

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA**

April 6-7, 2010

(Revised: March 31, 2010)

**Location: State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building, Sixth Floor
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987**

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Lunch: On April 7, the State Board of Education will break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The lunch will take place in Conference Room C at the State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Board will resume work on the agenda at approximately 1:00 p.m.

SCHEDULED TIMES

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12:30 p.m.

[STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE](#)
(Conference Room C)

1:00 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE (Conference Room B)
Members of the Policy Committee will prioritize the following topics for discussion at future committee meetings:

- School and Family Involvement Policy
- How NDE should proceed on providing letters of support for competing Federal Applications?
- What is the definition of Policy? How is it different from a guidance document for schools or an administrative memorandum or position statement for NDE?

1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Conference Room C)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 – WORK SESSION

(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to April 7, 2010).

2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - 1.1 Roll Call
 - 1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
 - 2.1 Legislative Issues (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.1.1 State
 - 2.1.2 Federal
 - 2.1.3 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) P-16 process (COMMISSIONER BREED and BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.1.4 State Aid Certification (RUSS INBODY)
 - 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability
 - 2.2.1 [Science Standards update](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JIM WOODLAND)
 - 2.2.2 [Common Core Standards](#) (DONLYNN RICE, DEB ROMANEK and TRICIA PARKER)

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- 2.2.3 NeSA Update and Common Core Assessment (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
- 2.2.4 [Data Recognition Corporation \(DRC\) contract](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
- 2.3 Statewide System of Support (SSOS) Update (DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SWISHER)
- 2.4 Early Childhood Education
 - 2.4.1 Update on Rule 16 (92 NAC 16), *Early Childhood Accreditation* (MELODY HOBSON)
 - 2.4.2 [Report on Early Childhood Statewide Advisory Council grant application](#) (MELODY HOBSON and ELEANOR KIRKLAND)
- 2.5 Federal Grant Applications
 - 2.5.1 Race To The Top (RTTT) application update (COMMISSIONER BREED)
 - 2.5.2 State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) and School Improvement Grants (SIG) (MARILYN PETERSON)
 - 2.5.3 [Elementary and Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\) allocations](#) (MARILYN PETERSON)
 - 2.5.4 Nutrition Services grants (MARILYN PETERSON)
- 2.6 [Discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) between Southern Region Education Board \(SREB\) and NDE for the participation in the Preparation for Tomorrow – Improved Student Readiness for College and Careers project](#) (DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
- 2.7 [Nebraska Council on Teacher Education \(NCTE\) and Nebraska Educator Preparation overview and discussion](#) (SHARON KATT)
- 2.8 [Discussion of continuing approval status of Nonpublic Schools for the School Year 2010-2011 under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
- 2.9 [Discussion of continuing accreditation status of Educational Service Units for the 2010-2011 School Year under Rule 84 \(92 NAC 84\), Regulations for Educational Service Units](#) (FREIDA LANGE)

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010 – BREAKFAST MEETING

7:30 a.m. State Board of Education Breakfast Meeting with Governor Heineman at the Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3798

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010 – BUSINESS MEETING

- 9:00 a.m.
1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING
 - 1.1 Roll Call
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.3 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.1 [March 1-2, 2010, Lincoln, NE](#)
 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for April 7, 2010
 - 3.1 Commissioner's recommendations
 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - 4.1 Request for appearance

(NONE)
 - 4.2 Public Comment Period (An Action Item marked with ** will include time for public comment on that item at the time it is addressed by the Board.)
 5. HEARINGS

(NONE)
 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - 6.1 Commissioner's Evaluation
 7. ACTION ITEMS
 - 7.1 Board actions on legislative issues (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 7.2 FIRST TIME CONTRACTS
 - 7.2.1 [Authorize the Commissioner to contract with Achieve for Science Standards Validation](#)
(DONLYNN RICE)

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- 7.2.2 [Authorize the Commissioner to contract with David Heil and Associates for Science Standards Validation](#) (DONLYNN RICE)
- 7.3 [Approve Nonpublic Schools for the School Year 2010-2011 under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
- 7.4 [Approve Educational Service Units for the 2010-2011 School Year under Rule 84 \(92 NAC 84\), Regulations for Educational Service Units](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
- 7.5 [Grant the Commissioner authority to negotiate and approve a Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) between Southern Region Education Board \(SREB\) and NDE for the participation in the Preparation for Tomorrow – Improved Student Readiness for College and Careers project](#) (DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
- 8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (The following items are management decisions and/or legal counsel recommendations, which require Board approval.)
 - 8.1 Identify items for separate vote
 - 8.2 Approve consent agenda

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.3 [Personnel Report](#)
- 8.4 Miscellaneous
 - 8.4.1 [Approve amendments to the FY 2008-2010 State Plan for Independent Living](#) (MARK SCHULTZ)
 - 8.4.2 [Appoint a Hearing Officer in NDE Case No. 10-02, Guillermo Gutierrez v. Commissioner](#) (LESLIE DONLEY)
 - 8.4.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to assign a Hearing Official to Option Enrollment Case No. 10-03, Soby v. Fort Calhoun Community Schools](#) (MARGARET WORTH)
 - 8.4.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to assign a Hearing Official to Option Enrollment Case No. 10-04, Crooks v. Fort Calhoun Community Schools](#) (MARGARET WORTH)

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- 8.5 Grants
- 8.5.1 [Grant the Commissioner authority to approve funding recommendations for the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\) Grant Program](#) (MARY ANN LOSH, KAREN STEVENS, and JAN HANDA)
- 8.5.2 [Grant the Commissioner authority to approve funding recommendation for the federally funded statewide Mathematics and Science Partnership \(MSP\) Grant Program](#) (MARILYN PETERSON)
- 8.5.3 [Grant the Commissioner authority to award Career Education Partnership Act Grant Awards](#) (DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
- 8.5.4 [Approve awards of new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants to identified school districts and educational service units](#) (MELODY HOBSON and LINDA MEYERS)
- 8.6 Contracts
- 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner authority to amend the contract for the Reading First Consultant](#) (DONLYNN RICE)
- 8.6.2 [Authorize the Commissioner to contract with the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer for computer programming services](#) (BOB BEECHAM and MARILYN PETERSON)
- 8.6.3 [Authorize the Commissioner to amend the Decision Support System contract with Quilogy Inc. to change the scope and increase the amount](#) (BOB BEECHAM and MARILYN PETERSON)
- 8.7 Leases
- (NONE)
- 8.8 Committees
- 8.8.1 [Delegate authority to the Commissioner of Education to approve State Rehabilitation Council \(SRC\) Members](#) (MARK SCHULTZ and DON CROUCH)

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9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS
(NONE)
10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Brief general discussion by Board members of possible topics for future Board meetings; requests for reports or studies to be conducted by the Commissioner and staff; and reports of activities and information from Board members.)
 - 10.1 Dates for joint meetings with policy partners
 - 10.2 Approve request for meeting attendance
 - 10.3 Meeting participation
 - NASBE Committee Meetings and Legislative Conference
 - 10.4 Legislative Committee report
 - 10.5 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee report
 - 10.6 Policy Committee report
11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS (The following items are for Board information only. They require official notice. No presentation planned. No requested action planned.)
 - 11.1 [Statutorily required notice of contracts involving public employees](#)
 - 11.2 [Contracts approved by Commissioner](#)
 - 11.3 [NASBE Board of Directors Nominations for 2011](#)
(COMMISSIONER BREED)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. A work session will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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