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

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Monday, March 4, 2013

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Monday, March 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 10:05 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Mark Quandahl, Rachel Wise, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, and Lillie Larsen. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1.1 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on state legislation. Board Members will again meet with State Senators at a breakfast on March 5, 2013.
- 2.1.2 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on federal legislation and the status of sequestration.
- 2.2 Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed the sub-grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to accept Child Care and Development Funds.
- 2.3 Valorie Foy and Diane Stuehmer, Department of Education representatives, discussed the intent to contract to provide and operate a system to support the administration, record keeping and reporting for Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) testing and Check 4 Learning (C4L). (Handouts: Evaluation of Proposals – NDE 12-449-01 State Assessments and March 4, 2013 Recommendation for Negotiating and Entering into Contract)

- 2.4 Russ Inbody and Nancy Rowch, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contract for services to provide training support for implementation of statutorily required Limited English Proficient (LEP) plans.
- 2.5 Gary Sherman and Jolene Palmer, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contracts for services per the federal State Personnel Development Grant to provide training on Positive Behavioral interventions and Supports for Nebraska educators (PBiS).
- 2.6 Donlynn Rice, Tricia Parker and Deb Romanek, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contract with McREL to conduct an alignment study between the Common Core State Standards and the Nebraska Academic Standards in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

President Timm allowed time for addressing the University students in the audience.

President Timm called for a break at 11:33 a.m. Resumed at 11:40 a.m.

3. PRESENTATION

- 3.1 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative; Dave Chayer, Vice President of Psychometric Services, Data Recognition Corporation, presented the process to be used for standard setting for NeSA-Writing Grade 4.

President Timm adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Tuesday, March 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 9:04 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Rachel Wise, John Sieler, Molly O'Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Mark Quandahl, and Lillie Larsen. 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 MINUTES

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the minutes of the February 4-5, 2013, meeting held in Lincoln, Nebraska, as published.

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

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for March 5, 2013

Commissioner Breed added an item to 10.1, consideration of an invitation by Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) to their annual conference in Omaha on November 21-22, 2013.

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the Agenda for the March 5, 2013, State Board of Education business meeting.

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Commissioner Breed introduced Dean Folkers, newly hired director of Data Research and Evaluation Team
- Commissioner Breed introduced Grant Norgaard, Superintendent of McCook Public Schools

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, reported on the breakfast session with state senators. No other action taken.

7.2 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Commissioner authority to negotiate and enter into a contract with Data Recognition Corporation

subject to board approval to provide and operate a system to support the administration, record keeping, and reporting for Nebraska state accountability (NeSA) testing and Check for Learning (C4L).

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

The motion passed.

Valorie Foy expressed appreciation and thanks to Marilyn Peterson for her assistance in the RFP process.

7.3 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for services to provide training support for implementation of statutorily required Limited English proficient (LEP) plans.

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for services per the federal State Personnel Development Grant to provide training on Positive Behavioral interventions and Supports for Nebraska educators (PBiS).

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Rachel Wise: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with McREL to conduct an alignment study between the Common Core State Standards and the Nebraska Academic Standards in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

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

Voting No: Sieler

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES, AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Patricia Timm reported on the NSEA Legislative dinner held Monday evening, March 4, 2013 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commissioner Breed provided information on the upcoming Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) conference in Kearney on March 27. (Handout)

Commissioner Breed provided information on the upcoming Nebraska Department of Education Data Conference to be held in Kearney, Nebraska on April 29-30, 2013.

- 10.3 Patricia Timm reported on the Kindergarten Assessment Stakeholder discussion held February 8, 2013, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, also provided additional information. (Handouts)

Lillie Larsen, John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran reported on the Nebraska Association for Gifted Conference held February 28 – March 1, 2013, at the Embassy Suites in Omaha-La Vista Hotel/Conference Center.

It was confirmed by President Timm that the June meeting will be held June 6-7, 2013. The May board meeting will be May 6-7, with the work session beginning at 2:00 p.m. on May 6.

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

- 10.5 Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the meeting of the State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee.

- 10.6 Mark Quandahl, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Legislative Committee. The next breakfast will be April 9, at 7:30 a.m.

Commissioner Breed reported on the budget hearing for the Nebraska Department of Education held March 4, 2013.

- 10.7 Rebecca Valdez, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Policy Committee. The policy for Coordinated School Health will be presented to the Board for approval in April 2013.

John Sieler reported on the Anti-defamation breakfast attended with Commissioner Breed. Commissioner Breed pointed out the Rule 10 requirements regarding safety plans.

Commissioner Breed submitted a [letter of intent](#) to neither seek nor enter into a contract with the State Board effective June 30, 2013. Commissioner Breed plans to retire effective June 30, 2013.

President Timm requested that the members of the Commissioner Evaluation Committee meet after adjournment of the business meeting of the Board.

President Timm adjourned the business meeting of the Board at 10:45 a.m.



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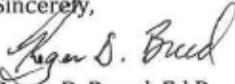
Dear Pat,

I plan to retire from public service effective June 30, 2013. Therefore, I will neither seek, nor accept a contract for 2013-14.

It has been my highest professional honor to serve as Commissioner and I hope I have added some small positive value to the Nebraska education system. I have appreciated the great support provided by the State Board and I have been humbled by the exceptional talent and dedication of the men and women who serve in the Nebraska Department of Education.

Please know, my retirement at this time is totally driven by my desire to spend more time with my family. Also, please know that I will assist in any way possible to provide a smooth and positive transition to a new Commissioner.

Sincerely,


Roger D. Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner

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