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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting
December 6-7, 2012

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, December 6, 2012

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, December 6, 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 2:05 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY
 - 2.1.2 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, provided a report on the State of the Schools Report. Dr. Foy explained the basis for not reporting districts who had achieved 100% graduation rate and the activity on the Department website regarding assessment and accountability. Handout: State of the Schools 2011-12 Website Activity.
- 2.2 Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen discussed proposed revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements and the associated Guidelines Recommended for Use with Rule 24*.
- 2.3 Gary Sherman, Beth Wierda, and Lindy Foley, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 51 (92 NAC 51) *Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs*. The Board will be asked to take action on the hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 51 during the business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012.

- 2.4 Gary Sherman, Beth Wierda, and Carol McClain, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed Rule 52 (92 NAC 52), *Regulations and Standards for Early Intervention Programs*. The Board will be asked to take action on the hearing draft for the proposed revisions during the business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012.
- 2.5 Patricia Timm, State Board Member, and Sally Giitinger, NCECBVI Director, reported on the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) 2012 Trust Fund Expenditure Report and 2013 Trust Fund Budget Proposal. The Board will be asked to approve the report through the Consent Agenda during the business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012.
- 2.6 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed revisions to the Special Purpose Agreements for the Accredited Special Purpose Schools having waivers under the provisions of Rule 10-013.04. The Board will be asked to take action on the Special Purpose Agreements during the business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012.
- 2.7 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed appointments and/or reappointments to the State Accreditation Committee.

President Scheer called for a break at 3:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m.

- 2.1.1 Donlynn Rice and Harris Payne, Department of Education representatives, reported on Social Studies Standards Public Comment Period and Preparation for Standards Adoption.

Board Member Bob Evnen noted the great amount of effort that went into the drafts of the social studies standards. Any and all comments received have been given consideration.

Commissioner Breed expressed appreciation for the diligence of the committee and recommended adoption of the standards during the business meeting of the board on Friday, December 7, 2012.

Handouts: Proposed Social Studies Standards for Geography, Civics, History and Economics

3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative; Craig Hicks from ESU 13; Matt Blomstedt, Gary Needum, Eric Smith from ESUCC; Dave Ludwig, ESU 2; and Beth Kabes, from ESU 7, provided an update on Virtual Education and “What’s Happening in the ESUs Today?”
- 3.2 Mary Ann Losh and Jolene Palmer, Department of Education representatives; PBIS Leadership Team from Papillion La Vista West Elementary School - PBiS Team Leader, Erin McElvain; Stacie Maier, Counselor/Coach; and Melissa Bernard, parent; presented on “Positive Behavior intervention and Supports PBiS – A School Perspective. Handout: Systematically Improving the School Environment.

President Scheer adjourned the Work Session at 5:12 p.m.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION DINNER – Thursday, December 6, 2012

The State Board of Education held a dinner for the newly elected Board members, Rachel Wise and Lillie Larsen. The dinner was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Club, U.S. Bank Building, 233 South 13th Street, Suite 2000, Lincoln, Nebraska. Board members present were Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Robert Evnen. The dinner ended at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday, December 7, 2012

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012, 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 meeting 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 Jim Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Robert Evnen. Rebecca Valdez left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Jim Scheer called for a moment of silence in recognition of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Jim Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the minutes of the November 7-8, 2012 meeting as published.

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

Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the Agenda for the December 7, 2012, business meeting as published.

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

Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Peggy Sigler – LEAC (Liberty Education Advocacy Coalition) (handout: membership list), support of alternate standards
- Les Lone, social studies standards
- Mike Honeyman, inclusive communities, speaking to social studies standards
- Jay Sears, NSEA – thank Jim Scheer for 8 years of service, looking forward to working with State Senator; thank Bob Evnen for service and stick-to-it ness; members, children and citizens for service on the board; state board always has great characters; social studies standards
- Val Peter, Boys Town, social studies standards in support of alternate standards
- Beth Katz –project interfaith – social studies standards
- Ralph Body, citizen – social studies standards
- Jim Hachel – textbook concerns, social studies standards

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Lynn Cronk: To adopt the K-12 Social Studies standards and draft Purpose Statement presented December 6, 2012.

Donlynn Rice and Harris Payne, Department of Education representatives expressed appreciation and thanks to all writers, editors, citizens, various interest groups, Commissioner Breed, the State Board and Department staff including Susann Wenzl and Carol Wipf.

The entire State Board expressed appreciation for the work of Commissioner Breed, Jay Sears, Harris Payne, Donlynn Rice, the Curriculum & Instruction Team, and many staff of the Department in the development of standards.

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

Motion passed.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m. Rebecca Valdez left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

7.2 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*, and authorize the Commissioner 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.

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

Motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career schools Authorization to Operate*.

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

Motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by John Seiler: To approve the revisions to Rule 42 (92 NAC 42), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates of Approval to Recruit*.

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

Motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the revisions to Rule 44 (92 NAC 44), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund*.

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

Motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to rule 51 (92 NAC 51) *Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs*, 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.

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

Motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to approve a hearing draft of proposed Rule 52 (92 NAC 52) *Regulations and Standards for Early Intervention Programs*, 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.

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

Motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

Motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Commissioner Breed reminded Board members of the luncheon invitation from the Nebraska Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development (NASCD) in February.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.8 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve revisions to the Special Purpose Agreements for the accredited special purpose schools having waivers under the provisions of Rule 10-013.04 for Geneva North, Kearney West, Nebraska Correctional youth Facility, Pine Ridge Job Corps, and UNL Independent Study High School.

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

Motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.3 Board Members Molly O'Holleran and John Sieler reported on their participation at the NASB Conference in La Vista, on November 14-16, 2012.
- 10.4 Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Policy Committee.
- 10.5 Mark Quandahl, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Legislative Committee. The State Board will hold a legislative retreat on January 28, 2013.

12 COMMISSIONER SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 12.1.1 Commissioner Breed read a [Resolution](#) in recognition of the service of Robert Evnen on the State Board of Education.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the Resolution in recognition of the service of Robert Evnen.

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

Motion passed.

12.1.2 Commissioner Breed read a [Resolution](#) in recognition of the service of Jim Scheer on the State Board of Education.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: to approve the Resolution in recognition of the service of Jim Scheer.

Voting Yes: Quandahl, Timm, Seiler, Cronk, O'Holleran
Absent: Valdez
Abstain: Scheer

Motion passed.

12.1.3 President Jim Scheer submitted a letter of resignation from the State Board of Education to be effective January 8, 2013.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: To accept the resignation of Jim Scheer from the State Board of Education effective January 8, 2013.

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

Motion passed.

There being no further action to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

RESOLUTION
NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF BOARD MEMBER
JIM SCHEER

WHEREAS, Jim Scheer has contributed significantly to the quality of education provided by Nebraska schools as well as to the excellence of education enjoyed by all Nebraska students during his eight years of service on the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Jim Scheer has represented District 3 – Northeast Nebraska residents with integrity, dedication, and caring;

WHEREAS, Jim Scheer has provided guidance and leadership to the State Board of Education, serving as president from 2011 to 2013, and representing the State Board at numerous conferences, forums and workshops;

AND WHEREAS, Jim Scheer will retire from State Board service on January 8, 2013, leaving a legacy of thoughtful, positive action in support of Nebraska students, schools, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Jim Scheer and his contributions and service to Nebraska students; and

THAT the Nebraska State Board of Education Members express their collective appreciation and admiration for his leadership and for his dedication to service on the State Board of Education.

On behalf of the State Board of Education this 7th day of December, 2012.

Jim Scheer, President

Mark Quandahl, Vice President

RESOLUTION
NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF BOARD MEMBER
BOB EVNEN

WHEREAS, Bob Evnen has contributed significantly to the quality of education provided by Nebraska schools as well as to the excellence of education enjoyed by all Nebraska students during his eight years of service on the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Bob Evnen has represented District 1 – Lincoln, Nebraska residents with integrity, dedication and caring;

WHEREAS, Bob Evnen has provided guidance and leadership to the State Board of Education, serving as vice president in 2011, and as long-time chair of the Board Standards, and Board Accountability Committees, as well as representing the State Board at numerous conferences, forums and workshops;

AND WHEREAS, Bob Evnen will retire from State Board service on January 8, 2013, leaving a legacy of thoughtful, positive action in support of Nebraska students, schools and the Nebraska Department of Education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Bob Evnen and his contributions and service to Nebraska students; and

THAT the Nebraska State Board of Education Members express their collective appreciation and admiration for his leadership and for his dedication to service on the State Board of Education.

On behalf of the State Board of Education this 7th day of December, 2012.

Jim Scheer, President

Mark Quandahl, Vice President