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## NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nebraska Department of Education

Minutes of Meeting

March 7-8, 2011

### MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Monday, March 7, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Monday, March 7, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the session was given by posting notice on the Department's website on the internet; emailed to news media requesting notification and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the date, time and location of the meeting.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 President Jim Scheer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll Call showed the following Board members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, John Sieler, Patricia Timm, Molly O'Holleran, Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present.

President Scheer asked Vice President Evnen to chair the March work session.

- 1.2 Vice President Evnen announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

#### 2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

##### 2.1 Legislative Update

- 2.1.1 Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided an update and overview of State legislation. (Handout: 2011 Legislative Session dated March 7-8, 2011)
- 2.1.2 Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided an update and overview of federal issues. (Handout: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations dated 3/1/2011)

##### 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

- 2.2.1 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided an update on NeSA system and a demonstration of the on-line writing assessment. (Handout:

State Board Update – March 7, 2011 – Nebraska State Accountability – NeSA Testing)

- 2.2.2 Marilyn Peterson, Department of Education representative, provided an update on federal accountability, ARRA and Persistently Low Achieving Schools (PLAS). (Handout: Federal Programs and Data Services State Board Report dated March 7, 2011)
- 2.3 Sharon Katt and Carol Grell, Department of Education representatives, discussed revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Authorization to Operate*. The Board will consider action on the revisions during the March 8, 2011, business meeting.
- 2.4 Sharon Katt and Carol Grell, Department of Education representatives, discussed revisions to Rule 42 (92 NAC 42), *Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates of Approval to Recruit*. The Board will consider action on the revisions during the March 8, 2011, business meeting.
- 2.5 Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, shared information on the nomination for a replacement representative on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) and requested input from State Board members.

Vice President Evnen called for a break at 3:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:30 p.m.

- 2.6 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on development of teacher and principal standards for educator effectiveness. (Handout: Educator Effectiveness – PowerPoint dated March 7, 2011)
- 2.7 Donlynn Rice and Trisha Parker, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on Striving Readers Planning Grant. (Handout: Nebraska Literacy Team: Nebraska Literacy Plan: A World of Literacy for All Nebraska Students – PowerPoint dated March 7, 2011)
- 2.8 Mary Ann Losh and Nancy Rowch, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the NDE Project: English Language Learner (Rule 15). (Handout: Service Project: Rule 15 – Regulations for English Language Learners)
- 2.9 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative; and Matt Blomstedt, Executive Director of ESU Coordinating Council, provided an update on NDE Project: Rule 84, (92 NAC 84) *Regulations Governing Accreditation of Educational Service Units*. (Handout: Rule 84 “Regulations for Educational Service Units” An Overview and Project Update dated March 7, 2011)

- 2.10 Commissioner Breed and Mike Kozak, Department of Education representative, reported on the Virtual Education Initiative.
- 2.11 Deputy Commissioner Swisher; Mike Kozak and Elisabeth Reinkordt, Department of Education representatives, provided an overview of the proposed State Board Meeting Room Renovation. (Handouts: NDE Board Room Update dated March 2011 and February 14, 2011 Proposal of Production Equipment)
- 2.12 Vice President Robert Evnen led the discussion of a three-year pilot ACT school-day testing program for selected participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Nebraska Department of Education to analyze resulting data, and if necessary to contract with ACT, contingent on the availability of funding and approval of the pilot program by ACT. (Handout: Nebraska State Board of Education Resolution Regarding Three-Year District Choice ACT Pilot Study)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Evnen adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

#### **BREAKFAST – Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

Members of the State Board of Education met for a social breakfast with various senators of the Nebraska Legislature. The breakfast was held from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at the Terrace Grille, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the session was given by posting notice on the Department's website on the internet; emailed to news media requesting notification and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the date, time and location of the meeting.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting**

- 1.1 President Jim Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez, Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed was also present.

President Scheer asked Vice President Evnen to chair the March business meeting.

- 1.2 Vice President Evnen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 Vice President Evnen announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the Minutes of the February 2011 meeting as published with the correction to Member John Seiler's name in the Motion regarding LB 58.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA for March 8, 2011**

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the Agenda as published.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 The Board discussed the hearings and representation at the March 15 legislative hearings. No action was taken.

7.2 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To authorize the Commissioner to contract with Alpine Testing Solutions for the NeSA-AAR and NeSA-AAM standard settings to occur the summer of 2011.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Authorization to Operate*.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve revisions to Rule 42 (92 NAC 42), *Regulations for Private Postsecondary Career Schools Agents and Issuance of Certificates of Approval to Recruit.*

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Mark Quandahl: To extend the Charter of the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council to January 1, 2013.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

7.6 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Molly O'Holleran: To adopt a resolution approving a three-year pilot ACT school-day testing program for participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Nebraska Department of Education to analyze resulting data and if necessary to contract with ACT, contingent on the availability of funding and the approval of ACT with the addition of a sunset date of June 30, 2015. (Handout: 2010-2011 Fall Membership Counts, percent Free/Reduced-price Lunch Eligible, and percents by Race/Ethnicity for Selected Districts dated March 4, 2011)

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

## 8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Sieler, Timm, O'Holleran, Evnen

The motion passed.

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

- Commissioner Breed announced that Cindy Johnson from the Grand Island Public Schools has requested time to present at April meeting
- The Board of Directors of the NASCD invited State Board members to a luncheon on April 5 to discuss education issues
- Mark Quandahl, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that he and Member Robert Evnen plan to appear before the Education Committee hearings scheduled for March 15

- Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the committee meeting. Chairperson Timm asked Board members to review the Board Goals which were last approved in 2005. A process for review of the Board Goals will be discussed by the Policy Committee.
- Member Mark Quandahl commented on the new layout of the State Board of Education website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Evnen adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
LUNCHEON – March 8, 2011, 12:00 p.m.**

The State Board met with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education during a luncheon event at the Nebraska Council for School Administrators in Lincoln. Board members present were: Lynn Cronk, Patricia Timm, John Sieler, Mark Quandahl, Jim Scheer, Molly O'Holleran and Robert Evnen. Rebecca Valdez was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.