

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA**

APRIL 7-8, 2014

(Revised: April 4, 2014)

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| Location: | State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building, Sixth Floor
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987 |
| Web Streaming: | Live web streaming will be available through the State Board of Education website: www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/ |
| 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 April 8, 2014, 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. |

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STUDY GROUP – HIGH ABILITY LEARNER (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) (Conference Room C)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING (10:00 – 10:30 a.m.) (Conference Room A)

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING (10:45 – 11:45 a.m.) (Conference Room A)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (1:45 – 2:45 p.m.) (Conference Room A)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (1:45 – 2:45 p.m.) (Conference Room B)

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 – LUNCH

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. State Board of Education Members will have lunch with the Nebraska Association for Supervision and Curriculum Directors at the Nebraska Council of School Administrators Building, 455 South 11th Street, Suite A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 – WORK SESSION

(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to April 8, 2014).

1. CALL TO ORDER (3:00 p.m.)
 - 1.1 Roll Call
 - 1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
2. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, and ACTIONS
 - 2.1 Commissioner’s Agenda Overview (COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
 - 2.1.1 Welcome new State Board of Education Members (PRESIDENT WISE and COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
 - 2.2 LEGISLATION
 - 2.2.1 Legislative Committee report (LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.2.2 State Legislation (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.2.3 Federal Legislation (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.3 STANDARDS
 - 2.3.1 Standards Committee report (STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.3.2 [Update on College-and Career-Ready Language Arts Standards](#) (DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER-SIEMERS)

- 2.4 ACCOUNTABILITY
 - 2.4.1 State Accountability Committee report (ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.4.2 Update on Accountability and NeSA (VALORIE FOY)
 - 2.5 POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT
 - 2.5.1 [Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy B11, "Board Meeting Notification for Regular Meetings"](#) (JOHN SIELER and COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
 - 2.6 [Discuss continuing approval of Nonpublic Schools for the school year 2014-2015 under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
 - 2.7 [Discuss reappointment of the current Board-appointed alternate member representative to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education \(NCTE\) in the category of State Board Appointed Teachers](#) (SHARON KATT and PAT MADSEN)
 - 2.8 [Discuss the proposed revisions to Rule 82 \(92 NAC 82\), Rules and Regulations Governing the Diploma of High School Equivalency Act](#) (SHARON KATT and VICKI BAUER)
 - 2.9 [Discuss the contract amendment for the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
 - 2.10 [Discuss the contract amendment for training and coaching services](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
 - 2.11 [Discuss the potential soil conservation grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust](#) (DONLYNN RICE, RICHARD KATT and HARRIS PAYNE)
 - 2.12 [Discuss the amendment to the contract with Double Line Partners in support of the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems \(SLDS\) grant work](#) (DEAN FOLKERS and MATT HASTINGS)
 - 2.13 [Discuss the hearing draft of Rule 6 \(92 NAC 6\), Regulations and Procedures for Secure Data Sharing](#) (DEAN FOLKERS)
- 3. PRESENTATION (NONE)
 - 4. ADDITIONAL STATE BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - if needed
 - 4.1 High Ability Learner Study Group report (COMMITTEE CHAIR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast with State Board of Education Members and Nebraska Legislators at The Nebraska Club, 233 South 13th Street, Suite 2000, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – 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 [March 3-4, 2014, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for April 8, 2014
 - 3.1 Commissioner’s recommendations
 - 3.2 Welcome new State Board of Education Members (PRESIDENT WISE and COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - 4.1 Request for appearance
 - 4.1.1 Nebraska Education Standards (10 minutes)
 - 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

(9:30 a.m.)

 - 7.1 Consider the Hearing Officer’s Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 13-18, *Jeanna Pestel v. Commissioner* (LESLIE DONLEY)
 - 7.2 [Approve the release of the Draft College-and Career-Ready Language Arts Standards for public comment](#) (DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER-SIEMERS)

- 7.3 [Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy B11, "Board Meeting Notification for Regular Meetings"](#) (JOHN SIELER)
 - 7.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Nonpublic Schools for the school year 2014-2015 under Rule 14 \(92 NAC 14\), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools](#) (FREIDA LANGE)
 - 7.5 [Approve the proposed revisions to Rule 82 \(92 NAC 82\), Rules and Regulations Governing the Diploma of High School Equivalency Act](#) (SHARON KATT and VICKI BAUER)
 - 7.6 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a contract amendment for the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
 - 7.7 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to amend a contract for training and coaching services](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
 - 7.8 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the soil conservation grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust](#) (DONLYNN RICE, RICHARD KATT and HARRIS PAYNE)
 - 7.9 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to amend the contract with Double Line Partners in support of the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems \(SLDS\) grant projects](#) (DEAN FOLKERS)
 - 7.10 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt a hearing draft of Rule 6 \(92 NAC 6\), Regulations and Procedures for Secure Data Sharing, and grant the Commissioner the authority 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](#) (DEAN FOLKERS)
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 district's requests for exclusions to the budget limitation in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act \(TEEOSA\)](#) (BRYCE WILSON)

- 8.5 Grants
 - 8.5.1 [Authorize the Commissioner 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 [Authorize the Commissioner to approve the ESEA Section 1003\(g\) FY 2013 School Improvement Grants \(SIG\). These grants will be funded with FY 2013 School Turnaround Grant funds](#) (DIANE STUEHMER and RANDY MCINTYRE)
- 8.6 Contracts
 - 8.6.1 [Authorize the Commissioner to approve Amendment #6 to Contract #32141 with Colyar Consulting Group, Inc.](#) (DIANE STUEHMER and BEV BENES)
- 8.7 Leases (NONE)
- 8.8 Committees
 - 8.8.1 [Notification of vacancies on the Nebraska Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council](#) (SHARON KATT and BRAD DIRKSEN)
 - 8.8.2 [Reappointment of the current Board-appointed alternate member representative to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education \(NCTE\) in the category of State Board Appointed Teachers](#) (SHARON KATT and PAT MADSEN)
- 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS
 - 9.1 Step Up to Quality: Quality Rating Improvement System (MELODY HOBSON and ELEANOR SHIRLEY) (10 minutes)
- 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
 - [2014 Nebraska Data Conference, April 14-15, 2014, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska](#)
 - Upcoming requests

10.3 Meeting participation

- [National Association of State Boards of Education \(NASBE\) March 13-15, 2014, Arlington, Virginia](#)
 - [Legislative Policy Forum](#) (MOLLY O'HOLLERAN)
 - Board of Director Meeting and [Study Group](#) Meetings (PRESIDENT WISE, MOLLY O'HOLLERAN and LILLIE LARSEN)
- [Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association \(NRCSA\) Spring Conference, March 20-21, 2014, Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska](#) (COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT and PRESIDENT WISE)
- [Governor's Arts Awards March 25, 2014, Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center, La Vista, Nebraska](#) (PRESIDENT WISE, LYNN CRONK, MOLLY O'HOLLERAN, and LILLIE LARSEN)
- Other Regional/State meeting updates

10.4 Kids Count Report (PRESIDENT WISE)

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 B20, "Computer Equipment/Internet Access and Electronic Mail Acceptable Use" for review](#) (MARGARET WORTH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – COMMITTEE MEETING

STRATEGIC-GOAL SETTING MEETING (1:30 – 3:00 p.m.) (Conference Room C)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014 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, May 8, 2014 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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