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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nebraska Department of Education

Minutes of Legislative Retreat

January 28, 2013

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE RETREAT – Monday, January 28, 2013

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a legislative retreat on Monday, January 28, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The retreat was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the retreat 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 Patricia Timm called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, John Sieler, Lillie Larsen, Rachel Wise, and Molly O'Holleran. Rebecca Valdez and Lynn Cronk were absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Timm announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. President Timm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the agenda for the January 28, 2013, retreat as posted.

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

Absent: Cronk, Valdez

The motion passed.

3. REVIEW OF 2013 PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION

Vice President Mark Quandahl, Chair of Legislative Committee, facilitated the discussion. The position of the Nebraska Department of Education on legislative bills will be neutral with technical support of Department staff when no other position is adopted by the Board.

The review began with hearings scheduled for January 28, 2013.

LB 121 - Provide for a waiver of a Nebraska certificate to administer

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by John Sieler: To oppose LB 121 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 47 – Change provisions relating to career academies

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Rachel Wise: To support LB 47 with staff testimony to include funding for additional staff at the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) as well as sustainability and to insure transportation between sites.

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

The motion passed.

LB 116 – Provide requirements for dual enrollment courses

NDE attempt to define dual enrollment
Rigor and opportunity

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patricia Timm: To oppose LB 116 with staff testimony in order to provide background information on work of NDE and State Board in defining requirements of instructors for a dual credit certificate.

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

The motion passed.

LB 539 – Prohibit requiring teaching experience for superintendent

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lillie Larsen: To oppose LB 539 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 274 – Adopt the Education Compensation Transparency Act

Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Rachel Wise: To take a neutral stand on LB 274 with a letter noting the fiscal impact on the Department of Education.

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

The motion passed.

LB 470 – Adopt the superintendent pay transparency act

Motion by John Sieler, second by Molly O'Holleran: To take a neutral stand.

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

The motion passed.

LB 262 – Provide duties relating to sharing of student information

No action taken.

LB 366 – Adopt the Remedial Adult Education Innovation Act

No action taken.

LB 367 – Adopt the Twenty-First Century Developmental Education Act

No action taken.

LB 481 – Create the Career Education Task Force

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To support LB 481 with staff testimony including career academies.

Motion was withdrawn by Movant and Second.

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To take a neutral stand with a letter from President Timm reflecting the importance of bringing Career and Technical Education to the forefront of the state and a request for an interim study.

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

The motion passed.

President Timm called for a break at 10:42 a.m. The retreat resumed at 10:53 a.m.

512 – Change provisions relating to academic content standards and statewide assessment and reporting

Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To support LB 512 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

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

No action taken at this time. NDE to gather additional information by conversation with Senator Adams.

LB 410 – Change and eliminate provisions relating to education (NDE Technical Amendment Bill)

Motion by Patricia Timm, Second by Rachel Wise: To support LB 410 with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 593 – Adopt the Charter Schools Act

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To oppose with staff testimony.

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

The motion passed.

LB 460 – Require a booster meningococcal conjugate vaccine for students as prescribed

No action taken.

LB 131 – Adopt the Tobacco-Free Schools Act

No action taken.

LB 143 – Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy as prescribed

No action taken.

LB 619 – Require instruction in sexual health education

No action taken.

LB 275 – Adopt the Nebraska coordinated school health act

No action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Timm adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.