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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
October 5-6, 2011

MINUTES OF THE RETREAT – Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a goal setting retreat on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The session was held at the State Office Building in Lincoln, Nebraska, in Conference Room 1Z. Publicized notice of the session was given by posting notice on the Department’s website on the internet; emailed to news media requesting notification and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the time, date and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. President Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez and Molly O’Holleran. Robert Evnen was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2. President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. GOAL SETTING

The State Board Members continued discussion on the formulation of goals.

There being no further business for the retreat, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the session was given by posting notice on the Department’s website on the internet; emailed to news media requesting notification and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the time, date and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. President Scheer called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez and Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2. President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 2.1. Standards, Assessments and Accountability
- 2.1.1. Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the Accountability Plan. (Handout: Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS), dated October 5, 2011)
- 2.1.2. Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the Teacher and Principal Standards. (Handout: Educator Effectiveness dated October 5, 2011)
- 2.2. Donlynn Rice and Tricia Parker, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions to State Board Policy G4, "Reading/Writing State Board of Education Policy." The Board will take action on the proposed revisions during the October business meeting.
- 2.3. Commissioner Breed and Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the Nebraska's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Application.
- 2.4. Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for use of Child Care and Development Funds. The Board will be asked to take action during the October business meeting.

President Scheer called for a break at 3:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:52 p.m.

- 2.5. Mary Ann Losh and Nancy Rowch, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the working draft of Rule 15 (92 NAC), *Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools*. Additional changes to the draft will be presented to the Board for review and action during the October business meeting of the Board.

3. PRESENTATION

- 3.1 Tricia Parker, Department of Education representative; Shelly Erikson, Omaha Public Schools K-12 Language Arts Supervisor; and Melissa Schroeder, Instructional Research Administrator, Omaha Public Schools; demonstrated the Student Friendly Standards for Language Arts. (Handout: Packet of info on Student Friendly Standards for Language Arts.)

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the work session at 4:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Thursday, October 6, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the session was given by posting notice on the Department's website on the internet; emailed to news media requesting notification and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the time, date and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. President Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, and Molly O'Holleran. Patricia Timm was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.
- 1.3 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Breed requested time to present four resolutions acknowledging Nebraska's Blue Ribbon Schools and Retirement Resolutions for Margy Hoffmann and Carol Fichter.

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the agenda as posted.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC APPEARANCE

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, expressing support for the accountability system for student achievement and encouraging support for the teacher/principal standards.
- Rebecca Valdez, on behalf of herself, announced a five-year cancer-free landmark and expressed importance of encouragement and support for cancer patients.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy G4, Reading/Writing Stat Board of Education Policy.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Mark Quandahl: To grant the Commissioner the authority to sign Nebraska's Race to the Top-Early Childhood Challenge Application.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, O'Holleran
Voting No: Sieler, Evnen
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Lynn Cronk: To 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.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

- 7.4 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by John Sieler: To authorize the Commissioner to approve a hearing draft of Rule 15 incorporating the provisions presented today and to appoint a hearing officer and set a hearing date.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To 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.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Evnen
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- President Scheer will be attending the NASBE conference in October and will report to the Board at the November meeting.
- Robert Evnen asked for reimbursement of airfare costs to travel to Washington, D.C., in November to meet with the congressional delegation to begin development of the proposal for block grants.
- Commissioner Breed surveyed the Board for attendance and participation at the NASB meeting on November 17 in Papillion. All Board Members plan to attend with the exception of Patricia Timm.
- Commissioner Breed reminded Board members of the invitation from EduCare to the groundbreaking ceremony on October 18 in Lincoln.
- Commissioner Breed informed the Board of the resolutions for the recipients of the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools Award. He will be travelling to each school to present the resolutions. The schools honored are Alma Elementary, Alma, Nebraska; Riley Elementary, Lincoln, Nebraska; Hitchcock County Jr Sr High School in Trenton, Nebraska, and Falls City Senior High in Falls City, Nebraska.
- Commissioner Breed informed the Board of Resolutions Acknowledging Retirement of Margy Hoffmann and Carol Fichter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.