

State Board of Education Work Session Minutes

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November 06, 2014 2:00 PM

State Board Meeting Room

State Office Building, Sixth Floor

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Attendance Taken at 2:15 PM:

Present Board Members:

District 6 - Vacant

Glen Flint

Lillie Larsen

Molly O'Holleran

John Sieler

Patricia Timm

Rachel Wise

John Witzel

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1. Recognition of 2015 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Shelby Aaberg, Scottsbluff High School, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Discussion:

Recognition of the 2015 Teacher of the Year, Shelby Aaberg, and Excellence in Education award winners. Shelby Aaberg expressed appreciation for the opportunity to represent Nebraska.

2.2. Year in Review, 2014 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Kristi Bundy, Ashland-Greenwood Middle School, Ashland, Nebraska

2.3. Dates for joint meetings with policy partners

Discussion:

Dr. Blomstedt noted the calendar for 2015 board meetings and reminded Board members of the luncheon meeting in December with the Coordinating Counsel for Post-Secondary Education on December 5, 2015.

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2.3.A. 2014 NASB/NASA State Education Conference, November 19-21, 2014, La Vista Conference Center/Embassy Suites

The State Board will hold a roundtable session at the NASB annual conference in Papillion-La Vista on November 20, 2014. The Commissioner will begin with a brief overview and Board members will be placed geographically and will facilitate discussions on education priorities.

2.4. Approve request for meeting attendance

2.5. Meeting participation

2.5.A. NASBE Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2014, Westminster, Colorado

Discussion:

Board Members Lillie Larsen, John Witzel, Glen Flint, Molly O'Holleran, and Rachel Wise reported on the NASBE annual conference.

2.5.B. Discuss National Association of State Boards of Education 2015 Committee Interest

Discussion:

John Witzel expressed interest in the Career Readiness Study Groups for NASBE
Molly O'Holleran expressed interest in the Government Affairs Committee
Lillie Larsen expressed interest in the Public Education Committee.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Consent agenda process

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board Members to present their questions on consent agenda items to Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher.

3.2. State of the Schools Report and Student Achievement

Discussion:

Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher reviewed NeSA data.

3.3. Commissioner's Goals and Progress

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the last 10 months as Commissioner and shared that being Commissioner of Education is more than a title, it is about making a difference for education in Nebraska.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. Bryce Wilson and Scott Summers, Department of Education representatives, discussed the Rule 12 and Rule 13 rule revision process
- 4.2. Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the grant with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children to fund TEACH Early Childhood scholarships
- 4.3. Jackie Napier, DHHS representative; and Mark Schultz, Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Rehabilitation discussed approval of the contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (Action Item, Agency Contracts/Agreements)
- 4.4. Gary Sherman, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract amendment for Special Education Consulting Activities
- 4.5. Diane Stuehmer and Zainab Rida, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of the NDE Nutrition Services contract with UNL
- 4.6. Mark Schultz, Assistant Commissioner, discussed the approval of IT purchases for Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation

5. *AQuESTT*

5.1. Policy Forums

Discussion:

Sue Anderson, Department of Education representative, reviewed the process for collecting information through the *AQuESTT* policy forums and a summary of the comments made.

5.2. Board Tenet Committee Reports

Discussion:

Board Members reported out on individual tenant discussions of *AQuESTT*.

5.3. *AQuESTT* Implementation Update

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed the conversations regarding placement of *AQuESTT* into Rule 10 or creating a new rule. He also expressed appreciation of everyone's work on the forums and the *AQuESTT* process.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

6.1.A. Lillie Larsen, Chair, provided a Standards Committee update

6.1.B. Donlynn Rice and Deb Romanek, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the Nebraska Math Standards

6.2. CAREER EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

John Witzel, Chair, provided a Career Education Study Group update

6.3. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

Patricia Timm, Chair, provided an Early Childhood Education Study Group update

6.4. LEGISLATION

6.4.A Rachel Wise, Chair, provided a Legislative Committee report and reminded Board members of the Legislative Retreat scheduled for January 28, 2015.

6.5. ACCOUNTABILITY

6.5.A. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, provided an Accountability Committee report

6.5.B. Commissioner Blomstedt provided information on the application for an ESEA Flexibility (Waiver)

6.6. ASSESSMENT (NONE)

7. State of the Schools Report Update

Commissioner Blomstedt shared information on the State of the Schools Report

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.