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

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Tuesday, October 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 2:06 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 information.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- 2.1 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY
  - 2.1.1 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, provided sample screen shots of Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS). (Handout: Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) Sample Charts)
  - 2.1.2 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative introduced Harris Payne, recently appointed NDE Social Studies Director. Donlynn Rice and Harris Payne discussed the time line for public comment on the draft Social Studies Standards. (Handout: Social Studies Standards Revision Update, October 9, 2012, PowerPoint)

- 2.2 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation for facilitation and analysis of data needs.
- 2.3 Donlynn Rice and Mary Duffy, Department of Education representatives, discussed the grant from the Nebraska Arts Council for NDE staff to begin the development of Visual and Performing Arts Standards for Nebraska. (Handout: Revised Memo to Roger Breed with corrected dollar amount for the grant and Visual and Performing Arts Standards Revision Process and Tentative Timeline PowerPoint dated October 9, 2012)
- 2.4 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives; and John Meyers, Consultant, REL Central; provided an update on progress towards the development of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Models. (Handout: State Board of Education Educator Effectiveness: Developing Model Evaluation Systems PowerPoint dated October 9, 2012; October 2, 2012 Final Leadership Committee Recommendations; and Leadership/Steering Committee Contact List)

Kent Mann, Associate Professor of Practice Educational Administration, UNL; Renee Hyde, Assistant Superintendent, Papillion-La Vista Public Schools; Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association; Dan Ernst, Nebraska Council of School Administrators; and Vernon Fisher, Superintendent of South Sioux City Community Schools also discussed the progress toward the development of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Models.

President Scheer called for a break at 3:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:08 p.m.

- 2.5 Sharon Katt and Brad Dirksen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), *Regulations for Governing the Authorization to Operate Private Postsecondary Career Schools*.
- 2.6 Sharon Katt and Brad Dirksen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 42 (92 NAC 42), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates and Approval to Recruit*.
- 2.7 Sharon Katt and Brad Dirksen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 44 (92 NAC 44), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund*.

- 2.8 Russ Inbody and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, discussed the Department's 2012-13 Deficit Budget Request to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Budget Division that is due no later than October 26, 2012.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING - Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 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 Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, John Sieler, Molly O'Holleran, and Robert Evnen. Rebecca Valdez and Patricia Timm were absent. Commissioner Breed was also present. Robert Evnen left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.
- 1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

#### **2. MINUTES**

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the minutes as published for the September 6-7, 2012, meeting.

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

The motion passed.

### **3. AGENDA**

Commissioner Breed noted that Patricia Timm and Rebecca Valdez notified the President of their absences from the meeting.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Seiler: To approve the Agenda for October 10, 2012, as published.

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

The motion passed.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Robert VanValkenburg, speaking to the Pledge of Allegiance (handouts) and Department of Education
- Carol Julian, speaking to social studies standards
- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking social studies standards

### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve a time line for public comment on the draft Social Studies Standards.

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

The motion passed.

7.2 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Sieler: To authorize the Commissioner to accept a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council and authorize department staff to begin the development of visual and performing arts standards for Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for the curricular units focusing on Food Science for the Food and Nutritional Sciences Project.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant The Commissioner authority to contract for the curricular units focusing on Nutritional Science for the Food and Nutritional Sciences Project.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by John Sieler, second by Robert Evnen: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation for facilitation and analysis of data needs.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve a hearing draft of proposed revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Authorization to Operate* and authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time and place for the hearing and appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve a hearing draft of proposed revisions to Rule 42 (92 NAC 42) *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates and Approval to Recruit*, and authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time, and a place for the hearing, and appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Robert Evnen: To approve a hearing draft of proposed revisions to Rule 44 (92 NAC 44), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund*, and authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time, and a place for the hearing, and appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.9 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to submit the Department's 2012-13 Deficit Budget Request to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Budget Division no later than October 26, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

## **8. CONSENT**

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by John Sieler: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

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

10.4 Molly O'Holleran reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee continues to review the policy for virtual education.

10.5 Mark Quandahl, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that Senator Scott Lautenbaugh attended committee meeting regarding new legislation.

10.6 and 10.7

Robert Evnen, Chair of the State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee and Standards Ad Hoc Committee noted the extensive discussions relative to the work of these committees during the Work Session on October 9, 2012.

10.8 President Scheer led the discussion concerning NASBE Public Education Positions and the Board positions on various topics relating to the NASBE meeting (October 11-12, 2012). President Scheer expressed appreciation to Mark Quandahl and the Board for support of the Rule 10 regulation concerning the Pledge.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:44 a.m.

**9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

The presentation scheduled for 10:30 a.m. was rescheduled to the November 2012 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.