Becky Schnabel 9:10 AM

Approval of August 16, 2012 NCTE Executive Committee Meeting minutes—Approved as presented on a motion by Jankovich, Adler second.

Approval of October 5, 2012 NCTE General Session Meeting minutes—Approved as presented on a motion by Jankovich, Bone second.

Approval of October 5, 2012 NCTE Standing Committees minutes—Approved as presented on a motion by Jankovich, Bone second.

NCTE Membership Update – Nancy Huston retired / Freddie Gray has become Voting Member but has now resigned--New Alternate is Barbara Velazquez (OPS School Board Member)  
Katt suggested with new Organizational Policies coming soon, use alternates at this time.

## 1. Rule Status Update – Sharon Katt

- Rule 20—Teacher Preparation Rule—Meeting with educator preparation program representatives—still seeking input from the group and will review—moving forward. (New InTASC standards, NE Teacher & Principal Frameworks, rigorous Admission Standards, etc.) Discussion is underway.
- Rule 24—No attendees at Rule 24 Public Hearing other than NDE personnel—Board did approve Rule 24 at January 11 meeting and currently under Attorney General review. Revised endorsements include: Superintendent (as submitted versus final NCTE recommendation), Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics, Science (field), Mathematics, Speech-Language Pathology, Speech Language Technician (SS), and Coaching (SS). Physical Science (field) is removed from Rule 24.

## 2. Rule 24 Endorsements – Pat Madsen and Ad Hoc Chairs

### Proposed Endorsements Discussions –

- Language Arts -- Tricia Parker, NDE Language Arts Curriculum Specialist (via telephone)
  - Introduced – Basic English (Subject)—Proposed as subject endorsement—This endorsement will allow those with the endorsement to teach English courses only. Schnabel shared that this would allow institutions flexibility and able to combine with other supplemental endorsements (ESL, etc.) Hours are not prescribed—that has been part of the ad hoc discussions. Guidelines will dictate what is needed. Guidelines are very similar to ELA. A candidate could obtain Secondary English and then later add the additional course work for ELA if so desired. Bone said he thought this was a good improvement—asked about the word “Basic” because of the implied meaning, and perhaps “Secondary English” would be a better description—also give distinction from the current English subject endorsement. The grade level should be 6-12 rather than 7-12. The Executive Committee members agreed that these changes should be made. Motion by Bone, second by Jankovich to make these changes. Motion carried.

- [Journalism and Media Education](#) (Supplemental)—18 credit hours—The guidelines do not follow NCATE SPA guidelines. Katt asked if the guidelines should be revised to follow the “7 standards/28 elements” format. Bone made a motion a small group of 4-5 people be assembled to reformat the Guidelines before the March meeting to be consistent. Second by Peters. Motion carried.
- [English Language Arts](#) (Field)—No changes. Additional discussion is likely needed by NCTE due to proposed Secondary English subject endorsement being introduced.
- [Speech](#) (Proposal is Supplemental)—No changes
- [Theatre](#) (Proposal is Supplemental)—No changes
- [Reading and Writing](#) (Proposal is Supplemental; Grades K-6; 7-12)
- [Reading Specialist](#) (Subject/Graduate)—No changes
- Hold for final reading until June: Speech, Theatre, Reading and Writing, Reading Specialist

Proposal is to eliminate Speech and Theatre (Field), Language Arts (Field)—replaced by English Language Arts (field), and English (Subject) – replaced by Secondary English (Subject)

#### Proposed Endorsements ready for First and Second Hearings –

- [Special Education](#) – Carol McClain, NDE Special Education Management Team
  - [Special Education](#) – replaces Special Education: Mild/Moderate; proposed as PK-6, 7-12 (subject) or PK-12 (field).  
Is “providing services” the same as “teaching”? The proposed guidelines include newest (late 2012) CEC Initial Level Special Educator Preparation Standards. Nebraska is a birth mandate state, unlike states surrounding NE. Many members of the various stakeholder committees feel preparation should reflect Birth-age 21. Endorsement says “PK-21” because at the time the original ad hoc committee met, “PK” meant “B”, but NCTE has since defined that. There have been numerous meetings since the original ad hoc meeting. All stakeholders have indicated that preparation needs to be much broader than it currently is, with the idea that special education teachers would determine in which areas they need/want more training and would then get additional endorsements. The additional Special Education specialty areas/ supplemental endorsements will be introduced at future meetings, as new CEC Standards for the specialty areas will be available in early 2013. Discussion and decisions tabled.
- [Early Childhood](#) – Jan Thelen, NDE Early Childhood Special Education and Melody Hobson, NDE Early Childhood
  - Melody Hobson—Developmental periods of early childhood—infants/toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarten, early elementary grades. Tried to eliminate duplicity in endorsements, strengthening preparation.
  - [Early Childhood Inclusive](#) – replaces Early Childhood Education Unified—51 credit hours with an area of concentration (either B-K or age 3-Gr 3). Could be employed in school-based preschool, Head Start, center-based programs, private preschool, early grades K-3.
  - [Early Childhood](#) (Supplemental to Elementary Education)
  - [Early Childhood Special Education](#) (Graduate/Post bac) – Proposed as B through K (formerly Birth-Grade 3). New CEC standards will be available soon, and will be reflected in Guidelines.

Proposal is to eliminate Preschool Disabilities—not used; duplicated ECSE; Special Authorization Early Care (B-K) will become an area of specialization of Early Childhood Inclusive.

Looked at both NAEYC and CEC/DEC Standards and have included all NAEYC and some CEC/DEC Standards in proposed ECI.

Cross team effort—have to look out for all children and what strengthens all programs. Research indicates children learn best in inclusive environments.

Schnabel thanked all ad hoc committees for their work.

Discussion about Special Education and Early Childhood endorsements by Executive Committee—Adding PK to SPED will not change the reimbursement in Rule 51 for Early Childhood. EC should be staffed by those with ECI, ECSE endorsement, or SPED + EC for reimbursement issues. Discussion was that K-6, 7-12, K-12 would better follow what is now in place, and adding the “P” will not change any reimbursement in special education for districts. After much deliberation, the Executive Committee decided to move the endorsements ahead with the following modifications: the grade level of the Special Education endorsement will be K-6, 7-12, K-12; and “teach” rather than “provide services to”.

Due to the large numbers of endorsements to review, the Certification Committee will be assigned to discuss all of the endorsements.

Undergraduate—ELA, Secondary English, Journalism—bring recommendations to the Full Council for the June meeting.

Graduate—ECSE, ECI, ECE, and SPED—bring recommendations to the Full Council for the June meeting.

3. Ad Hoc Committees Update / Progress – Rule 24 “clean up” for 8.1.14 / Art, Music, and Middle Grades Ad Hoc meetings will begin in late 2013 or early 2014. Schnabel suggested Middle Grades should be moved ahead sooner rather than later.

4. NCTE Organizational Policies Revision Update – Katt

Added to agenda:

Suspend current Organizational Policies while being revised/approved—ask for agreement from NCTE Executive Committee to do this. Motion made by Katt to suspend current Organizational Policies related to membership recruitment pending approval of proposed Organizational Policies revisions. Jankovich second. Discussion—none. Motion carried.

Full Council Approval Vote on revised Organizational Policies at March 8 NCTE meeting; revised policies would be effective upon State Board approval (anticipated April 2013).

Added to agenda:

Nominating Committee assigned: Schnabel, Adler, Jankovich. Nomination slate will be presented at the March meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

5. NDE Updates – Katt

- NCTE Full Council Meeting Date Changes: **June 6 (Thursday) AND October 11 (Friday)** – both at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln
- Program Approval – Concordia University On-site Visit – April 14-16, 2013  
Chadron State College On-site Visit – April 21-23, 2013  
Nebraska Wesleyan On-site Visit – November 3-5, 2013  
State Program Approval process is being revised to show more transparency and accountability—and ready for the next cycle.
- Folio Review – Midland University – Fall, 2013 (Mid-November)  
Grace University – Fall, 2013

Added to agenda: Content Testing—Nebraska is moving to content tests as a part of program completion and certification. No advantage of being the only state that does not currently have content testing for certification. ETS/Praxis II will be the vendor. A score on a content test does not indicate a “highly effective” teacher—it is only one indicator. Praxis I is being revised by ETS to align more with Common Core State Standards. Nebraska is reviewing the current basic skills requirements and will be making decisions soon concerning basic skills testing, vendor, etc.

#### 6. Proposed Agenda Items for March 8, 2013 Meeting at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

- Meeting Start Time –9:30 A.M. (Registration at 9 AM)
- Welcome –Craig Christensen would be a good choice (Jankovich); or Dan Ernst (Katt)
- Proposed Endorsements for Full Council Action—None
  1. Hold Speech, Theatre, Reading and Writing supplemental endorsements and Reading Specialist graduate endorsement until June NCTE meeting
- Proposed Endorsements for First and Second Hearings:
  1. Special Education (Generalist)
  2. Early Childhood Inclusive
  3. Early Childhood Education (proposed as Supplemental to Elementary Education)
  4. Early Childhood Special Education
  5. Secondary English (subject)
  6. Journalism and Media Education (Supplemental)
  7. English Language Arts (field)
- NDE Updates—Rule 20, Upcoming Ad Hocs, Organizational Policies
- Content testing
- Folio Review sign up, NWU NCATE Sign Up (July 11, 12-4 PM Offsite, November 3-5, 2013 Onsite)

#### Upcoming Meetings:

NCTE Full Council – Friday, March 8, 2013 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln – 9:30 A.M.

NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – April 25, 2013 – UNO will host—9 A. M.

**NCTE Full Council – Thursday, June 6, 2013 –NOTE DATE CHANGE!** (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.