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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
December 5-6, 2013

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, December 5, 2013

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, December 5, 2013, beginning at 2:00 p.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 Patricia Timm called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Patricia Timm, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Lynn Cronk, Rachel Wise, Lillie Larsen, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran. Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher was also present.

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

President Timm announced the dates of two Special Sessions relating to the public interview and selection process for the next Commissioner of Education. Interviews will be held December 11, 2013, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Garrett Room at the Cornhusker Hotel. The Board will also meet for purposes of discussion on December 12, beginning at 8:45 a.m., at the Nebraska Department of Education.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.1 Gary Sherman, Department of Education representative; and Sally Giitenger, Director, NCEBVI, provided a report on Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) 2013 Trust Fund Expenditure Report and 2014 Trust Fund Budget Proposal.

2.2 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY

- 2.2.1 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, reviewed the Nebraska State Accountability Assessment and Reporting schedule for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years pursuant to Section 79-760.03(2).
 - 2.2.2 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the final phase of the 2012-13 State of the Schools Report release.
 - 2.2.3 Debbie DeFrain and Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representatives, reviewed a draft of the Fine Arts Standards. (Handouts: Draft standards December 6, 2013; State Board of Education Fine Arts Standards Update)
- 2.3 Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 20 (92 NAC 20), *Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs*. (Handout: Changes to the December 2013 State Board support materials for Rule 20)

President Timm called for a break at 3:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:53 p.m.

- 2.4 Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen, Department of Education representatives, discussed the hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*.
- 2.5 Dean Folkers and Matt Hastings, Department of Education representatives, discussed purchasing IT services from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in support of the SLDS grant and IT work through the state approved Covendis IT procurement system.
- 2.6 Dean Folkers and Matt Hastings, Department of Education representatives, discussed the Double Line, Inc., contract for assistance with the implementation of the Data Dashboard as part of the SLDS grant.
- 2.8 Rebecca Valdez, State Board Member, thanked the Policy Committee for their work. The Committee will continue to review the *Public Participation at Board Meetings* policy. Action Item 7.6 will be removed from the December agenda and placed on the January 2014 agenda.
- 2.7 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed appointment and reappointments to the State Accreditation Committee.

3. PRESENTATION

The presentation on High Ability Learning will be placed on the January 2014 agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Rebecca Valdez: That the Board move into Executive Session for the protection of the public interest to discuss with Legal Counsel the legal consequences of particular actions.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Valdez, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran

The motion passed.

At 4:33 p.m., the Board moved into Executive Session for the protection of the public interest to discuss with Legal Counsel the legal consequences of particular actions.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular work session.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Valdez, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran

The motion passed. At 4:58 p.m., the Board adjourned the Executive Session and return to the regular work session.

President Timm adjourned the work session at 4:59 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday, December 6, 2013

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Friday, December 6, 2013, 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 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 Timm called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Lillie Larsen, Patricia Timm, Rachel Wise, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Mark Quandahl, Molly O'Holleran, Rebecca Valdez. Deputy Commissioner Swisher was also present.

1.2 President Timm led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 President Timm announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the minutes of the November 7-8, 2013, State Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA for December 6, 2013

3.1 Deputy Commissioner Swisher informed the Board that Consent Agenda Items 8.5.1, 8.6.2 and 8.6.4 have been removed from the agenda. Action Item 7.6 is to be placed on the January Board Agenda.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Agenda as recommended.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

3.2 Special Recognition – Nancy Rowch

President Patricia Timm read a Resolution honoring the service of Nancy Rowch upon her retirement.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Request for Appearance – Henry Burke, speaking to common core standards and Nebraska standards

4.2 Public Comment Period

- Rachel Pinkerton, LEAP, speaking to public participation process
- Joan Reist, Nebraskans For The Arts, speaking in support of Nebraska Fine Art Standards
- Suzanne Wise, Arts Council, speaking in support of Nebraska Fine Art Standards

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking to standards development, Rules 20 and 24
- Rex Barker, NMEA, Music Director, support of Fine Art Standards

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve the Nebraska State Accountability Assessment and Reporting schedule for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years pursuant to Section 79-760.03(2).

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 20 02 NAC 20), *Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs*, and authorize the Deputy Commissioner to set a time, and place for the hearing and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Rachel Wise: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve the hearing draft of the proposed revision to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24), *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*, and to grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to set a time and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to purchase IT services from the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in support of the SLDS grant and IT work through the state approved Covendis IT procurement system.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract with Double-Line Inc., for assistance with the implementation of the Data Dashboard as part of the SLDS grant.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Item removed from the December Agenda

- 7.7 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the draft Fine Arts Standards for Public Comment.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda Items 8.5.1, 8.6.2 and 8.6.4.

Voting Yes: Timm, Quandahl, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Valdez

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.2 Approve request for meeting attendance

Molly O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen, and John Sieler requested approval to attend the NAG conference in February.

Rachel Wise and Molly O'Holleran notified the Board that they will be attending the NASBE meeting in January 2014. Rachel Wise is a member of the Rural Education Study group and Molly O'Holleran is a member of the Government Affairs Committee.

- 10.3 Meeting participation

The Board reported on the Roundtable Discussion held at the NASB State Conference in Papillion, Nebraska, in November.

Molly O'Holleran reported on the Nebraska Annual Music Educator Conference.

John Sieler, Lillie Larsen, and Rachel Wise, reported on the meeting with the Omaha Orchestra on the Suzuki method of teaching music.

- 10.4 Legislative Committee Report. Chair Mark Quandahl reported on the meeting with Senators Adams and Sullivan concerning LB 438 (accountability system). Board/Senator Breakfasts will begin in February 2014 and include a topic(s) for discussion.
- 10.5 Policy Committee. Chair Rebecca Valdez provided a report on the meeting.
- 10.6 Standards Committee. Chair Lynn Cronk provided a report of the meeting.
- 10.7 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Molly O'Holleran provided a report of the meeting.
- 10.8 Commissioner Search Committee Report. Chair Patricia Timm reported that a Special Meeting will be held on December 11 and 12 for the Board to interview finalists for the position of the Commissioner of Education and make a determination. Finalists to be interviewed are Mathew Blomstedt, Virginia Moon, Norman Ridder, and Michael Sentence.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.