

**State Board Update and Working Retreat for Strategic Plan**

May 5, 2016 8:30 AM

The Cornhusker Hotel, Yankee Hill Rooms 1 and 2  
333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Board members present:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Molly O'Holleran

John Witzel

Glen Flint

Maureen Nickels

Patricia Timm

Patrick McPherson (absent)

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

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

**2. WELCOME**

President Wise opened the meeting. Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative provided a brief overview.

FSG representatives, Jeff Cohen, Cara Priestley, Sandra Medrano, and Francesca Mazzola facilitated the remainder of the Retreat agenda.

**3.3. PROJECT UPDATE**

3.1. Reflections from Key Influencers Meeting

3.2. Questions on the pre-read/external interview synthesis

**4. STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS**

4.1. Review strategic framework

4.2. Review strategic roles

**5. INPUT**

5.1. Five stations for each puzzle piece

5.2. Input on goals, strategies, and roles for each

**6. MISSION STATEMENT**

6.1. Review potential options

6.2. Vote on preferred option with poll everywhere

6.3. Post "gallery walk" of options to review at their leisure

- 7. WRAP UP
- 7.1. Next steps

- 8. **ADJOURNMENT** - President Wise adjourned the retreat at 11:30 a.m.

**State Board of Education Work Session Meeting**  
May 5, 2016 2:00 PM  
State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
- 1.1. **Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 2:02 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise  
Lillie Larsen  
Glen Flint  
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 DISCUSSIONS ITEMS**
- 2.1. **Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners**  
Board Members shared information from meetings and events recently attended.
- 2.2. **Discuss requests for meeting attendance**  
Board members were asked to submit requests for upcoming meetings.
- 3. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW**
- 3.1. **Consent Agenda process**  
Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the Consent Agenda process.

**3.2. Report on Rules**

The Board discussed the Rules report.

**3.2.A. Discuss revisions proposed in Petition for Rulemaking - Rule 4 following public hearing**

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed the next steps in the rulemaking process.

**3.3. Board Priorities and Policy Research**

Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, reported on the NASBE Stipend Grant meeting.

**4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Discuss approval of a contract with Associated General Contractors - Nebraska Building Chapter to conduct a construction career awareness and exploration clinic**

Cory Epler, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of the contract.

**4.2. Discuss approval of a contract with Edison Creative to create an informational video on career education in Nebraska**

Cory Epler, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of the contract.

**4.3. Discuss approval of the classification of Interim-Program Schools as approved to operate for the 2016-2017 School Year under Rule 18 (92 NAC 18), Regulations and Procedures for the Approval of Interim-Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions and Juvenile Emergency Shelters**

Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the approval of the classification of Interim Program Schools.

**4.4. Discuss approval of accreditation for the Educational Service Units appearing on the accompanying list for the 2016-2017 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), Regulations for Educational Service Units**

Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the approval of the classification of Educational Service Units.

**4.5. Discuss authorizing the Commissioner to negotiate an agreement with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Child Care Development Block Grant funds**

Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the agreement with DHHS.

**4.6. Discuss Nebraska Council on Teacher Education State Board Representative Selection**

Pat Madsen, Department of Education representative, discussed the selection of the representative.

**4.7. Discuss approval of a contract with Phenomblue for Strategic Planning related to a redesign and modernization of the NDE website**

Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract with Phenomblue.

**4.8. Discuss the contract with Monroe-Meyer Institute to serve as the Designated State Entity for the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.9. Discuss approval of a contract with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) of Lancaster County and Douglas County for the development of OSHA certification, First Aid/CPR/AED required in the construction field, and hands-on construction skill acquisition for students with disabilities in the Lincoln and Omaha area**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.10. Discuss approval of a contract with Autism Center of Nebraska Inc. for a Work Readiness and Preparation Program for up to 50 students with high functioning Autism in Lincoln and Omaha**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.11. Discuss approval of a contract with Disability Rights Nebraska for a Self-Advocacy for Youth with Disabilities Program to serve 30 students with disabilities in Lincoln in cooperation with Arc of Lincoln/Autism Family Network**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.12. Discuss the approval of a contract with Developmental Services of Nebraska Inc. for a Career Camp for 12-48 students with disabilities throughout the summer that will address the 5 core pre-employment transition activities (PETS)**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.13. Discuss the approval of a contract with Easter Seals Nebraska for a Nebraska Empowered Youth Camp, emphasizing self-advocacy, youth leadership, independent living, and future workplace skills for a maximum of 25 students with disabilities**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.14. Discuss the approval of a contract with ESU 16 for a Student Work Education and Employment Program (SWEEP) for 15 students with disabilities in a 21,000 square mile rural area**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.15. Discuss the approval of a contract with Goodwill Industries, Inc. for a Summer Work Experience Program for up to 24 students with disabilities in the Omaha/Blair area**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**4.16. Discuss the approval of a contract with Independence Rising for a workplace readiness training for 10-15 students with disabilities living in Hall County**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract.

**President Wise called for a break at 2:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:06 p.m.**

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

**5.1. AQuESTT**

**5.1.A. Priority School Update**

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed the work with the three priority schools.

**5.2. TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORTS**

Maureen Nickels, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Domain, reported on the meeting of the Domain.

**5.2.A. College & Career Ready Tenet Report**

Glen Flint, chair of the College & Career Ready tenet, reported on the meeting of the tenet. Cory Epler and Sara Cooper reported on the science standards process.

**5.2.B. Assessment Tenet Report**

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Assessment Tenet reported on the Committee.

Commissioner Blomstedt reported on the Assessment Tenet meeting. Valorie Foy and Jeremy Heneger also provided information.

**5.3. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS REPORTS**

Molly O'Holleran, chair of the Student Success and Access Domain, reported on the meeting of the domain.

**5.4. DATA AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REPORT**

No report.

**5.5. STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT**

President Wise reported on the progress and process of the Strategic Planning.

**5.6. POLICY**

**5.6.A. Policy Committee report**

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

**5.7. LEGISLATION**

**5.7.1. Legislative Committee Report**

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Legislative Committee, provided information. Brian Halstead, Deputy Commissioner, provided information on interim studies.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held Friday, May 6, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the State Board Meeting Room.

**State Board of Education Meeting**

May 6, 2016 9:00 AM  
State Board Meeting Room  
State Office Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 9:03 AM:**

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Glen Flint

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 April 7-8, 2016 State Board of Education meeting as published**

**Motion Passed: Approval of** the minutes of the April 7-8, 2016 State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agenda as posted passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Carole Julian, speaking to the Board expense policy
- Sherri Rickett - Nebraska Catholic Conference, speaking to textbook Loan program, Rule 4

**5. HEARINGS**

**5.1. Hearing in NDE Case No. 16-04, Commissioner v. Jackson Hedrick**

A hearing was held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Kathi Vontz, a representative of the Professional Practice Commission, on behalf of the Commission, recommended permanent revocation of the Respondent's certificate. Brian Halstead, on behalf of the Commissioner, appeared in support of the Commissioner's recommendation. The Respondent was not present nor represented by Counsel. The meeting was closed at 10:03 a.m.

**5.2. Hearing in NDE Case No. 16-05, Paul Book v. Commissioner**

A hearing was held beginning at 10:03 a.m. Kathi Vontz, a representative of the Professional Practices Commissioner, on behalf of the Commission, recommended that the Petitioner be allowed to apply for reinstatement of his certificate. The Petitioner was present and represented by Counsel, Nick Welding, and appeared in support of the recommendation. Brian Halstead appeared on behalf of the Commissioner. The hearing was closed at 10:11 a.m.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to move into Executive Session at 10:12 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
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 16-04, Commissioner v. Jackson Hedrick**

**Motion Passed:** In Commissioner v. Jackson Hedrick, NDE Case No. 16-04, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, permanently revoking Respondent's teaching certificate, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel, passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

**7.2. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 16-05, Paul Book v. Commissioner**

**Motion Passed:** In the Matter of the Reinstatement of Paul Book, Jr., NDE Case No. 16-05, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, granting Petitioner's request to apply for a teaching certificate, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**7.3. Approve proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY B5, "Board Committees"**

**Motion Passed:** Approval proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY B5, "Board Committees" passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

**7.4. Remove Agenda Item 7.5 from the Table**

**Motion Passed:** Approval to remove Item 7.5 from table passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.5. Approve proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY B12, "Public Participation in Board Meetings"**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY B12, "Public Participation in Board Meetings" passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 a contract with Associated General Contractors - Nebraska Building Chapter to conduct a construction career awareness and exploration clinic**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Associated General Contractors Nebraska Building Chapter to conduct a construction career awareness and exploration clinic passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 contract with Edison Creative, Inc. to create an informational video on career education in Nebraska**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Edison Creative, Inc. to create an informational video on career education in Nebraska passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 the classification of Interim-Program Schools as approved to operate for the 2016-2017 School Year under Rule 18, Regulations and Procedures for the Approval of Interim-Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions & Juvenile Emergency Shelters**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the classification of Interim-Program Schools as approved to operate for the 2016-2017 School Year under Rule 18 (92 NAC 18), Regulations and Procedures for the Approval of Interim-Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions and Juvenile Emergency Shelters passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 accreditation for the Educational Service Units appearing on the accompanying list for the 2016-2017 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), Regulations for Educational Service Units**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve accreditation for the Educational Service Units appearing on the accompanying list for the 2016-2017 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), Regulations for Educational Service Units passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

**7.10. Authorize the Commissioner to negotiate an agreement with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Child Care Development Block Grant funds**

**Motion Passed:** Authorize the Commissioner to negotiate an agreement with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Child Care Development Block Grant funds passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.11. Appoint a State Board of Education Representative to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education**

**Motion Passed:** Appointment of Ed Truemper to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education as a State Board Representative passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.12. Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Phenomblue for Strategic Planning related to redesign and modernization of the NDE website**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Phenomblue for Strategic Planning related to redesign and modernization of the NDE website passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.13. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Monroe Meyer Institute to serve as the Designated State Entity for the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the contract with Monroe-Meyer Institute to serve as the Designated State Entity for the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

**7.14. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) of Lancaster County and Douglas County for the development of OSHA certification, First Aid/CPR/AED required in the construction field and hands-on construction skill acquisition for students with disabilities in the Lincoln and Omaha area.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the contract with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

**7.15. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Autism Center of Nebraska Inc. for a Work Readiness and Preparation Program for up to 50 students with high functioning Autism in Lincoln and Omaha.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the contract with Autism Center of Nebraska Inc. passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.16. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Disability Rights Nebraska for a Self- Advocacy for Youth with Disabilities Program to serve 30 students with disabilities in Lincoln in cooperation with Arc of Lincoln/Autism Family Network.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the contract with Disability Rights Nebraska passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Glen Flint.

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

**7.17. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Developmental Services of Nebraska Inc. for a Career Camp for 12-48 students with disabilities throughout the summer that will address the 5 core pre-employment transition activities (PETS)**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Developmental Services of Nebraska Inc. for a Career Camp for 12-48 students with disabilities throughout the summer that will address the 5 core pre-employment transition activities (PETS) passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.18. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Easter Seals Nebraska for a Nebraska Empowered Youth Camp, emphasizing self-advocacy, youth leadership, independent living, and future workplace skills for a maximum of 25 students with disabilities**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Easter Seals Nebraska for a Nebraska Empowered Youth Camp, emphasizing self-advocacy, youth leadership, independent living, and future workplace skills for a maximum of 25 students with disabilities passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Glen Flint.

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

**7.19. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ESU 16 for a Student Work Education and Employment Program (SWEEP) for 15 students with disabilities in a 21,000 square mile rural area**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ESU 16 for a Student Work Education and Employment Program (SWEEP) for 15 students with disabilities in a 21,000 square mile rural area passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

**7.20. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Goodwill Industries, Inc. for a Summer Work Experience Program for up to 24 students with disabilities in the Omaha/Blair area**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Goodwill Industries, Inc. for a Summer Work Experience Program for up to 24 students with disabilities in the Omaha/Blair area passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.21. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Independence Rising for a workplace readiness training for 10-15 students with disabilities living in Hall County**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Independence Rising for a workplace readiness training for 10-15 students with disabilities living in Hall County passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

At 10:21, President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 10:34 a.m.

**9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**9.1. Presentation on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

Commissioner Blomstedt introduced Reg Leichty and Amy Starzynski, presenters of an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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

**10.1. Meeting participation**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the requests for travel passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	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 1:17 p.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education is a work session scheduled for Thursday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m., in Lincoln, Nebraska.