

State Board of Education Work Session Meeting

October 6, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.
State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building
Lincoln, Nebraska

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 1:59 PM

Present Board Members:

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

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 discussed the meeting participation and joint meetings attended during September.

2.2. Discuss requests for meeting attendance

Board members discussed upcoming requests for meeting attendance.

2.3. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board members reviewed the report.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Committee and Agenda Process Review

Commissioner Blomstedt advised the Board of the steps and responsibilities for Board Committee work. Deputy Commissioner Frison led the Board through the steps and process.

3.2. Consent Agenda process

Commissioner Blomstedt encouraged Board members to seek additional information and ask questions about items on the Consent Agenda prior to the Board meetings.

3.3. Report on Rules

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the Report on the status rules and shared that Rule 4 – Textbook Loan – had been approved by the Governor.

3.4. Board Priorities and Policy Research

No report.

4. STANDING/AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1. Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

Maureen Nickels, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Domain Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee with the Board on the following discussion and action items:

4.1.A. Discussion Item: Presentation of proposed revisions to Nebraska Career and Technical Education Standards in the following areas: (1) Communication & Information Systems, (2) Human Services/Family & Consumer Sciences, and (3) Education & Training

Maureen Nickels shared the discussion from the Committee.

4.1.B. Action Item: Approval of the Nebraska Physical Education Standards

The Committee recommended approval of the Nebraska Physical Education Standards during the business meeting on Friday.

4.2. Student Success and Access Domain Committee

Molly O'Holleran, Chair of the Student Success and Access Domain Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee with the Board on the following discussion and action items:

4.2.A. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 2 (92 NAC 2), Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts

The Committee recommended adoption of revisions to Rule 2.

4.2.B. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 8 (92 NAC 8), Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities

The Committee recommended adoption of revisions to Rule 8.

4.2.C. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the University of Nebraska for coaching and training services for Step Up to Quality

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be authorized to approve the contract.

4.2.D. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Child, Youth and Family Studies (CYAF) to assist NDE with developing and delivering trainings and technical assistance

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be authorized to approve the contract.

4.3. Evaluation Committee (Commissioner Appraisal Committee)

John Witzel, Chair of the Evaluation Committee, discussed the process for the Commissioner's Appraisal.

4.4. Policy Committee

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, shared the work of the Committee with the Board.

4.5. Legislative Committee

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported the committee discussed several topics of possible state legislation, including Enrollment Option Program statutes and reminded Board members to submit requests for reviewing legislation by October 20, 2016.

4.6. Data and Continuous Improvement (Ad Hoc Committee)

Glen Flint, Chair of the Data and Continuous Improvement Committee, reported on the action item discussed at the meeting.

4.6.A. Action Item: Approve AQuESTT Classification Cycle

The Committee recommended approval of the AQuESTT Classification Cycle.

4.7. Competency Based Education (Ad Hoc Committee)

Glen Flint, Chair of the Competency Based Education committee, reported on the meeting.

4.7.A. Discussion Item: Report of the Competency Based Education Study Group

Glen Flint discussed the Report to Board members.

4.8. Strategic Planning (Ad Hoc Committee)

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, provided an update to the Board.

4.9. Finance Committee

John Witzel, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided information on the following items:

4.9.A. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with DoubleLine Inc. for IT services support

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be given authority to approve the contract.

4.9.B. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve an amendment for AnalyticAble for the purpose of expanding the scope of psychometric review

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be given authority to approve the amendment.

4.9.C. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract for Phenoblue for Phase 1 of website redesign and improvement

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be given authority to approve the contract.

4.9.D. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept the USDA Food and Nutrition Services FY 2015-16 Direct Certification Tier 2 Implementation Grant

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be given authority to accept the grant.

4.9.E. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to submit the FY 2016-17 Deficit Budget Requests to the State Budget Division

The Committee recommended the Commissioner be given authority to submit the budget.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the Work Session at 4:38 p.m.

State Board of Education Meeting

October 7, 2016 9:00 AM

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 9:01 AM

Present Board Members:

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wise led the Pledge.

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

President Wise announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1. Approve the minutes of the September 1-2, 2016, State Board of Education meeting as published

Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes of the September 1-2, 2016, State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes

Lillie Larsen	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as posted passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

3.1. Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

4.1.A. Nebraska Physical Education Standards

Marybell Avery spoke to the standards.

4.1.B. Nebraska Physical Education Standards

Lacey Peters spoke to the standards.

4.2. Other Public Comment

- Deb Andrews - education for poor and minority children
- Bob Rauner - physical education standards
- Jay Sears - NSEA, thanks for standards process; nutrition grant - Breakfast in the Classroom
- Henry Burke - building strong state standards
- Rachel Pinkerton

5. HEARINGS (NONE)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

7.1.A. Motion Passed: To adopt the Nebraska Physical Education Standards passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by John Witzel.

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

President Wise called for a break at 9:47 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:02 a.m.

7.2. Student Success and Access Domain Committee

7.2.A. Motion Passed: To adopt proposed revisions to Rule 2 (92 NAC 2), Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.2.B. Motion Passed: To adopt proposed revisions to Rule 8 (92 NAC 8), Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes

7.2.C. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the University of Nebraska for coaching and training services for step up to quality passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

7.2.D. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Child, Youth and Family Studies (CYAF) to assist NDE with developing and delivering trainings and technical assistance passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

7.3. Data and Continuous Improvement (Ad Hoc Committee)

7.3.A. Motion Passed: Adopt the use of Performance Progress Reports for schools and districts for the 2015-16 school year under AQuESTT.

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

John Witzel Yes

7.4. Finance Committee

7.4.A. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with DoubleLine Inc., for IT services support passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

7.4.B. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve an amendment for AnalyticAble for the purpose of expanding the scope of psychometric review passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.4.C. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract for Phenomblue for Phase 1 of website redesign and improvement passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

7.4.D. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner authority to accept the USDE Food and Nutrition Service's FY 2015-16 Direct Certification Tier 2 Implementation Grant passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.4.E. Motion Passed: To grant the Commissioner the authority to submit the FY 2016-17 Deficit Budget Requests to the State Budget Division passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Identify items for separate vote

8.2. Motion Passed: Approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by John Witzel.

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

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1. Disability and Special Education Services Awareness

Deputy Commissioner Mark Schultz, Vocational Rehabilitation; and Steve Milliken, Director, Special Education, presented information on disability and special education services.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Meeting participation

Lilly Larsen, NASBE delegate, discussed responses to various NASBE issues and elections. The Board expressed great trust in Mrs. Larsen's decision making.

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

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

10.2. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board Members reviewed the report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.