

**State Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

June 4-5, 2015  
State Board Meeting Room  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 2:36 PM:**

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. 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 discussed meeting attendance during May and June.

**2.1.A. Discuss State Board of Education breakout session at the 2015 Nebraska Association of School Boards State Education Conference, November 18-20, 2015 in LaVista, Nebraska**

Board Members discussed attending NASB Area Membership Meetings and also having public forums or meetings at or around the same meeting and date locations as the NASB Area Membership Meetings. Board Members discussed attending and having a session during the NASB State Conference.

**2.1.B. Update on NASBE activities**

Board Members discussed upcoming meetings and conferences and possible participation.

**2.2. Approve request for meeting attendance**

Board Members discussed upcoming meetings and conferences and possible participation.

**2.3. Discuss payment of annual dues for National Association of State Board of Education (NASBE); Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); CCSSO-State Collaborative Work Groups; State Consortium for Effective Educators (SCEE); Education Commission of the States (ECS); and Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed payment of annual dues for National Association of State Board of Education (NASBE); Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); CCSSO-State Collaborative Work Groups; State Consortium for Effective Educators (SCEE); Education Commission of the States (ECS); and Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

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

**3.1. Consent agenda process**

**4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Discuss approval of a contract for services of the Nebraska anchor for the early childhood program quality assessment tools used in Results Matter and Step Up to Quality**

Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed the contract for services of the Nebraska anchor for the early childhood program quality assessment tools used in Results Matter and Step up to Quality.

**4.2. Discuss proposed revision of Rule 11: Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Education Grants**

Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed the proposed revision of Rule 11, Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Education Grants.

Ben Anderson, First Five Nebraska representative, provided comments before the State Board of Education about Early Childhood Education.

**4.3. Discuss the approval of awards for new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants**

Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed the approval of awards for new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants.

**4.4. Discuss Early Childhood contracts on the consent agenda**

Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed Early Childhood contracts on the consent agenda.

**4.5. Discuss approval of reVISION Action Grants for 2015-2016**

Rich Katt and Cory Epler, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, discussed the approval of reVISION Action Grants for 2015-2016.

At 3:37 p.m., President Wise called for break. The meeting resumed at 3:54 p.m.

President Wise proceeded with Agenda Item 4.6, then moved to agenda item 5.2.B.1 Assessment, C4Learning Demonstration.

**4.6. Discuss the 2015-2016 contract for Data Recognition Corporation for assessment services**

Valorie Foy, Jeremy Heneger, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of the 2015-2016 contract for Data Recognition Corporation for assessment services.

**4.7. Discuss the contract for Education Measurement Consulting for psychometric services**

Valorie Foy, Jeremy Heneger and Freida Lange, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of the contract for Education Measurement Consulting for psychometric services.

**4.8. Discuss Accreditation of the schools currently classified as approved schools, to operate as accredited in the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools**

Freida Lange, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed approval of the schools currently classified as approved schools, to operate as accredited in the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools.

**4.9. Discuss Accreditation of schools for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools**

Freida Lange, Nebraska Department of Education representative, discussed approval of accreditation of schools for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools.

**4.10. Discuss approval of a contract with Autism Center Inc.**

Mark Schultz, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation representative, discussed approval of a contract with Autism Center, Inc.

**4.11. Discuss approval of a contract with Schmeckle Research Inc.**

Mark Schultz, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation representative, discussed approval of a contract with Schmeckle Research, Inc.

- 4.12. Discuss acceptance of a grant with Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE)**  
Mark Schultz, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation representative, discussed acceptance of a grant with Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE).

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

**5.1. AQuESTT**

**5.2. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**5.2.A. College & Career Ready (Standards)**

Board Member Lillie Larsen reported on the College and Career Ready (Standards).

**5.2.A.1. Update on Mathematics Standards**

**5.2.B. Assessment**

**5.2.B.1. Check 4 Learning Demonstration**

Angie Wright, Elkhorn Public Schools representative, provided a demonstration on Check 4 Learning. Valorie Foy and Jeremy Heneger, Nebraska Department of Education representatives discussed Check 4 Learning demonstration.

**5.2.C. Educator Effectiveness**

**5.3. Nebraska Career Education Study Committee Report**

Rich Katt and Cory Epler, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, presented and discussed the Career Education Study Committee Report and Findings Summary.

**5.4. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS**

**5.5. POLICY**

**5.5.A. Policy Committee Report**

Board Member Lillie Larsen reported from the Policy Committee.

**5.6. LEGISLATION**

**5.6.A. Legislative Committee report**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m. AQuESTT, Update on Mathematics Standards and Legislation will be discussed during the business meeting on Friday, June 5, 2015.

**State Board of Education Meeting**, June 5, 2015, State Board Meeting Room, Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 9:05 AM:**

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Glen Flint (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

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 May 7-8, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the May 7-8, 2015, meeting minutes passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Absent
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)**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agenda as recommended to include Work Session items AQuESTT, Update on Mathematics Standards and Legislative Report as additional items under Special Presentations and Discussions passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Deb Andrews, speaking to math curriculum.
- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to math curriculum.

President Wise called for a break at 9:26 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:41 a.m.

#### **4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE**

##### **4.1.A. Analysis of the 2015 Draft Nebraska Mathematics Standards**

Henry Burke

#### **5. HEARINGS (NONE)**

#### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion Passed:** To move the State Board into executive session at 9:41 a.m. to deliberate and receive advice from Legal Counsel on contested cases 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

The State Board moved into executive session at 9:41 a.m. to deliberate and receive advice from Legal Counsel on contested cases.

**Motion Passed:** To adjourn the Executive Session of the State Board and return to the regular business meeting at 10:00 a.m. 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

The Executive Session of the State Board adjourned returned to the regular business meeting at 10:00 a.m.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### 7.1. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract for services of a Nebraska anchor for the early childhood program quality assessment tools used in Results Matter and Step Up to Quality

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract for services of a program quality anchor passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

### 7.2. Adopt the Proposed Revisions to Rule 11: Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Program Grants

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the Proposed Revisions to Rule 11: Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Program Grants with the non-substantive changes on gold Errata sheet 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

**7.3. Authorize the Commissioner to award reVISION Action Grants to qualifying school districts to implement plans developed through the reVISION process**

**Motion Passed:** Authorize the Commissioner to award a revision Action Grants to qualifying school districts to implement plans developed through the reVISION process passed with a motion by John Witzel 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 the 2015-2016 contract with Data Recognition Corporation**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the 2015-2016 contract with Data Recognition Corporation with the inclusion as presented by Commissioner Blomstedt passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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

**7.5. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the 2015-2016 contract with Education Measurement Consulting**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the 2015-2016 contract with Education Measurement Consulting passed with a motion by Glen Flint 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. Grant the Commissioner the authority to Approve Accreditation of schools for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to Approve Accreditation of schools for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools 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

**7.7. Grant the Commissioner the authority to Approve Accreditation of the schools currently classified as approved schools, to operate as Accredited in the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to Approve Accreditation of the schools currently classified as approved schools, to operate as Accredited in the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of School passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson 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

**7.8. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Autism Center Inc.**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Autism Center Inc., passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels 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

**7.9. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Schmeckle Research Inc.**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Schmeckle Research Inc., passed with a motion by Patricia Timm 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

**7.10. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a grant with Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE)**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a grant with Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE) 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

**7.11. Consider the Hearing Officer's Recommended Decision in Option Enrollment Case No. 15-05, *Donahoe v. North Platte Public Schools***

**Motion Passed:** In *Donahoe v. North Platte Public Schools*, Case No. 15-05, that this Board adopt the Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings of Fact, Recommended Conclusions of Law and Recommended Decision, affirm the Respondent's decision to deny the Petitioner's option enrollment application, and adopt the Final Order prepared by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	No
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Abstain

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented 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

**9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**9.1. AQuESTT (Work Session carry over)**

Commissioner Blomstedt presented information about AQuESTT and showed the State Board Members the [aquestt.com](http://aquestt.com) website.

**9.2. Update on Mathematics Standards (Work Session carry over)**

Donlynn Rice, Cory Epler, and Deb Romanek Nebraska Department of Education representatives, discussed and presented the results of the public input piece on the Mathematics Standards.

**9.3. LEGISLATION (Work Session carry over)**

State Board Member, Molly O'Holleran, reported on NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC).

**9.3.A. Legislative Committee report**

Rachel Wise, Chair, reported on Legislation Committee report.

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, reported on state legislation.

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

**10.1. Meeting participation approval**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of State Board Members requests to travel and attend meetings with additional requests for Maureen Nickels, John Witzel, Molly O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen to attend Administrators' Days passed with a motion by Patricia Timm 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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be August 6 and 7, 2015.

ERRATA SHEET

Rule 11 Public Hearing June 2, 2015 - non-substantive changes to be made after the public hearing prior to board approval.

Section	From	To
Alphabetical Table of Contents	Requirements for Prekindergarten programs established by school boards or Educational Service Units Section 005	Requirements for Prekindergarten programs established by school boards or Educational Service Units <u>Section 004</u>
Alphabetical Table of Contents	Program and Staff Requirements for Programs Serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility in a Center-Based Program	Program and Staff Requirements for <u>Prekindergarten</u> Programs Serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility in a Center-Based Program
002		Definitions after 002.10 will be correctly renumbered to be in sequential order.
002.01	At risk when used with reference to a child means the child is experience conditions or factors which could have a negative impact on his or her development or learning, including low birth weight, poverty, being a child of teen parents or parents who did not graduate from high school, or living in a home whose occupants have limited ability to speak and understand English.	At risk when used with reference to a child means the child is experience conditions or factors which could have a negative impact on his or her development or learning, <u>including but not limited to such factors as</u> low birth weight, poverty, being a child of teen parents or parents who did not graduate from high school, or living in a home whose occupants have limited ability to speak and understand English.
002.10	<u>Established</u> , when used with reference to prekindergarten programs established by a school board or educational service unit, shall mean a prekindergarten program that is operated by a school district or educational service unit directly; or by contract with another entity; or in coordination, cooperation, collaboration or partnership agreement with another entity.	<u>Established</u> , when used with reference to prekindergarten programs established by a school board or educational service unit, <del>shall</del> means a prekindergarten program that is operated by a school district or educational service unit directly; or by contract with another entity; or in coordination, cooperation, collaboration or partnership agreement with another entity.
002.26	<u>Partnership agreement</u> means a formal written agreement that describes the level and nature of commitment of each party to the prekindergarten program. The partnership agreement should describe the following: resources contributed by each partner; rights and responsibilities of each partner; and any other relevant information agreed upon by all parties.	<u>Partnership agreement</u> means, for the <u>purposes of this Chapter</u> , a formal written agreement that describes the level and nature of commitment of each party to the prekindergarten program. The partnership agreement should describe the following: resources contributed by each partner; rights and responsibilities of each partner; and any other relevant information agreed upon by all parties. <u>The parties are not required by this Chapter to enter into partnership agreements or form a partnership under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Partnership Act.</u>
006.03	006.03 <u>Developmentally and Culturally</u>	006.03 <u>Developmentally and Culturally</u>

	<p><u>Appropriate Curriculum, Practices, and Assessment in Home-Based prekindergarten Programs.</u> Each Home-based prekindergarten program shall provide curricula that are researched-based and designed to work with families that facilitate the optimal growth and development of children and that are culturally appropriate for all families served. The program shall also include a well-defined language development and early literacy emphasis, including the involvement of families in literacy activities.</p>	<p><u>Appropriate Curriculum, Practices, and Assessment in Home-Based prekindergarten Programs.</u> Each Home-based prekindergarten program shall provide curricula that are researched-based and designed to work with families that facilitate the optimal growth and development of children and that are culturally appropriate for all families served. The program shall also include a well-defined language development and early literacy emphasis, including the involvement of families in literacy activities.</p>
006.05	<p><u>Program Staff.</u> In order to provide home-based services, each home-based program shall use one or more home visitor specialists and may in addition use one or more home visitors who meet the qualifications below.</p>	<p><u>Program Staff.</u> In order to provide home-based services, each home-based program shall use one or more home visiting specialists and may in addition use one or more home visitors who meet the qualifications below.</p>
006.05A	<p><u>Home Visiting Specialist.</u> Any home visitor specialist in a home-based program shall have a bachelor's degree or higher in one of the following areas:</p>	<p><u>Home Visiting Specialist.</u> Any home visiting specialist in a home-based program shall have a bachelor's degree or higher in one of the following areas:</p>