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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
April 4-5, 2011

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Monday, April 4, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Monday, April 4, 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: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, and Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided the following updates:
 - 2.1.1 State Legislation – An update of the State Board of Education Bills with State Board Positions
 - 2.1.2 Federal Legislation – A copy of the press release from Arne Duncan dated April 1, 2011 was provided to the Board.
- 2.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, discussed the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) Contract for 2011-2012.
 - 2.2.2 The Federal Accountability report was covered in Item 2.1.2

- 2.3 Pat Madsen, Department of Education representative, discussed nominations for a State Board appointed vacancy on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE).
- 2.4 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the Educator Effectiveness. (Handout: PowerPoint dated April 4, 2011)
- 2.5 Donlynn Rice and Tricia Parker, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on Striving Readers Planning grant.
- 2.6 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the continuing approval status of Nonpublic Schools for the School Year 2011-2012 under Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), *Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools*.
- 2.7 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the continuing accreditation status of Educational Service Units for the 2011-12 School Year under Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), *Regulations for Educational Service Units*.
- 2.10 Commissioner Breed reviewed the process for the appraisal of the Commissioner. Board members are asked to complete the appraisal survey and return them to President Scheer by April 20, 2011.
- 2.8 Commissioner Breed and Mike Kozak, Department of Education representative, reviewed the *NeLIVE: A Nebraska Virtual Education Initiative* draft concept paper. (Handout: Draft Concept Paper dated 4/1/2011)

Mark Quandahl left the Work Session at 3:25 p.m.

President Scheer called for a break at 3:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:43 p.m.

- 2.9 Commissioner Breed reviewed the status of the State Board of Education goals. Commissioner Breed encouraged the Board to consider engaging in updating and goal setting session.

Patricia Timm, Policy Committee Chair, reported the discussion on Board Goals during the committee meeting. The Board discussed setting a retreat day in September for goal setting purposes as well as reviewing the goals of the Commissioner.

- 2.11 Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher, Elisabeth Reinkordt and Mike Kozak, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the State Board of Education Meeting Room renovation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH GOVERNOR – Tuesday, April 5, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a social breakfast with Governor Heineman at the Residence beginning at 7:30 a.m. Board members present were Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez, Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed, Deputy Commissioner Swisher and Assistant Commissioner Halstead were also present.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Tuesday, April 5, 2011

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting 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 9:07 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.
- 1.2 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the minutes of the March 7-8, 2011 minutes correcting the first bullet point in Item 10 to read "Commissioner Breed announced that Cindy Johnson from the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce requested time to present at April meeting."

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

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

Commissioner Breed acknowledged the presence of Kevin Riley, superintendent from Gretna Public Schools, and his receipt of the PDK Distinguished Service Award.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, commenting on Action Item 7.2, the Virtual Education initiative and development of educator standards.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.11 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Molly O'Holleran: In *Claudine E. Farmer v. Commissioner*, NDE Case No. 10-21, that the Board adopt the findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the hearing Officer, denying Petitioner's application for a teaching or coaching certificate, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal counsel.

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

The motion passed.

7.1 No action taken on legislative issues.

7.2 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the production and administration of the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Tests, including the Check 4 Learning System.

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

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve nonpublic schools for the school year 2011-2012 under Rule 14 (92 NAC 14), *Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools*.

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

The motion passed.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To Classify Chadron Prairie View SDA School as approved on probation for the 2011-12 school year.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve Educational Service Units 1 through 19 as accredited for the 2011-12 school year under Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), *Regulations for Educational Service Units*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by John Sieler, second by Robert Evnen: To authorize the commissioner to approve the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) section 1003(g) school improvement grants (SIG) for the 2011-2012 school Year to the following Tier 1 schools: Madison Middle School (\$1,697,504), Stapleton Elementary School, (\$1,098,553) Walthill High School (\$1,399,095) and Walthill Elementary School (\$1,475,500)

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To nominate Debra Freese to fill a vacancy in the Board-appointed category of Other Teacher Representatives on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE).

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the contract for Robin McWilliam to deliver consultation and training services regarding the early childhood routines based model.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the proposed revisions to Title 93 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 1-16, *Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.9 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Seiler: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the contract with NET for Board Room technology upgrade with consideration of acquiring monitors larger than 60 inches and video streaming capabilities to each Board member.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.10 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to approve the 2011 slate of 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grants, contingent upon availability of federal funds.

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

The motion passed.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: 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.**

- 10.3 NASBE Committee Meetings and Legislative Conference. Patricia Timm, John Sieler, Molly O'Holleran, Robert Evnen and Jim Scheer commented on the NASBE Committee Meetings and joint meeting with CCSSO in Washington, DC in March, 2011.

- 10.1 Patricia Timm shared information on the Healthy Kid program.

John Sieler and Rebecca Valdez reported on the Empowerment Omaha meeting they attended.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:03 a.m.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

Cindy Johnson, President, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce; Jennifer Worthington, Chair, Board of Education, Grand Island Public Schools and Robin Dexter, Associate Superintendent for Student Services, Grand Island Public Schools presented information on the Community Plans for a Career Tech Center in Grand Island, Nebraska.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

LUNCHEON - Nebraska Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, April 5, 2011

The Board met for purposes of a social luncheon as a guest of the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development at Billy's, 1301 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Board members present were Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez, Molly O'Holleran. Commissioner Breed, Deputy Commissioner Swisher and Assistant Commissioner Halstead were also present.