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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting  
February 4-5, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Monday, February 4, 2013**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Monday, February 4, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.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 Timm called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Mark Quandahl, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Lillie Larsen. Rachel Wise was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- 2.1 Legislative Update
  - 2.1.1 Legislative Update. Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, reviewed Legislative Bills with the Board.

LB 438 – Provide for priority schools, operating councils, and community schools

Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To support LB 438 with staff testimony noting exclusion of community schools portion in the bill, rankings based on status just for the five schools; appropriate resources allocated to fulfill the purposes of the bill and funding of additional staff support for NDE.

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

The motion passed.

LB 495 - Change provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund and early childhood grant reporting

Motion by John Sieler, second by Molly O'Holleran: To support LB 495 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 511 - Change allocation provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rebecca Valdez: To support LB 511 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 497 - change distribution and provide for a study of the Education Innovation Fund  
No action taken.

LB 496 - change provisions relating to school reorganization incentive payments  
No action taken.

LB 365 - require instruction in certain emergency procedures as a prerequisite to high school graduation  
No action taken.

LB 540 - prohibit rules and regulations requiring teachers to lead pledge of allegiance  
No action taken.

575 - Provide for professional development training for school board and learning community coordinating council members  
No action taken.

### 2.1.2 Federal Legislation

Assistant Commissioner Halstead reported on activity for federal legislation.

Legislative Chair, Mark Quandahl, reminded Board members of the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday morning at the Cornhusker Hotel and outlined the schedule for the breakfast.

2.2 Russ Inbody, Department of Education representative, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 2 (92 NAC 2), *Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public Schools*.

2.3 Russ Inbody, Department of Education representative, reported on the participants in the Nebraska Exempt Schools for the 2012/13 School Year.

2.4 Mary Ann Losh and Russ Inbody, Department of Education representatives, discussed performance audit of the LEP/Poverty Plans.

2.5 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the Teacher/Principal Design/Pilot Phase.

President Timm called for an informal discussion with the audience which consisted of UNL students who are enrolled in teacher education courses.

President Timm called for a break at 11:50 a.m. Mark Quandahl and Rebecca Valdez left the meeting.

LUNCHEON - NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR SUPERVISION & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT. The State Board met for a luncheon meeting with the Nebraska Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development at NCSA at 455 south 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A, Lincoln, Nebraska. Board members present were Patricia Timm, Molly O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen, John Sieler, Lynn Cronk. Absent were Rebecca Valdez, Rachel Wise and Mark Quandahl.

The meeting resumed at 1:45 p.m.

2.6 Commissioner Breed discussed the Board Goals and progress toward them. (Handout: Accumulated Responses to Progress with Goals dated February 2013; and Actions and Priorities on Board Goals)

2.7 Commissioner Breed discussed possible presentation topics at State Board of education work sessions and meetings. (Handout: 2013 Presentation Topics)

President Timm adjourned the work session at 2:50 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – Tuesday, February 5, 2013**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 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 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**

President Timm called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Rachel Wise, John Sieler, Molly O'Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Lillie Larsen. Mark Quandahl was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.

1.2 President Timm led the pledge of allegiance.

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

2.1 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the minutes of the meeting held January 10-11, 2013, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

2.2 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the minutes of the legislative retreat held January 28, 2013, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

The motion passed.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bob Rauner, Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln appearing in support of LB 477
- Jane Stavem, Associate Superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools, responding to questions on wellness program

### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.2 Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt a hearing draft for the proposed revised Rule 2 (92 NAC 2), Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public Schools, to set a time and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing officer to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

7.1 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, reviewed Board actions on legislative issues and noted that the Board review of bills is complete. He commented on the success of the Senator breakfast.

7.3 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for services to provide assistance to NDE to complete the performance audit of the LEP/Poverty Plans.

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

The motion passed.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

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

### **10.2 Meeting Attendance**

- Nebraska Association for Gifted Conference, February 28 – March 1, 2013, Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista Hotel/Conference Center. Board members planning to attend are Lillie Larsen, John Sieler, Rachel Wise, and Mollie O'Holleran.
- National Association of State Boards of Education Legislative Policy Forum, March 14-15, 2013, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia. Board members planning to attend are Mollie O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen, and John Sieler. Appointments will be scheduled for the Board Members with congressional delegation.
- 2013 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Spring Conference March 21-22, 2013, Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska Dept. of Education. Those planning to attend are: Lillie Larsen, Rachel Wise, Lynn Cronk, and John Sieler. Pat Timm may also attend.

### **10.3 Meeting participation**

- Molly O'Holleran reported on her attendance at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Common Core Policy Forum and the Government Affairs Committee Meeting, January 23-27, 2013, Arlington, Virginia.

10.4 Lynn Cronk, Chair, reported on the Standards Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

10.5 Mollie O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the Accountability Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

10.6 No report for Legislative Committee.

10.7 Rebecca Valdez, Chair, reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

At 10:15 a.m. President Timm called for a break. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

**9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- 9.1 A presentation on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center After School Programs. (Mary Ann Losh and Kim Larson, NDE; Dr. Bradley Barker, Associate Professor, 4-H Youth Development, University Of Nebraska Lincoln Extension; Michael Sibbernsen, Science and Technology Coordinator, Strategic Air and Space Museum; Lorna Eliason, Project Director, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Afterschool Program; and Deedra Grant, Third Grade Teacher, Chadron Intermediate School)

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Timm adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.