

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 5-6, 2011**

*(Revised: October 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 October 6, 2011, 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.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 – STATE BOARD PLANNING RETREAT**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.            The State Board will meet to discuss board goals and procedures (State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 1Z, Lincoln, Nebraska)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 – COMMITTEE MEETING**

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.) (V-Tel Room)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (1:30 – 2:00 p.m.) (Conference Room B)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (1:30 – 2:00 p.m.) (Conference Room C)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 – WORK SESSION**

**(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to October 6, 2011).**

1. CALL TO ORDER (2:00 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
    - 2.1.1 Accountability Plan Update (PAT ROSCHEWSKI)
    - 2.1.2 [Teacher and Principal Standards Update](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JIM HAVELKA)
  - 2.2 [Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy G4, “Reading/Writing State Board of Education Policy”](#) (PATRICIA TIMM, DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER)
  - 2.3 [Discuss Nebraska’s Race To The Top – Early Learning Challenge Application](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED and MELODY HOBSON)
  - 2.4 [Discuss Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for use of Child Care and Development Funds](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 2.5 [Update on working draft of Rule 15 \(92 NAC\), Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools](#) (MARY ANN LOSH and NANCY ROWCH)

3. PRESENTATION

- 3.1 [Student Friendly Standards for Language Arts](#) (DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER, NDE; SHELLY ERIKSON, K-12 LANGUAGE ARTS SUPERVISOR; and MELISSA SCHROEDER, INSTRUCTIONAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR, OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 – BUSINESS MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING (9:00 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 [September 7-8, 2011, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for October 6, 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 [Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy G4, "Reading/Writing State Board of Education Policy"](#) (PATRICIA TIMM, DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER)  
7.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign Nebraska's Race To The Top – Early Childhood Challenge Application](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED and MELODY HOBSON)

- 7.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the use of Child Care and Development Funds](#)  
(MELODY HOBSON)
  - 7.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a Hearing Draft of Rule 15 \(92 NAC 15\), Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools and to set a hearing date and time and appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board](#) (MARY ANN LOSH and NANCY ROWCH)
  - 7.5 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the competitively awarded Nebraska State Personnel Development Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services under the State Personnel Development Grant Program, 84.323A](#)  
(MARY ANN LOSH and JOLENE PALMER)
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 the allocation of estimated dollar amounts for the payment of Special Education Aid in 2011-12](#) (GARY SHERMAN and GREG PROCHAZKA)
  - 8.4.3 [Appoint a Hearing Officer in NDE Case No. 11-12, Logan Gregory v. Commissioner](#) (LESLIE DONLEY)
  - 8.4.4 [Appoint a Hearing Officer in NDE Case No. 11-14, Tim Crocker v. Commissioner](#) (LESLIE DONLEY)
  - 8.4.5 [Accept monies for 2012 Teacher of the Year Program](#)  
(COMMISSIONER BREED and SCOTT SUMMERS)

- 8.5 Grants
  - 8.5.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to award a grant to Building Bright Futures to Develop a Model Proficiency Based Career and Technical Education Program](#) (DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
  - 8.5.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to award a continuation grant to UNL for the Next Generation Inspiration Program for Careers in Transportation](#) (DONLYNN RICE and RICHARD KATT)
- 8.6 Contracts
  - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting with ESU 9 to be the fiscal agent for ESU support for the four statewide trainers for the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System](#) (MARILYN PETERSON)
  - 8.6.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Amendment #3 to the 2011 Colyar Consulting Group, Inc., contract](#) (MARILYN PETERSON)
- 8.7 Leases  
(NONE)
- 8.8 Committees
  - 8.8.1 [Approve changes to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education \(NCTE\) 2011-12 Membership List](#) (SHARON KATT and PAT MADSEN)
  - 8.8.2 [Notification of vacancies on the State Accreditation Committee](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
- 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS 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
    - [NASB State Conference, November 17, 2011 State Board Roundtable discussion](#)
  - 10.3 Meeting participation

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 G17 and G18 for review](#) (MARGARET WORTH)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 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 Tuesday, November 8, 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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