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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting
July 10-11, 2012

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Tuesday, July 10, 2012
The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The work session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the work 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 Scheer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, John Sieler, Patricia Timm, Molly O'Holleran, and Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present.

1.2 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

1.3 Special Resolution – President Jim Scheer read a Resolution in recognition of the retirement of Pat Roschewski.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Resolution in Recognition of the Retirement of Pat Roschewski.

Board members expressed admiration and appreciation for the work of Pat Roschewski on behalf of education and students in Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

2.1 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2.1.1 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, and Susan Davis of Alpine Testing, discussed the science standards setting.

2.1.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided an update on NePAS.

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2.1.3 John Moon, Department of Education representative, discussed the continuation of the contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the statewide writing test. (Handout: Form B – Yr. 3 Cost Sheet dated June 20, 2012 NeSA Writing: 2013-Request for Proposal Number 10-403-01)

2.1.4 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the Social Studies Standards. (Handout: Social Studies Standards Revision Update, dated July 10, 2012)

2.1.5 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Model. (Handout: Educator Effectiveness: Developing Model Evaluation Systems dated July 10, 2012)

President Scheer called for a break at 3:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:45 p.m.

2.2 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed recommendations from the State Accreditation Committee to Accredit Schools for the 2012-13 school year. The Board will be asked to approve the recommendations during the business meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2012.

2.3 Margaret Worth, Department of Education representative, discussed revisions to Rule 55 (92 NAC 55), *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Due Process Hearings in Special Education Contested Cases*. The Board will be asked to take action on the revisions during the business meeting on July 11, 2012.

2.4 Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, and Commissioner Breed discussed the contract with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to conduct research regarding the ACT District Choice Pilot Study.

2.5 Commissioner Breed provided a list of proposed Board dates for 2013 for review by the State Board members. Members will be asked to set the meeting schedule for 2013 at the August meeting. Changing the date for the October 2012 meeting will also be discussed in August.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Dr. Mary Hawkins, President; Dr. Therese Michels, Dean; and Dr. Mick Shadbolt, Professor; all from Bellevue University demonstrated their On-Line Education program and its future as they see it in Nebraska, as well as globally. (Handout: Bellevue University)

President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, July 11, 2012

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The work session was held at the State Office Building in the State Board Meeting Room in Lincoln, Nebraska. Publicized notice of the meeting 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 Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Jim Scheer, Rebecca Valdez, John Sieler, Patricia Timm, Molly O'Holleran, and Robert Evnen. Mark Quandahl was absent and excused. Commissioner Breed was also present.

1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the Minutes of the May 7-8, 2012, State Board of Education meeting.

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

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for July 11, 2012

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the Agenda as published for the July 11, 2012, State Board meeting.

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lillie Larsen, appearing in support of the revision to Rule 10

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- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association – thanked Pat Roschewski for her outstanding leadership in assessment; she will be missed; members of NSEA have benefited from her knowledge

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1.1 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided information regarding the recommended cut scores for the NeSA-Science tests. (Handout: 2012 NeSA Science Standard Setting – 67% proficiency)

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the recommended cut scores for the NeSA-Science tests.

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

The motion passed.

7.1.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided information regarding the recommended cut scores for the NeSA-AA Science tests (alternate tests). (Handout: NeSA-AAS (Alternate Assessment in Science) Standard Setting)

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Lynn Cronk: To accept the recommended cut scores as presented for the NeSA-AAS (Alternate Assessment in Science).

President Scheer expressed appreciation to the Committee for their work on the assessment process including NDE staff and others involved in the process.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer again expressed his appreciation to Pat Roschewski for her work with the Department and the State Board.

7.2 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To classify the schools on the listed in support material to be accredited to operate for 2012-13 in accordance with provisions of Rule 10.

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

The motion passed.

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Motion by Patricia Timm, second by John Sieler: To classify Holy Cross Elementary, Omaha, NE; Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary, Omaha, NE; St. Gerald Elementary, Ralston, NE; St. Margaret Mary Elementary, Omaha, NE; St. Michael Elementary, South Sioux City, NE; and St. Wenceslaus, Omaha, NE, as accredited for the 2012-13 school year.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer took a point of privilege to wish Gary Sherman a speedy recovery.

7.3 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Sieler: To approve revisions to Rule 55 (92 NAC 55), *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Due Process Hearings in Special Education Contested Cases*.

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Margaret Worth, Department of Education representative, presented information to the Board.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Patricia Timm: To move into Executive Session for purposes of receiving information from legal counsel on contested cases.

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

The motion passed. At 9:48 a.m., the State Board moved into Executive Session for purposes of receiving information from legal counsel on contested cases.

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Robert Evnen: To adjourn the Executive Session of the Board at 10:05 a.m. and resume the regular business meeting.

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

The motion passed. The Board resumed the regular business meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: In *Trent and Kelli Loos v. Loup City Public Schools*, NDE Case No. 12-06, that this Board adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Recommended Conclusions of Law, affirm the Respondent's decision to deny the Petitioner's option enrollment application, and adopt the final order prepared by legal counsel.

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To adopt the prepared Order to adjust the boundaries of ESU 6 and ESU 18 to reflect the boundaries of member school districts.

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

The motion passed.

7.6 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by John Sieler: To adopt the prepared Order to adjust the boundaries of ESU 2 and ESU 7 to reflect the boundaries of member school districts.

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

The motion passed.

7.7 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: In *Melissa Haver v.* Commissioner, NDE Case No. 12-04, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, denying Petitioner's request to participate in student teaching activities, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

7.8 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to pay annual dues for the National Association on State Board of Education (NASBE); Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Nebraska

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Association of School Boards (NASB) to include additional funds of approximately $2500 for NASBE new board member training in 2013.

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

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer took a point of privilege to recognize and thank Elisabeth Reinkordt for her contribution and commitment upon her departure from the Department to continue her education. Board Member Robert Evnen added his support and congratulations to Elisabeth for her work resulting in *When We Stop Counting* film co-created by Elisabeth Reinkordt.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Sieler reported on the work of the NASBE Technology Committee. The Committee will present a final report at the October meeting in Chicago.

Commissioner Breed surveyed the Board for attendance at the October 11, 2012, NASBE meeting. Those planning to attend include Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, John Sieler, and Molly O'Holleran.

Commissioner Breed proposed the October meeting of the State Board be scheduled for October 9-10. The Board will take action on that change in August.

Commissioner Breed surveyed the Board for attendance at Administrators' Days in Kearney on July 25, 2012. Those planning to attend include Jim Scheer, John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran.

No other Committee Reports were given.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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