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

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

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, September 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 2:03 p.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Rachel Wise, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Lillie Larsen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Mark Quandahl, and Molly O’Holleran. Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher was also present.

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

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.1. Update on Commissioner Search – Mark Quandahl reported on the meeting of the Search Committee. After a review of the proposed timeline public interviews of finalists by the entire Board will likely be scheduled during the week of December 9.

2.2 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY

2.2.1. Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, provided an overview of Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Results. (Handout)

2.2.2. John Moon, Department of Education representative, provided an overview of ACT scores. (Handout)

2.2.3. Diane Stuehmer, Department of Education representative, provided information on Adequate Yearly Progress.

- 2.2.4 Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided a review of ESEA flexibility.

At 3:25 p.m., President Timm called for a break. Meeting resumed at 3:40 p.m.

- 2.2.5 Donlynn Rice and Deb Romanek, Department of Education representatives, provided a review of the mathematics alignment study from McREL. (Handout)
- 2.3 Scott Summers and Russ In body provided an overview of exempt home schools in Nebraska. (Handout)
- 2.4 Russ Inbody, Department of Education representative, discussed the hearing drafts of the proposed revisions to Rule 12 (92 NAC 12), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons* and Rule 13 (92 NAC 13), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Religious Reasons*.
- 2.5 Mary Ann Losh, Carol Rempp and Ben Baumfalk, Department of Education representatives, reported on preliminary results of the Multicultural Education Survey.
- 2.6 Donlynn Rice and Nancy Becker, Department of Education representatives, discussed the update on teacher/principal evaluation model development and review of the proposed timeline for implementation. (Handout)
- 2.7 Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher reviewed the proposed calendar for 2014 State Board of Education meeting dates. Discussion will continue at the October meeting.
- 2.8 Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative, shared the State of K-12 Technology report.
- 2.9 Removed from agenda
- 2.10 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of a contract with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children for the provision of TEACH Early Childhood Nebraska services.
- 2.11 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative discussed approval of contracts for external trainer/coaches for implementation of Early Childhood Pyramid Model for Promoting Social/Emotional Competence in preschool programs operated by school districts and Head Start programs.

- 2.12 Freida Lange, Dennis McGuire and Rick Moses, Department of Education representatives, discussed possible changes to Rule 10 (92 NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*.
- 2.13 State Board Member Rebecca Valdez and Mary Ann Losh, Department of Education representative, discussed the proposed State Board Policy G7, *Expanded Learning Opportunities*.
- 2.14 To be discussed during business meeting.
- 2.15 Board Member John Sieler discussed amending State Board Policy B12, *Public Participation at Board Meetings* to allow more time for public comment. (Handout)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday, September 6, 2013

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Friday, September 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 9:03 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Lillie Larsen, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Rachel Wise, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Mark Quandahl (arrived at 9:07 a.m.) and Molly O'Holleran. 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 Rebecca Valdez, second by John Sieler: To approve the minutes of the August 8-9, 2013 State Board Meeting as published.

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

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Commissioner Swisher recommended amending the Agenda by removing Action Item 7.12 from the agenda.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve the September 6, 2013, Agenda as recommended.

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Rachel Pinkerton, common core state standards
- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, in support of Action Item 7.4
- Jeff Cole, Nebraska Children and Family Foundation, in support of Action Item 7.11

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by John Sieler: To move into Executive Session to deliberate and receive advice from Legal Counsel on contested cases.

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

The motion passed. At 9:23 a.m., the State Board moved into Executive Session to deliberate and receive advice from Legal Counsel on contested cases.

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Rebecca Valdez: To adjourn the Executive Session of the Board and return to the regular business meeting.

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

The motion passed. At 9:32 a.m., the State Board adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the regular business meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by John Sieler: In *Matkia Montgomery v. Commissioner*, NDE Case No. 13-09, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, denying Petitioner's request to participate in student teaching activities, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 12 (92 NAC 12), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons*, and grant the Deputy Commissioner 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, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Quandahl

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by John Sieler, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve a hearing draft of the proposed revisions to Rule 13 (92 NAC 13), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Religious Reasons*, and grant the Deputy Commissioner 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, Valdez, Sieler, O'Holleran, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Quandahl

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Proposed Timeline for Implementation of the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Model

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

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve the new grant awards for the continuation of the 2013-14 Perkins Innovation Grant Program.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rachel Wise: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children for the provision of TEACH Early Childhood Nebraska services.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rachel Wise: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve contracts for external trainer/coaches for implementation of Early Childhood Pyramid Model for Promoting Social/Emotional Competence in preschool programs operated by school districts and Head Start programs.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract with Columbus Public Schools for Project SEARCH, a program which provides job training and experience for transition students leading to employment opportunities in the healthcare setting at the Columbus Hospital.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.9 Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Rebecca Valdez: Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract with ESU #9 for Project SEARCH, a program which provides job training and experience for transition students leading to employment opportunities in the healthcare setting.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.10 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Rachel Wise: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract with North Platte Public Schools for Project SEARCH, a program which provides job training and experience for transition students leading to employment opportunities in the healthcare setting.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.13 Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to contract for organizational development consultation services.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.11 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the proposed State Board Policy G7, *Expanded Learning Opportunities*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.14 Amend State Board Policy B12, "*Public Participation at Board Meetings*," to allow more time for public comment.

President Timm referred the item to the Policy Committee for review.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION

- 10.3 Meeting participation. Board Members were reminded of upcoming meetings:

- 10th Annual Hispanic/Latino Summit, October 28, 2013, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska

- Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)/NASA State Education Conference, State Board Roundtable Discussion, November 22, 2013 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., La Vista Conference Center, La Vista, Nebraska

10.4 Legislative Committee report - no report.

10.5 Policy Committee report – no report.

10.6 Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Commissioner Search Committee.

10.7 Lynn Cronk, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Standards Committee.

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

Board Member Rebecca Valdez shared the Omaha Public Schools Enrollment Trend: English Language Learners, PK-12, report. (Handout)

Deputy Commissioner Swisher informed the Board that the State of the Schools Report information will be provided at the October meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.