

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA**

March 7-8, 2011

(Revised: March 4, 2011)

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

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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.

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Lunch: On March 8, the State Board of Education will break for a luncheon meeting at 12:00 p.m. The State Board of Education will be hosting the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The joint luncheon meeting will take place at the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, 455 South 11th Street, Suite A, Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

SCHEDULED TIMES

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MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 11:00 a.m. STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE
(V-Tel Room)
- 1:00 p.m. POLICY COMMITTEE (Conference Room A)
- Reading Policy (G4) Discussion
 - State Board Policies G5, G6 and B4 Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Conference Room C)
- State and Federal Discussion

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 – WORK SESSION

(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to March 8, 2011).

- 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 Update (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.1.1 State
 - Update on Appropriations Committee Meeting
 - 2.1.2 Federal
 - 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability
 - 2.2.1 State Accountability (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
 - NeSA system
 - Demonstration of the on-line Writing Assessment
 - 2.2.2 Federal Accountability / ARRA Report / Persistently Low Achieving Schools (PLAS) (MARILYN PETERSON)
 - 2.3 [Discuss revisions to Rule 41 \(92 NAC 41\), Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Authorization to Operate](#) (SHARON KATT and CAROL GRELL)
 - 2.4 [Discuss revisions to Rule 42 \(92 NAC 42\), Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates of approval to Recruit](#) (SHARON KATT and CAROL GRELL)

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- 2.5 [Nomination for a replacement representative on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education \(NCTE\)](#) (SHARON KATT)
- 2.6 [Update on Development of Teacher and Principal Standards for Educator Effectiveness](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JIM HAVELKA)
- 2.7 [Update on Striving Readers Planning Grant](#) (DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER)
- 2.8 [Update on NDE Project, English Language Learner Rule](#) (MARY ANN LOSH and TERRI SCHUSTER)
- 2.9 [Update on NDE Project, Rule 84 \(92 NAC 84\) Regulations Governing Accreditation of Educational Service Units](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
- 2.10 Report on Virtual Schools Initiative (COMMISSIONER BREED and MIKE KOZAK)
- 2.11 [State Board Meeting Room Renovation](#) (DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SWISHER, MIKE KOZAK, and ELISABETH REINKORDT)
- 2.12 [Discuss a three-year pilot ACT school-day testing program for participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Nebraska Department of Education to analyze resulting data, and if necessary to contract with ACT, contingent on the availability of funding and approval of the pilot program by ACT](#) (ROBERT EVNEN)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 – BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast with State Board of Education Members and Nebraska Legislators
Location: Terrace Grille, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 – 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 [February 7-8, 2011, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for March 8, 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 Board actions on legislative issues (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 7.2 [Authorize the Commissioner to contract with Alpine Testing Solutions for the NeSA-AAR and NeSA-AAM standard settings to occur the summer of 2011](#) (PAT ROSCHEWSKI and GARY SHERMAN)
 - 7.3 [Approve revisions to Rule 41 \(92 NAC 41\), Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Authorization to Operate](#) (SHARON KATT and CAROL GRELL)
 - 7.4 [Approve revisions to Rule 42 \(92 NAC 42\), Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates of approval to Recruit](#) (SHARON KATT and CAROL GRELL)
 - 7.5 [Extend the Charter of the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council to January 1, 2013](#) (DONLYNN RICE and LARRY STARR)
 - 7.6 [Adopt a resolution approving a three-year pilot ACT school-day testing program for participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Nebraska Department of Education to analyze resulting data, and if necessary to contract with ACT, contingent on the availability of funding and the approval of ACT](#) (ROBERT EVNEN)
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

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THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.3 [Personnel Report](#)
- 8.4 Miscellaneous
(NONE)
- 8.5 Grants
(NONE)
- 8.6 Contracts
 - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with Aspect, Inc. for development, updating and support of the 2010-11 State of the Schools Report \(SOSR\) and the Data Reporting System \(DRS\)](#)
(MARILYN PETERSON and PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
- 8.7 Leases
(NONE)
- 8.8 Committees
 - 8.8.1 [Appoint members to the Nebraska Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council](#)
(SHARON KATT and CAROL GRELL)
- 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 Legislative Committee report
 - 10.5 Policy Committee report

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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 G5, G6 and B4 for review](#)
(MARGARET WORTH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 – Lunch

12:00 p.m. State Board of Education will be hosting the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Location: Nebraska Council of School Administrators, 455 South 11th Street, Suite A, Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 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 Monday, April 4, 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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