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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Nebraska Department of Education**  
**Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting**  
**August 9-10, 2012**

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, August 9, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, August 9, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The work session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the work 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 date, time and location of the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 President Scheer called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, John Sieler, Patricia Timm, Molly O’Holleran, and Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present.

1.2 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

President Scheer recognized Peter Gensheimer as NDE Employee of the Year.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS** Call to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2.1 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY**

2.1.1 Valorie Foy and John Moon, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the statewide writing test. (Handout: Form B – Yr. 3, Cost Sheet – 6/20/12, NeSA-Writing: 2013-Request for Proposal Number 10-403.01)

2.1.2 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, discussed updates on NePAS. (Handout: Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) Draft updated August 2012)

2.1.3 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, announced the schedule for release of NeSA-Reading, Math, and Science.

Jeremy Heninger was introduced as the Assistant Director of Assessment Office starting August 1, 2012.

- 2.1.4 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, discussed the External Validation of the Social Studies Standards. (Handout: Standards Validation Process PowerPoint)
- 2.2 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the addition of Section 003.12 to Rule 10 (92NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*, requiring the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.3 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed 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.
- 2.4 Commissioner Breed requested Report and Discussion Item 2.4 and Action Item 7.4 be pulled from the agenda.
- 2.5 Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the 2012-2013 Educator Preparation Programs in Nebraska colleges and universities.
- 2.6 Patricia Timm, State Board Member, discussed the new State Board Policy G8, "Global Competency".
- 2.7 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed Early Childhood Education Programs established by public schools and Educational Service Units.
- 2.8 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed a contract amendment for Jack Consulting Group for facilitation and consultation.
- 2.9 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed a contract amendment for Teaching Strategies GOLD Training.
- 2.10 Commissioner Breed discussed changing the date of the October 2012 Meeting to October 9-10, 2012.
- 2.11 Commissioner Breed discussed the 2013 State Board of Education meeting dates. There was a request to change the May dates to May 6-7.

President Scheer called for a break at 3:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:30 p.m.

- 2.12 Commissioner Breed and Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative, discussed the draft Virtual Education policy. The draft will be sent to the Policy Committee for further review and recommendations.
- 2.13 Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative, provided information and a presentation on the Nebraska eBook project.
- 2.14 Shane Rhian and Russ Inbody, Department of Education representatives, discussed the draft 2013-15 Biennium Budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – Friday, August 10, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a business meeting on Friday, August 10, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The work session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the work 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 date, time and location of the meeting.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 President Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, John Sieler, Patricia Timm, Molly O'Holleran, and Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Minutes of the July 10-11, 2012 meeting as published.

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

The motion passed.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Breed recommended removal of Action Item 7.4 for placement on the September 2012 agenda.

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Molly O'Holleran: To amend the August Agenda by removing Action Item 7.4 from the August Agenda.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the Agenda as amended.

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

The motion passed.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- John Bonaiuto , speaking as an ECS Commissioner of the Education Commission of the States, the function of the Commission and the importance of participating in ECS
- Bob VanValkenburg, speaking to a booklet on School Choice, an amendment to a resolution regarding the pledge, and time for public input
- Richard Zierke, speaking to the Rule 10 amendment
- Jay Sears, NSEA, speaking to social studies standards
- Bob Brousek, Westside Schools, speaking to social studies standards
- Justin Bomar, Hebron Schools, speaking to social studies standards

### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Robert Evnen: To 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.

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

The motion passed.

## 7.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

- 7.2.1 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Rebecca Valdez: To grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the statewide writing test.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2.2 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the Nebraska Performance Accountability System as described in the document presented titled "Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) dated August 9, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2.3 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with outside experts for external validation of the Social Studies Academic Content Standards.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To 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 2012-13.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve new State Board Policy G8, on Global Competency.

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the 2012-2013 Educator Preparation Programs in Nebraska colleges and universities.

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

The motion passed.

7.7 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: to approve Early Childhood Education Programs established by public schools and educational service units.

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

The motion passed.

7.8 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by John Sieler: To approve a contract amendment for Jack Consulting Group for facilitation and consultation.

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

The motion passed.

7.9 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve a contract amendment for Teaching Strategies GOLD Training.

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

The motion passed.

7.10 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by John Sieler: To approve the change of the October Meeting to October 9-10, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

7.11 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Lynn Cronk: to approve the [2013 State Board of Education Meeting dates](#).

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

The motion passed.

7.12 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant.

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

The motion passed.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:27 a.m.

## **9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

9.1 Mary Duffy, Department of Education representative; 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, provided information on the Nebraska Arts Council and Arts Educators. (Handout: Nebraskans for the Arts folder)

## **10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10.1 President Scheer reminded members to attend a regional meeting of the Nebraska Association of School Boards. He also reminded members to register for the October National Association of School Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting in Chicago.

10.2 Approve request for meeting attendance – None

10.3 Meeting Participation

10.3.1 Board Members John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran shared their thoughts and activities at Administrators' Days in Kearney on July 25, 2012. President Scheer expressed appreciation for the efforts of NDE staff sessions.

10.4 Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported that the committee will begin review of the Virtual Schools policy.

10.5 State Accountability Ad hoc Committee report. No report.

10.6 Standards Ad Hoc Committee report. No report.

Member Rebecca Valdez reminded and encouraged Board Members to attend the October 22 Latino Conference in Kearney.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Nebraska State Board of Education  
2013 Legislative Retreat, Work Session and Business Meetings

Thursday-Friday, January 10-11 (swearing in January 10)

Monday, January 28 – Legislative Retreat (9:00 to Noon)

Monday-Tuesday, February 4-5

Monday-Tuesday, March 4-5

Monday-Tuesday, April 8-9

Thursday-Friday, May 6-7

Thursday-Friday, June 6-7

No July Meeting

Thursday-Friday, August 8-9

Thursday-Friday, September 5-6

Thursday-Friday, October 3-4

Thursday-Friday, November 7-8

Thursday-Friday, December 5-6