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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 3-4, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, October 3, 2013**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, October 3, 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 Roll Call.

Mark Quandahl, Vice President of the State Board of Education called the work session to order at 2:07 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Mark Quandahl, Lynn Cronk, Rachel Wise, Lillie Larsen, John Sieler, and Molly O’Holleran. Patricia Timm and Rebecca Valdez were absent. Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher was also present.

1.2 Vice President Quandahl announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

2.1 Vice President Mark Quandahl provided an update from the Commissioner Search Committee. He announced the following timeline:

Application Deadline	October 15
Search Committee meets with Proact to select semifinalists	November 6
November Board Work Session/Meeting	November 7-8
Search Committee interviews semi-finalists	November 25-26
December Board Work Session/Meeting	December 6-7
Board interviews finalists along with policy partners, education committee	December 11-12-13 (full days)

At the conclusion of the interviews and after an opportunity for deliberating, the Board could possibly announce the next Commissioner.

Board members are invited to share specific questions for the semifinalists to Patricia Timm and/or Joel Scherling (NDE) by October 9.

- 2.9 Joel Scherling, Department of Education representative, discussed amendments to contract #33208 with Proact Search, LLC.
  - 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability
    - 2.2.1 Valorie Foy, Diane Stuehmer and Dean Folkers, Department of Education representatives, reported on the State of the Schools Report. Handouts: Schools and Districts Identified for Needs Improvement; Statewide performance results for groups of students on NeSA tests
  - 2.3 Shane Rhian and Russ Inbody, Department of Education representatives, discussed the 2013-14 Deficit Budget Requests to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Budget Division.
  - 2.4 Dean Folkers, Matt Hastings, Department of Education representatives; Matt Blomstedt, ESUCC; David Peterson, DeeAnn Goeser, Omaha Public Schools; provided an update on grant activities.
- At 4:05 p.m., Vice President Quandahl called for a break. The meeting resumed at 4:12 p.m.
- 2.5 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed notification of vacancies on the State Accreditation Committee and the members' terms which will expire on December 31, 2013.
  - 2.6 Donlynn Rice and Richard Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed the repeal of Rule 45 (92 NAC 45), *Regulations for Vocational Student Organizations*.
  - 2.7 Donlynn Rice and Richard Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contract with Three Pillars Media to create Virtual Industry Tours.
  - 2.8 Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher discussed the proposed 2014 State Board of Education meeting dates. The discussion will continue during the business meeting.

Vice President Quandahl adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday, October 4, 2013**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Friday, October 4, 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 9:07 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Lillie Larsen, Patricia Timm, Rachel Wise, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Mark Quandahl and Molly O’Holleran. Rebecca Valdez was absent. 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 Mark Quandahl, second by Rachel Wise: To approve the minutes of the September 5-6, 2013, State Board of Education meeting.

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

The motion passed.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for October 4, 2013**

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lillie Larsen: to approve the October Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Henry Burke speaking to Common Core State Standards (handout)
- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking to Action Items 7.1 and 7.2
- Rachel Pinkerton, LEAP, speaking to Common Core State Standards

#### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to submit the Department's 2013-14 Deficit Budget Requests to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Budget Division.

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

The motion passed.

7.2 Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve revisions to Rule 23 (92 NAC 23), *Regulations for the Basic Skills Competency Testing of Teachers and Administrators*.

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

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve repeal of Rule 45 (92 NAC 45), *Regulations for Vocational Student Organizations*.

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract with Three Pillars Media to create Virtual Industry Tours.

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by John Sieler: To table approval of the 2014 State Board of Education meeting dates until the November 2013 meeting.

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

The motion passed.

7.6 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve an amendment of contract #33208 with Proact Search, LLC.

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

The motion passed.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

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

10.1 No report.

10.2 No report

10.3 Meeting Participation

- Lynn Cronk, Rebecca Valdez and Rachel Wise are registered to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic/Latino Summit, held October 28, 2013, at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska.
- John Sieler, Molly O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen, Patricia Timm and Rachel Wise are registered to attend the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)/NASA State Education Conference and participate in the State Board Roundtable Discussion. The Conference is scheduled for November 22, 2013, at La Vista, Nebraska.

- Molly O'Holleran attended the Nebraska Association for the Gifted Fall Workshop on October 2 in North Platte, Nebraska. The State Board will receive additional information on high ability learners at the November meeting. Consideration of a State Board policy on HAL may be considered by the Policy Committee.
- Board members were reminded of the Nebraska Teacher of the Year luncheon held in conjunction with the November Board meeting.
- Molly O'Holleran reported on the State Accountability meeting she attended at ESU 15 in North Platte, Nebraska.

10.4 Mark Quandahl, Chair, reported on the Legislative Committee meeting. The Committee is putting together a report in response to LR 305 in preparation for the hearing on November 8, 2013.

10.5 John Sieler, sitting in for Rebecca Valdez, reported on the meeting of the Policy Committee. The Board will be asked to review revisions to the policy on public participation at the November Board meeting.

10.6 Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Commissioner Search Committee. Board members are reminded to reserve December 11-13 for interviews with finalists and discussion on selection of the Commissioner of Education.

10.7 The Standards Committee did not meet.

Deputy Commissioner Swisher gave a brief report on the conversation with the U.S. Department of Education regarding the application for an ESEA waiver.

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