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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
January 9-10, 2012
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

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On Monday, January 9, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m., the State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session. The session was held in the State Board Meeting Room at the State Office Building 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 Jim Scheer called the January Board Work Session 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	Robert Evnen

Commissioner Breed was also present.

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

President Scheer moved Agenda Item **3. Presentations** to be taken first.

3. PRESENTATION

Teacher Evaluation and Selection based on a review. Presenting were John McCollister and Dr. Vicki Alger from the Platte Institute.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

2.1.1 Legislative Update

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner of Education, provided an update on the 2012 Legislative Session. A copy of proposed Legislative Bill 870 was provided to the State Board for possible action during the business meeting on Tuesday.

The State Board will review Legislative Bills during the Legislative Retreat scheduled for January 23, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the State Office Building in Lincoln, Nebraska.

2.1.2 Mr. Halstead provided an update on the status of federal legislation.

2. Standards, Assessment and Accountability

2.2.1 John Moon, Department of Education representative, provided information on the Data Recognition Corporation contract amendments. The Board will consider action on this item during the business meeting on January 10, 2012.

2.2.2 John Moon, Department of Education representative, provided information on the recommendation for online testing requirements beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. This requirement would apply to NeSA reading, NeSA-mathematics, and NeSA-science tests. The Board will consider action on this item during the business meeting on January 10, 2012.

2.2.3 Donlynn Rice and James Havelka, Department of Education representatives, discussed the Teacher and Principal Effectiveness proposal. Handout: PowerPoint: Educator Effectiveness dated January 9, 2012. The Board will continue the discussion after review of the information at the February meeting.

2.2.4 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the Social Studies standards revision process. Handout: PowerPoint: Social Studies Standards Revision Process and Tentative Timeline dated January 9, 2012

President Scheer called for a break at 4:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:55 p.m.

2.3 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the grant agreement from Building Bright Futures, Inc., to NDE Office of Early Childhood. The Board will consider action on this item during the business meeting on January 10, 2012.

2.4 Mary Jo Pankoke, Sixpence Early Learning Fund representative, provided a report on the status of the Sixpence Endowment.

2.5 Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*, and the associated "Guidelines Recommended for Use with Rule 24." Ms. Katt also provided a summary of the hearing held December 13, 2011.

- 2.6 Board Member Lynn Cronk discussed the review of the State Board Goals. Handout: Goals draft dated January 9, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting. The session was held in the State Board Meeting Room at the State Office Building 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 9:12 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the minutes from the December 7-8, 2011, State Board of Education meeting.

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

The motion passed.

2012 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: That Officers of the State Board of Education be elected to serve a one-year term.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: Voting for Officers shall be by secret ballot, the results of the voting to be announced during the meeting and following the announcement of the vote, the ballots to be destroyed.

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

The motion passed.

President of the State Board of Education

President Scheer opened nominations for President of the State Board of Education.

Rebecca Valdez nominated Jim Scheer for President.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To cease nominations for President of the State Board of Education.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer appointed Margaret Worth and Denise Fisher to distribute, collect and tally the votes for President of the State Board.

President Scheer announced the results to be 8 votes for Jim Scheer.

President Scheer expressed his appreciation for the confidence shown in his leadership of the Board.

Vice President of the State Board of Education

President Scheer opened nominations for Vice President of the State Board of Education.

Robert Evnen nominated Mark Quandahl for Vice President of the State Board of Education.

Board Member Evnen commented that he enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the Board this past year but has decided not to seek re-election. He is supportive of electing a Board Member who has potential to be on the Board after 2012 to serve as Vice President.

President Scheer declared nominations closed.

President Scheer appointed Margaret Worth and Denise Fisher to distribute, collect and tally the votes for Vice President of the State Board.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.8 Robert Evnen reported on the trip/visit to Washington DC regarding block grants.

2012 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Scheer announced the results to be 8 votes for Mark Quandahl.

Vice President Quandahl expressed his appreciation of the trust of the members and pledged his best to serve along with President Scheer.

President Scheer announced that Committee Assignments will be made prior to the February meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Breed recommended that Agenda item 10.8 be discussed during the pause in voting collection and to add Action Item 7.8 as a continuation of Work Session item 2.1.1 to consider action on Legislative issues.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by John Sieler: To approve the amendments to the January agenda.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the Agenda as amended.

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.2 Jay Sears – Nebraska State Education Association. Congratulated newly elected officers of the Board and expressed appreciation for Robert Evnen's years of service.

Mr. Sears expressed concern from the Omaha area regarding budgets for upkeep and provision of computers for the online testing program.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: In *Logan Ross Gregory v. Commissioner*, NDE Case No.11-12, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, denying Petitioner's request to participate in student teaching activities and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Lynn Cronk: In *Tim Crocker v. Commissioner*, NDE Case No. 11-14, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, denying Petitioner's request to participate in student teaching activities, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Commissioner the authority to amend the Data Recognition Corporation contract for an increased charge in paper/pencil testing and for additional reading passages.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the requirement that students be tested in the online mode beginning in the 2012-13 school year. This requirement would apply to NeSA reading, NeSA-mathematics and NeSA-science tests. This requirement would not apply to the following groups of students: Students taking the alternate tests (NeSA-AAR, NeSA-AAM or NeSA-AAS); Students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plans (IEPs) require paper/pencil testing; and Students with 504 plans that require paper/pencil testing.

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 grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a grant agreement from Building Bright Futures, Inc., to the Nebraska Department of Education.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer expressed appreciation to the public and private organizations and groups who step up and help improve education in Nebraska.

- 7.6 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*.

Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative acknowledged the work of Pat Madsen in gathering and assembling the information presented to the Board.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve revisions to Guidelines Recommended for Use with Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*.

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

The motion passed.

7.8 (Work Session Item 2.1.1 State Legislation)

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on the status of a hearing on LB 870.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To support LB 870 at the hearing to be held on January 17, 2012, by letter of support and Board and Department of Education testimony.

Board Member Patricia Timm expressed appreciation to Mark Quandahl for working with Senator Adams.

Board Member Robert Evnen expressed the hearing of LB 870 as extremely important in providing statutory authority to proceed with the accountability system.

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

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.4 Legislative Committee – Mark Quandahl

The Board Legislative Retreat is scheduled for January 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Retreat will be held at the State Office Building. The Board will review bills related to education and determine any position on any bills. There may be a briefing scheduled with the Education Committee on January 23.

10.5 Policy Committee – Patricia Timm

The Committee reviewed the proposed Global Competency policy. The committee will continue to review the policy as it relates to social studies standards and career-readiness standards. The Committee will continue its review of all Board policies.

10.6 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee report – Robert Evnen

The State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee did not meet this month. There will be a meeting scheduled in February. The Committee will continue to review and develop accountability reporting.

10.7 State Board Planning Ad Hoc Committee – Lynn Cronk

Board members were provided with revised goals. During the next month, Board members are asked to review the document and provide edits to Chairperson Cronk. The Goals document will be considered for adoption at the February meeting.

10.3 Commissioner Breed reminded Board members of the NRCSA conference scheduled for March 22 in Omaha.

Commissioner Breed also reminded Board members of the NASBEE conference scheduled for March 22-23 in Washington, DC.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:12 a.m.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Marshall Hill, Carna Pfeil, Jason Keese, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Donlynn Rice and Rich Katt, Department of Education representatives provided the results of the Dual-Credit Study as required by LB 367.

President Scheer called for a break at 11:12 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Mary Ann Losh, Karen Stevens, Department of Education representatives and Lisa St. Clair from UNMC, presented the annual evaluation report for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Representatives from the Nebraska City Middle School Community Learning Center Program representatives Kary Sell and principal, Craig Taylor also provided information.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.