

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

March 3-4, 2014

(Revised: March 1, 2014)

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

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Lunch: On March 4, 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, MARCH 3, 2014 – COMMITTEE MEETING

STRATEGIC-GOAL SETTING (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.) (Conference Room C)

STUDY GROUP – HIGH ABILITY LEARNER (11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.) (Conference Room C)

COMMISSIONER’S EVALUATION (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) (Commissioner Blomstedt’s Office)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) (Conference Room A)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (2:00 – 2:45 p.m.) (Conference Room A)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2:00 – 2:45 p.m.) (Conference Room B)

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 – WORK SESSION

(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to March 4, 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)
 - 2.2 Legislative Update (LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR and BRIAN HALSTEAD)
 - 2.2.1 State Legislation and Board Actions on legislative issues
 - 2.2.2 Federal Legislation
 - 2.2.3 Legislative Committee report (LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.3 STANDARDS
 - 2.3.1 Standards Committee report (STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.3.2 [Discuss the adoption of the Fine Arts Standards for Nebraska K-12 students](#) (DONLYNN RICE and DEBBIE DEFRAIN)
 - 2.4 ASSESSMENT
 - 2.4.1 Update on Assessment Administration (VALORIE FOY)

- 2.5 ACCOUNTABILITY
 - 2.5.1 State Accountability Committee report (ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR)
 - 2.6 [Discuss the grant opportunity for healthy and safe schools](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JULANE HILL)
 - 2.7 [Discuss nomination for State Board representative on the Nebraska Council of Teacher Education \(NCTE\)](#) (SHARON KATT and PAT MADSEN)
 - 2.8 [Discuss the purchase of IT services from the Office of Chief Information Officer \(OCIO\) in support of the Early Childhood Professional Record System and IT work through the state approved Covendis IT procurement system](#) (MELODY HOBSON and DEAN FOLKERS)
 - 2.9 [Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy B11, "Board Meeting Notification for Regular Meetings"](#) (PRESIDENT WISE and COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
3. PRESENTATION
- 3.1 Step Up to Quality: Quality Rating Improvement System (MELODY HOBSON and ELEANOR SHIRLEY)
4. ADDITIONAL STATE BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - if needed
- 4.1 Policy Committee report

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 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, MARCH 4, 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 [February 3-4, 2014, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for March 4, 2014
 - 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.)
 - 4.2.1 Henry W. Burke (10 minutes) – Nebraska Language Arts Standards
5. HEARINGS (NONE)
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION –if needed
7. ACTION ITEMS
 - 7.1 [Adopt Fine Arts Standards for Nebraska K-12 students](#) (DONLYNN RICE and DEBBIE DEFRAIN)
 - 7.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the grant opportunity for healthy and safe schools](#) (DONLYNN RICE and JULANE HILL)
 - 7.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to purchase IT services from the Office of Chief Information Officer \(OCIO\) in support of the Early Childhood Professional Record System and IT work through the state approved Covendis IT procurement system](#) (MELODY HOBSON and DEAN FOLKERS)
- 9:30 a.m.
 - 7.4 [Consider the Hearing Officer's Recommendation in Case No. 13-15, *Thew v. Deputy Commissioner*](#) (LESLIE DONLEY)
 - 7.5 [Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy B11, "Board Meeting Notification for Regular Meetings"](#) (PRESIDENT WISE and COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
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 Dismiss Option Enrollment Case No. 13-19, *Cronk v. Northwest Public Schools* at the request of the Petitioner as Recommended by the Hearing Officer (MARGARET WORTH)
- 8.5 Grants (NONE)
- 8.6 Contracts
 - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract for services to provide training support for implementation of statutorily required LEP plans](#) (RUSS INBODY, MARY ANN LOSH, and TERRI SCHUSTER)
- 8.7 Leases (NONE)
- 8.8 Committees (NONE)
- 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
 - National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)
March 13-16, 2014, Arlington, Virginia
 - [Legislative Issues Forum](#)
 - [Board of Director Meeting and Study Group Meetings](#)
 - [Governor's Arts Awards March 25, 2014, Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center, La Vista, Nebraska](#)
 - Upcoming requests
 - 10.3 Meeting participation
 - [Nebraska Association of the Gifted Conference, February 20-21, 2014 at the Embassy Suites, Downtown/Old Market, Omaha, Nebraska](#)
 - Other Regional/State meeting updates

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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 Policy B19, "Staff Research and Assistance" for review](#)
(MARGARET WORTH)
 - 11.4 [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Grants/Contracts/MOUs Report](#) (GARY SHERMAN)

ADJOURNMENT – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 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 Monday, April 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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