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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
February 6-7, 2012

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION –Monday, February 6, 2012

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Monday, February 6, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.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 10:15 a.m. Roll Call showed the following members present:

Lynn Cronk	Jim Scheer	Mark Quandahl	Rebecca Valdez
John Sieler	Patricia Timm	Molly O’Holleran	Robert Evnen

Commissioner Roger Breed was also present.

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

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.1 Legislative Update

- 2.1.1 Brian Halstead provided an update on legislative issues. (Handouts: One-Liners Legislative Bills w/ Board Positions 2012; State Board of Education 2012 Legislative Session, February 6-7, 2012)

- 2.1.2 Brian Halstead provided an update on federal legislative issues.

Vice President Mark Quandahl reminded Board Members of the Senator breakfast on Tuesday morning at the Cornhusker. In discussing legislative bills with the Senators, the Board took the position to fully support LB 870. The Board also took the position of opposition with LB 1124 as LB 870 better aligns with the policy discussions of the Board. The proposed State Board Goals can also be referenced with policy partners.

2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

- 2.2.1 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, discussed the evaluation model for teacher and principal effectiveness. (Handout: Educator Effectiveness: Considering Nebraska's Next Steps February 6-7 2012)

3. PRESENTATION

- 3.1 Dr. Ted Stilwill, CEO, The Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties, provided information about The Learning Community. (Handout: Annual Report – Executive Summary 2011)

President Scheer called for a break at 11:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

2. REREPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.2. Standards, Assessment and Accountability

- 2.2.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the State Accountability system. (Handout: Update: Nebraska Performance Accountability System, February 6-7, 2012)
- 2.3 State Board Member Lynn Cronk, reviewed the proposed draft of State Board Goals. The Board will be asked to take action on the adoption of the goals during the business meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.
- 2.5 Freida Lange, Rick Moses and Dennis McGuire, Department of Education representatives, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 10 (92 NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*.
- 2.6 Freida Lange, Rick Moses and Dennis McGuire, Department of Education representatives, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), *Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools*.

Mark Quandahl left the work session at 12:22 p.m.

- 2.7 Freida Lang, Rick Moses and Dennis McGuire, Department of Education representatives, discussed conditional approval for a new interim program school to operate under Rule 18 (92 NAC 18), *Interim Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions and Juvenile Emergency Shelters*. The Board will be asked to take action on this item at the business meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.
- 2.4 Russ Inbody, Department of Education representative, reported on participants in Nebraska Exempt Schools for the 2011-12 school year.

Discussion item 2.2.3, ACT Pilot, will be addressed during the business meeting on Tuesday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the work session at 12:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING –Tuesday, February 7, 2012

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a business meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.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 9:15 a.m. Roll Call showed the following members present:

Lynn Cronk	Jim Scheer	Mark Quandahl	Rebecca Valdez
John Sieler	Patricia Timm	Molly O'Holleran	Robert Evnen

Commissioner Roger Breed was also present.

- 1.2 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.
- 1.3 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the minutes of the January 9-10, 2012, State Board Meeting held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the minutes of the Legislative Retreat held January 23, 2012, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

3. AGENDA

Commissioner Breed recommended adding the Work Session Item 2.2.3, ACT Pilot, to Presentation Item 9.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Sieler: To amend the Agenda of the February 7, 2012 business meeting as recommended.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Agenda for February 7, 2012, as amended.

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jessica Kolterman, representing the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, spoke to agriculture education and participation in the revision of the social studies standards.
- Jay Sears – Nebraska State Education Association. Speaking in support of Action Item 7.2, developing effective teacher and principal evaluation model

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Legislation

No action taken.

7.2 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To authorize the Commissioner to proceed with stakeholders and measurement experts to develop a model teacher and principal evaluation system.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer asked that the State Board Accountability Committee work closely with the Department on the development of the evaluation model.

- 7.3 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Mark Quandahl: To adopt the State Board of Education Goals of (1) Improve achievement outcomes for all students; (2) Improve and support state and local accountability; and (3) Improve communication and collaboration with policy partners.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Robert Evnen: To grant conditional approval to new interim program, Boys Town Intervention and Assessment Interim Program School, to operate under Rule 18 (92 NAC 18) *Interim Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions, and Juvenile Emergency Shelters*.

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

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION (Work Session Item 2.2.3)

Commissioner Breed provided information on the ACT Pilot program. (Handout: Memorandum to the State Board of Education dated February 6, 2012)

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.3 Meeting Participation

Jim Scheer reported on the NASBE meeting held January 20-21, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Scheer reported on the Government Affairs Committee topics of common core standards, Race to the Top Early Childhood grants and the NCLB waiver process.

President Scheer also announced his decision to not seek reelection to the State Board of Education and the conclusion of his current term.

John Sieler reported on the NASBE meeting held January 20-21, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Sieler reported on the Technology Study Group meeting.

- 10.4 Legislative Committee: Chairperson Mark Quandahl reported on the success of the Senator breakfast.

10.5 Policy Committee: Chairperson Patricia Timm reported on the committee meeting. The Committee continues the review of Board policies.

10.6 Accountability Committee: Chairperson Robert Evnen had no report.

Board Member Molly O'Holleran commented on the NSEA Legislative Dinner held January 30, 2012, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

10.7 State Board Planning Ad Hoc. Chairperson Lynn Cronk expressed appreciation for Board participation in establishing the Goals.

10.1 Commissioner Breed informed the Board of the invitation for lunch by the Nebraska ASCD in April. The Board accepted the invitation.

Commissioner Breed spoke on behalf of the Department of Education in thanking President Scheer for his service on the State Board of Education and his role as President of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.