

State Board of Education Work Session and Meeting
September 4, 2014 2:00 PM
State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building, Sixth Floor
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 2:00 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Glen Flint
Lillie Larsen
Molly O'Holleran
Patricia Timm
Rachel Wise
John Witzel
John Sieler
Commissioner Blomstedt

Absent Board Members:

District 6 - Vacant
John Sieler – left at 4:00 p.m.

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

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1. Dates for joint meetings with policy partners - Board members discussed various meetings they attended.

2.2. A. NASBE Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2014, Westminster, Colorado. Rachel Wise, Molly O'Holleran, Glen Flint, Lillie Larsen, and John Witzel plan to attend.

2.2. A.3. Select the Nebraska voting delegate and alternate for the 2014 Annual Conference in Westminster, Colorado. President Wise appointed Lillie Larsen to serve as delegate and John Witzel as alternate delegate.

2.3. Meeting participation - The Board discussed upcoming meetings for possible attendance by the Board members.

3. Commissioner Blomstedt provided an overview of the Agenda.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. Policy Committee report - John Sieler, Chair, reported on the meeting.
- 4.1. A. John Sieler, Chair of the Policy Committee, discussed proposed revisions to State Board Policy D12.
- 4.2. Commissioner Blomstedt, Bryce Wilson, and Shane Rhian, discussed the authorization of the Department's budget request for the 2015-17 biennium on behalf of the State Board of Education.
- 4.3. Rich Katt and Cory Epler discussed the contract with Vivayic, Inc., to develop and provide professional development on a middle school career education and planning curriculum.
- 4.4. Mary Ann Losh, discussed the Positive Behavioral interventions and Supports (PBIS) Contracts.
- 4.5. Melody Hobson discussed an amendment to the contract with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (NeAEYC)

President Wise called for a break at 3:04 p.m., the meeting resumed at 3:18 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1. STANDARDS

- 5.1.A. Standards Committee update - Lillie Larsen, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee. Lillie expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and NDE representatives in revising the English Language Arts standards to be college and career ready standards.
 - 5.1.A.1. Donlynn Rice clarified the Advanced Placement U.S. History Course and Exam by the College Board.
 - 5.1.A.2. Discuss approval of the English Language Arts Standards

Tricia Parker-Siemers discussed the standards revision process. Board Member Lillie Larsen read the Joint Understanding – Nebraska College- and Career-Ready English Language Arts Standards and Indicators dated September 4, 2014. Representatives of Higher Education institutions were present and signed the Joint Understanding: Tip O'Neill, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities; Carolee Ritter, Nebraska Community Colleges System; Jodi Cooper, Nebraska State College System; Martha Cruse, University of Nebraska System; and Rachel Wise, State Board of Education President .

Donlynn Rice expressed great appreciation to Tricia Parker-Siemers, Carol Bom, Julie Ward and Cory Epler for their work in the standards process; and all higher education institutions in contributing to the success of the ELA Standards.

5.1.B. Public Comment

Linda Placek, Nebraska State Reading Association representative, spoke in support of the English Language Arts Standards.

President Wise called for a break at 4:10 p.m., the meeting resumed at 4:20 p.m.

5.2. CAREER EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

John Witzel, Chair, shared the work ahead for the study group. The group will meet Friday, September 5, immediately following the conclusion of the State Board meeting.

5.3. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

Patricia Timm, Chair - shared the work ahead for the study group, which will meet immediately following the State Board meeting on Friday, September 5.

5.4. LEGISLATION

5.4.A. Legislative Committee report

Rachel Wise, Chair, reported and shared the work ahead for the Committee.

5.5. ACCOUNTABILITY

5.5.A. State Accountability Committee report

Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

5.5.C. Public Comment – None

5.6. ASSESSMENT

5.6.A. Valorie Foy reported on Preliminary release of NeSA scores and upcoming State of the Schools Report

5.6.B. Public Comment – None

5.7. Sharon Katt and Vicki Bauer provided an overview of the Nebraska Adult Education Programs and GED testing.

- 5.8. Bev Benes and Diane Stuehmer provided information on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- 5.9. Melody Hobson discussed approval of a contract with Demerath Counseling and Therapy LLC.
- 5.10. Melody Hobson discussed the contracts for coaching services to implement the Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children
6. ADJOURNMENT - President Wise adjourned the Work Session at 5:40 p.m.