

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 9-10, 2012

*(Revised: August 2, 2012)*

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

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**Lunch:** On August 10, 2012, 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.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012– STATE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.) (Conference Room B)

STANDARDS AD HOC COMMITTEE (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) (Conference Room B)

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012 – WORK SESSION**

**(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to August 10, 2012).**

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 DISCUSSIONS
  - 2.1 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY
    - 2.1.1 [Discuss the contract with Data Recognition Corporation \(DRC\) for the statewide writing test](#) (VALORIE FOY and JOHN MOON)
    - 2.1.2 [Discuss updates on NePAS](#) (VALORIE FOY)
    - 2.1.3 [Schedule for release of NeSA-Reading, Math, Science](#) (VALORIE FOY)
    - 2.1.4 [Discuss the External Validation of the Social Studies Standards](#) (DONLYNN RICE)
  - 2.2 [Discuss the addition of Section 003.12 to Rule 10 \(92 NAC 10\), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools, requiring the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
  - 2.3 [Discuss conditional approval for nonpublic schools, Alleluia! Kindergarten of Elkhorn and Trunk Butte Christian Academy of Chadron, to operate under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic School, to operate in 2012-2013](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
  - 2.4 [Discuss the contract with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to conduct an ACT testing research project](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED and SHARON KATT)
  - 2.5 [Discuss the 2012-2013 Educator Preparation Programs in Nebraska colleges and universities](#) (SHARON KATT)
  - 2.6 [Discuss new State Board Policy G8, "Global Competency"](#) (PATRICIA TIMM and MARGARET WORTH)

- 2.7 [Discuss Early Childhood Education Programs established by public schools and Educational Service Units](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
- 2.8 [Discuss a contract amendment for Jack Consulting Group for facilitation and consultation](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
- 2.9 [Discuss a contract amendment for Teaching Strategies GOLD Training](#) (MELODY HOBSON and JAN THELEN)
- 2.10 [Discuss changing the date of the October 2012 Meeting to October 9-10, 2012](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED)
- 2.11 [Discuss 2013 State Board of Education Meeting Dates](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED)
- 2.12 [Discuss the Virtual Education Policy](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED and BRENT GASWICK)
- 2.13 [Nebraska eBook Project presentation](#) (BRENT GASWICK)
- 2.14 Discuss the 2013-2015 Biennium Budget (RUSS INBODY and SHANE RHIAN)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012 – 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 [July 10-11, 2012, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for August 10, 2012
  - 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 the addition of Section 003.12 to Rule 10 \(92 NAC 10\), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools, requiring the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
  - 7.2 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
    - 7.2.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with Data Recognition Corporation \(DRC\) for the statewide writing test](#) (VALORIE FOY and JOHN MOON)
    - 7.2.2 [Approve NePAS Accountability model](#) (VALORIE FOY)
    - 7.2.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Outside Experts for External Validation of the Social Studies Academic Content Standards](#) (DONLYNN RICE)
  - 7.3 [Grant conditional approval for nonpublic schools, Alleluia! Kindergarten of Elkhorn and Trunk Butte Christian Academy of Chadron, to operate under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic School, to operate in 2012-2013](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
  - 7.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract \(first time contract\) with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education \(CCPE\) to conduct an ACT testing research project](#) (SHARON KATT)
  - 7.5 [Approve the 2012-2013 Educator Preparation Programs in Nebraska colleges and universities](#) (SHARON KATT)
  - 7.6 [Approve new State Board Policy G8, “Global Competency”](#) (PATRICIA TIMM and MARGARET WORTH)
  - 7.7 [Approve Early Childhood Education Programs established by public schools and Educational Service Units](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 7.8 [Approve a contract amendment for Jack Consulting Group for facilitation and consultation](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 7.9 [Approve a contract amendment for Teaching Strategies GOLD Training](#) (MELODY HOBSON and JAN THELEN)
  - 7.10 [Approve changing the date of the October 2012 Meeting to October 9-10, 2012](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED)
  - 7.11 [Approve 2013 State Board of Education Meeting dates](#) (COMMISSIONER BREED)

- 7.12 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems \(SLDS\) Grant](#) (SAMEANO PORCHEA)
- 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 & Educational Opportunities Support Act \(TEEOSA\)](#) (RUSS INBODY)
  - 8.4.2 [Approve requests from school districts for payment of half of their 2012-2013 State Aid, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1033](#) (RUSS INBODY and BRYCE WILSON)
- 8.5 Grants
  - 8.5.1 [Approve continuation grants to five ESU's to fund Nebraska Early Learning Connection professional development activities](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 8.5.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to award McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance grants](#) (DIANE STUEHMER and ROGER REIKOFSKI)
- 8.6 Contracts
  - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center to continue the statewide evaluation work for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant Program](#) (MARY ANN LOSH and KAREN STEVENS)
  - 8.6.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract for NCLB, Title IV, Part-B program support](#) (MARY ANN LOSH)
  - 8.6.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the University of Nebraska to provide World Language professional development](#) (DONLYNN RICE and VICKIE SCOW)

- 8.6.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with a Lincoln Public Schools employee for expenses incurred while conducting NDE business](#) (DIANE STUEHMER and NANCY ROWCH)
- 8.7 Leases
  - 8.7.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the lease between the Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division and the Department of Education's Early Childhood Training Center for office space in Omaha, Nebraska for September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014](#) (MELODY HOBSON and RUSS INBODY)
- 8.8 Committees
  - 8.8.1 [Notification of vacancies on the State Independent Living Council](#) (MARK SCHULTZ)
  - 8.8.2 [Notification of vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Council \(SEAC\)](#) (BETH WIERDA and ANN BIRD)
- 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (11:30 a.m.)
  - 9.1 [Nebraska Arts Council and Arts Educators](#) (DONLYNN RICE and MARY DUFFY, NDE; PATSY KOCH JOHNS, 2006 NEBRASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR and CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE NEBRASKANS FOR THE ARTS; and SUZANNE WISE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL)
- 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
    - 10.3.1 Discussion of Administrators' Days, July 25-27, 2012, Kearney, Nebraska
  - 10.4 Policy Committee report
  - 10.5 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee report
  - 10.6 Standards Ad Hoc 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 [State Board Policy D6, "Contracts, Grants and Purchases," for review](#)  
(MARGARET WORTH)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 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 Thursday, September 6, 2012 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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