

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting  
April 2-3, 2015  
State Board Meeting Room  
State Office Building, Sixth Floor  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

WORK SESSION – April 2, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 2:03 PM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Glen Flint

Lillie Larsen

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Patricia Timm

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt was also present.

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

**2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Board Members shared experiences from recent meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners.

2.2. Approve request for meeting attendance

Future meetings and attendance requests were reviewed.

**3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW**

3.2. Deputy Commissioner of School Improvement and Support

Commissioner Blomstedt introduced Dr. Deborah Frison. Dr. Frison will serve as Deputy Commissioner of School Improvement and Support beginning August 1, 2015.

**4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS**

4.1. Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed the adoption of the proposed change to Rule 92 (92 NAC 92), "Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles"

4.2. Joel Scherling, Department of Education representative, discussed the adoption of proposed revisions to Title 93 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 1-16, Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules.

4.3. Dean Folkers, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract with ESUCC to provide support of the ADVISER dashboard implementation and single sign on security efforts

4.4. Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed continuing approval of Nonpublic Schools for the school year 2015-2016 under of Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), "Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools"

4.5. Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed an Application for Conditional Approval of a Nonpublic School under Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), "Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools" for the school year 2015-2016.

4.6. Sharon Katt and Kevin Peters, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of a Hearing Draft of Rule 21 (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools"

4.7. President Wise and Commissioner Blomstedt discussed a grant to facilitate conversations about a partnership with Special Olympics.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

5.1. INFORMATION ON COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES

5.1.A. Julane Hill and Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on Coordinated School Health Policies

5.1.B. Overview and Update on the Grove Foundation Grant  
Julane Hill and Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representatives; Mike Nicolarson: PE/Health Teacher, Hastings High School-Hastings Public Schools; Lynn DeVries: FCS/Health Teacher, Harvard Middle and High School—Harvard Public Schools; Brian Hoff: Superintendent, Red Cloud Public Schools provided an overview and update on the Grove Foundation Grant.

5.1.C. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC APPEARANCE

5.1.C.1. Nancy Carr presented her concerns about the WISE method of teaching sex education in the classroom.

5.1.C.2. Michelle Zych, Executive Director, Women's Fund of Omaha; Sue Korth, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Methodist Women's Hospital; and Mychael Shields, Senior, Omaha Central High School presented on the Adolescent Health Project in support of WISE

5.1.D. PUBLIC COMMENT on School Health

- Alice Brown
- Jennifer Sharrick, representing DO JUSTICE
- Robert Moore, on behalf of Dr. Sofia Jawed-Wessel

5.2. AQuEST and WAIVER

Commissioner Blomstedt, Aprille Phillips, and Matt Heusman provided an update on the submission of the Waiver application.

5.2.B. TEACHING AND LEARNING DOMAIN

5.2.B.1. College & Career Ready

Lillie Larsen, Chair of College and Career Ready tenet, reported on the discussion of the group.

5.2.B.1.1. Review the draft of the revised Mathematics Standards for Public Comment

Lillie Larsen, Chair, provided a review of the draft of the revised Mathematics Standards for Public Comment.

Cory Epler, Deb Romanek, and Donlynn Rice also provided information on revised mathematics standards.

#### 5.2.B.2. Assessment

Glen Flint, Chair of the Assessment tenet, shared information from the tenet meeting.

##### 5.2.B.2.1. Discussion of recommendations for national assessment instruments for the purpose of national comparison (State Statute 79-760.03)

John Moon, Jeremy Heneger, and Valorie Foy, discussed recommendations for national assessment instruments for the purpose of national comparison (State Statute 79-760.03)

#### 5.2.B.3. Educator Effectiveness

Maureen Nickels, Chair of the Educator Effectiveness tenet, reported on the tenet meeting.

Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, also provided information on the tenet discussion.

##### 5.2.B.3.1. Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, requested nominations to fill State Board appointed members to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

#### 5.2.C. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS DOMAIN

##### 5.2.C.1. Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success

Molly O'Holleran, Chair of the Positive Partnerships tenet, reported on the tenet meeting.

##### 5.2.C.2. Transitions

John Witzel, chair of the Transitions tenet, reported on the tenet meeting.

Melody Hobson and Rich Katt, Department of Education representatives, also provided information on the meeting.

#### 5.2.C.3. Educational Opportunities & Access

Patricia Timm, Chair of Educational Opportunities and Access tenet, reported on the tenet meeting.

#### 5.3. POLICY

##### 5.3.A. Policy Committee Report

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Policy Committee, thanked Committee members, John Witzel, Glen Flint, and Patricia Timm. Policies are reviewed on a regular schedule.

5.4. LEGISLATION - moved to Board Agenda on Friday, April 3.

#### 6. **ADJOURNMENT by President Wise at 5:35 p.m.**

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING - APRIL 3, 2015**

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 9:02 AM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise  
Glen Flint  
Lillie Larsen  
John Witzel  
Molly O'Holleran  
Patricia Timm  
Maureen Nickels  
Patrick McPherson

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 2.1. Approve the minutes of the March 5-6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published

Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes of the March 5-6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 3.1. Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda (if any)

Commissioner Blomstedt recommended removing Presentation Item 9.1 – due to Clarice Jackson was not available today; and to add the Legislative discussion carried over from Work Session on April 2.

Motion Passed: Agenda with recommendations to remove Item 9.1 and to add the Legislative Report from the Work Session passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Henry Burke, speaking to the Waiver application filed by Nebraska
- Jay Sears, speaking in support of Action Items 7.6 and 7.7; in support of the math standards process; support of safety standards in our schools; appreciation of President Wise presence in education arena.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### 7.1. Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 92, Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles

Motion Passed: Adoption of proposed revisions to Rule 92, Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

### 7.2. Adopt proposed revisions to Title 93 Nebraska Administrative code, Chapters 1-16, Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules

Motion Passed: Adoption of proposed revisions to Title 93 Nebraska Administrative code, Chapters 1-16, Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

- 7.3. Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with ESUCC to provide support of the ADVISER dashboard implementation and single sign on security efforts

Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with ESUCC to provide support of the ADVISER dashboard implementation and single sign on security efforts passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

- 7.4. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Nonpublic Schools for the school year 2015-2016 under Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools

Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Nonpublic Schools for the school year 2015-2016 under Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

- 7.5. Grant Commissioner the authority to approve an Application for Conditional Approval of a nonpublic school under Rule 14 (Regulations & Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools) for the school year 2015-2016.

Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve an Application for Conditional Approval of a nonpublic school under Rule 14

(Regulations & Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools) for the school year 2015-2016 passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.6. Approve a Hearing Draft of Rule 21, "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools" and authorize the Commissioner the authority to set a date, time, and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board

Motion Passed: Approve a Hearing Draft of Rule 21, 'Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools' and authorize the Commissioner to set a time and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.7. Approve the release of the Draft Mathematics Standards for public review and comment

Motion Passed: Approval of the release of the Draft Mathematics Standards for public review and comment passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.8. Grant the Commissioner the authority to facilitate conversations about a partnership with Special Olympics

Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to facilitate conversations on a partnership with Special Olympics passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

## **8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Lillie Larsen.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

## **9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

9.1. The work of the Voice Advocacy Center (removed from agenda)

## 9.2. Meeting participation approval

Motion Passed: Approval of meeting participation requests with the addition of Patrick McPherson attending the NASBE Regional meeting on April 13 passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

## 9.3. LEGISLATION (carry over from Work Session)

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed the submission of the Waiver application.

### 9.3.A. Legislative Committee report

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Legislative Committee, provided an update on the Legislative Committee meeting.

### 9.3.B. State Legislation and Board Actions on legislative issues

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on state legislation.

### 9.3.C. Federal Legislation and Board Actions on Federal Legislation

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on federal legislation.

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT - President Wise adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.**