

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA**

July 12-13, 2011

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

If the State Board Room is unavailable for the July 12 State Board Work Session, it will take place in the State Office Building, Lower Level B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

If the State Board Room is unavailable for the July 13 State Board Meeting, it will take place in the State Office Building, Lower Level A, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

Agenda: Except for emergency items added at the time of the meeting, the agenda will not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and any changes will be immediately posted on the website.

The Board will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

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Lunch: On July 13, if necessary, the State Board of Education may 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 may resume work on the agenda at approximately 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011 – COMMITTEE MEETING

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
(Conference Room B)

- NeSA Test Cut Score Recommendation

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011 – WORK SESSION

(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to July 13, 2011).

1. CALL TO ORDER (1:00 p.m.)
 - 1.1 Roll Call
 - 1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
 - 2.1 Standards, Assessment and Accountability (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
 - 2.1.1 State Accountability Model
 - 2.1.2 NeSA Tests Cut score discussion
 - 2.2 Approval and Accreditation
 - 2.2.1 [Discuss recommendations from the State Accreditation Committee to Accredite Schools for the 2011-2012 school year](#) (FREIDA LANGE, DENNIS MCGUIRE and DON LOSEKE)
 - 2.2.2 [Discuss request from Cody-Kilgore Public Schools for a modification of Rule 10-004.02C \(prohibiting 6th grade students from participating in athletic contests\) for school year 2011-2012 in accordance with waiver provisions in Rule 10, Section 013.05](#) (FREIDA LANGE, RICK MOSES and DENNIS MCGUIRE)
 - 2.2.3 [Discuss request from Hay Springs Public Schools for a modification of Rule 10-004.02C \(prohibiting 6th grade students from participating in athletic contests\) for school year 2011-2012 in accordance with waiver provisions in Rule 10, Section 013.05](#) (FREIDA LANGE, RICK MOSES and DENNIS MCGUIRE)
 - 2.2.4 [Discuss request from Banner County Public Schools for a modification of Rule 10-004.02C \(prohibiting 6th grade students from participating in athletic contests\) for school years 2011-2012 through 2013-2014 in accordance with waiver provisions in Rule 10, Section 013.05](#) (FREIDA LANGE, RICK MOSES and DENNIS MCGUIRE)

- 2.2.5 [Discuss request from Maywood Public Schools for a modification of Rule 10-004.02C \(prohibiting 6th grade students from participating in athletic contests\) for school years 2011-2012 through 2012-2013 in accordance with waiver provisions in Rule 10, Section 013.05](#) (FREIDA LANGE, RICK MOSES and DENNIS MCGUIRE)
- 2.3 [Update on English Language Learners \(ELL\) Rule 15](#) (MARY ANN LOSH and NANCY ROWCH)
- 2.4 [Discussion related to approval of revisions to Rule 21 \(92 NAC\), Issuance of Certifications to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools](#) (SHARON KATT and KEVIN PETERS)
- 2.5 [Discussion of proposed revisions to Rule 25 \(92 NAC\), Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act](#) (SHARON KATT)
- 2.6 [Meeting Report on Effective Educator 2020 Summit](#) (SHARON KATT, LYNN CRONK and JOHN SIELER)
- 2.7 [Discuss Early Childhood Education Grants to school districts](#) (MELODY HOBSON and LINDA MEYERS)
- 2.8 [Teacher and Principal Standards Update](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JIM HAVELKA)
- 2.9 Discussion of State Board Retreat (COMMISSIONER BREED)
- 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION (4:00 p.m.)
 - 3.1 [Partnering 4 Students: Nebraska Tool Kit for Systems Involved in Education of Students in Out-of-Home Care](#) (MICHELE BORG, NDE CONSULTANT CONTRACT and JESSICA WILLIAMS, UNL CENTER ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND THE LAW)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011 – BUSINESS MEETING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING (10:00 a.m.)
 - 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 [May 4-5, 2011, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for July 13, 2011
 - 3.1 Commissioner’s recommendations

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Request for appearance

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 – (if needed)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

7.1.1 [Approve the cut scores for the Nebraska State Accountability \(NeSA-Mathematics\) Tests](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)

7.1.2 [Approve the cut scores for the Nebraska State Accountability \(NeSA-Alternate Mathematics\) Tests](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)

7.1.3 [Approve the cut scores for the Nebraska State Accountability \(NeSA-Alternate Reading\) Tests](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)

7.1.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Wisconsin Center for Education Products and Service for an alignment study with NeSA-AAM, the alternate mathematics test](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)

7.2 Authorize the Commissioner to pay annual dues for the [National Association on State Boards of Education \(NASBE\)](#); [Council of Chief State School Officers \(CCSSO\)](#); Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB); and [Education Commission of the States \(ECS\)](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED)

7.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Early Childhood Education Grants to school districts](#) (MELODY HOBSON and LINDA MEYERS)

7.4 [Adjust the boundaries of ESU 6 and ESU 18 to reflect the boundaries of member school districts](#) (BRIAN HALSTEAD)

7.5 [Approve revisions to Rule 21 \(92 NAC\), Issuance of Certifications to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools](#) (SHARON KATT and KEVIN PETERS)

7.6 [Approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 25 \(92 NAC\), Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act, and authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time, and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board](#) (SHARON KATT)

7.7 Approval and Accreditation

- 7.7.1 [Approve recommendations from the State Accreditation Committee to Accredite Schools for the 2011-2012 school year](#) (FREIDA LANGE, DENNIS MCGUIRE and DON LOSEKE)
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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 school districts' request for exclusions to the budget limitation in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act \(TEEOSA\)](#) (RUSS INBODY)

- 8.4.2 [Approve revisions to the State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Plan Supplement for the State Supported Employment Services Program for Fiscal Year 2012](#)
(MARK SCHULTZ)
- 8.4.3 [Approve the purchase of agency-wide videoconferencing equipment for two additional Vocational Rehabilitation offices](#)
(MARK SCHULTZ)
- 8.5 Grants
 - 8.5.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve grant awards for the FY2012 Perkins Career Education Innovation Grant Program](#)
(DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
- 8.6 Contracts
 - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract for technical assistance to the Migrant Education and Learn and Serve Programs](#) (MARY ANN LOSH, SUE HENRY and MIKE KISSLER)
 - 8.6.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting with Lincoln Public Schools for the services relating to the English Language Development Assessment \(ELDA\); the annual language assessment required under NCLB and the Elementary/Secondary Education Act](#) (MARILYN PETERSON and NANCY ROWCH)
 - 8.6.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue the agreement between the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa School for the Deaf, and the Nebraska Department of Education for the provision of educational and residential services to Nebraska students who are deaf or hard of hearing and in need of such services](#) (GARY SHERMAN and ADRIA BACE)
 - 8.6.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting for assistance with the implementation of the Nebraska State Plan for Education of Children who are deaf or hard of hearing](#)
(GARY SHERMAN and TERESA COONTS)
 - 8.6.5 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to renew the contract with The Abilities Fund to provide management services to assist individuals with disabilities in starting and/or expanding self-employment opportunities](#) (MARK SCHULTZ)
- 8.7 Leases
(NONE)
- 8.8 Committees
 - 8.8.1 [Notification of vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Council \(SEAC\)](#) (GARY SHERMAN and ANN BIRD)

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
 - 10.4 [Discussion of Administrators' Days, August 3-5, 2011, Kearney, Nebraska](#)

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 [State Board Policies G11, G12 and D1 for review](#) (MARGARET WORTH)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 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 Wednesday, August 10, 2011 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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