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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting  
November 8- 9, 2012

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, November 8, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, November 8, 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, John Sieler, Molly O’Holleran, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm and Robert Evnen. Commissioner Breed was also present. Mr. Sieler and Mr. Evnen left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- 1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Scheer announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**2.1 Year in Review – Teacher of the Year**

Michael Fryda, former Nebraska Teacher of the Year, provided information about the NNSTOY (National Network of State Teachers of the Year) and offered assistance on policy issues.

Luisa Paloma, Liberty Elementary School teacher from Omaha, Nebraska, reviewed her year as 2012 Teacher of the Year.

**2.2 Special Recognition**

- 2.21 Sara Robinson 2012 Nebraska Milken Educator received the Milken obelisk. Superintendent Rob Winters and Principal Julie Martin spoke on her behalf. (Handout: Milken Educator Awards)

## 2.3 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY

2.3.1 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the State of the Schools Report release scheduled on November 20, 2012.

2.3.2 Donlynn Rice and Harris Payne, Department of Education representatives, provided a report on Social Studies Standards Validation and an update on public comment. (Handout: PowerPoint – Social Studies Standards Revision Update dated November 8, 2012)

2.4 Donlynn Rice and Jim Havelka, Department of Education representatives, discussed Leadership Committee Recommendations for Teacher Principal Evaluation Models. (Handout: Nebraska Teacher and Principal Model Evaluation Project Leadership Committee Recommendations dated November 9, 2012)

President Scheer called for a break at 3:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:48 p.m.

2.5 Russ Inbody, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revised Rule 8 (92 NAC 8), *Regulations for School Financing and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities*.

2.6 Patricia Timm, State Board Member, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, discussed retaining State Board Policy G19, *Standards Assessment and Accountability (SAA) Belief Statements*.

2.7 Patricia Timm, State Board Member, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, discussed the proposed new State Board Policy, *Nebraska Virtual Education*.

2.8 Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education, discussed the contract with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to conduct an ACT Pilot testing research project. (Handout: Evaluation of the ACT Pilot Project Based on College-Going Rates and the Correlation of ACT and NeSA Assessment Scores dated October 26, 2012)

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education, reported on progress with the State Board goals. (Handout: November 2, 2012 Accumulated Responses to Progress with Nebraska State Board of Education Goals)

3.2 Sharon Katt and Vicki Bauer, Department of Education representatives provided information on the Adult Education program featuring the distance education program that was launched in 2011-12 program year along with updated information on program's initiatives and performance in Nebraska.

(Handout: Distance Education Project Nebraska Adult Education dated November 8, 2012)

President Scheer announced the rescheduling of the Legislative Committee meeting from Friday morning to immediately following the Board Work Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday, November 9, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Friday, November 9, 2012, 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 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**

President Jim Scheer passed control of the State Board Business meeting to Vice President Mark Quandahl.

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

1.2 Vice President Quandahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Vice President Quandahl announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

#### **1.4 SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

1.4.1 The Nebraska Arts Council was recognized by a State Board Resolution read by Commissioner Breed in appreciation of support for Arts Education.  
(Handout: State Board Resolution)

1.4.2 President Jim Scheer announced the election results for the State Board of Education. Lillie Larsen was elected to District 1, Rachel Wise was elected to District 3, Mark Quandahl was re-elected to District 2, and Rebecca Valdez was re-elected to District 4.

Vice President Quandahl also noted the election of Jim Scheer as a state senator for District 19.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by John Seiler: To approve the Minutes of the October 9-10, 2012, State Board Work Session and Meeting as published.

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

The motion passed.

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the Agenda for the November 9, 2012, business meeting as published.

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

The motion passed.

## **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Jim Krieger – The First Five Years – Nebraska's Early Childhood Business Roundtable, speaking in support of early childhood education (Handout: Packet – The First Five Years)
- Robert Stoddard – UNL Emeritus Professor – Geographic Educators of Nebraska – Speaking to standards for K-12 education in support of geography
- Kathleen Fimple – Geography instructor – speaking to Social Studies standards and in support of geography standards
- Randy Bertolis – GEON – speaking in support of geography in the social studies standards
- Randy Ernst – LPS teacher – in support of social studies standards and support for keeping geography in the social studies standards
- Barry Thomes – OPS Supervisor for Social Studies – in support of inclusion of geography in the social studies standards
- Ann Masters – Malaika Foundation – expressed appreciation to the State Board for approving the Global Competency Statement
- J.P. Caruso – LPS teacher – speaking to social studies standards and support of geography inclusion in the standards

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Jim Scheer: To adopt the proposed revised Rule 8 (92NAC 8), *Regulations for School Financing and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Leadership Committee Recommendations for Teacher Principal Evaluation Models.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rebecca Valdez: To reaffirm State Board Policy G19, *Standards Assessment and Accountability (SAA) Belief Statements*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve proposed new State Board policy, *Nebraska Virtual Education*.

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

The motion passed.

Robert Evnen left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

- 7.5 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) to conduct an ACT Pilot testing research project.

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

The motion passed.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed.

Vice President Quandahl called for a break at 10:25 a.m. Patricia Timm left the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Vice President Quandahl resumed the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

## **10. BOARD REPORTS**

10.1 Dates for joint meetings with policy partners – Commissioner Breed notified the Board that NASCD has invited the Board to a luncheon on February 4, 2013. All plan to attend at this time.

10.3 John Sieler, Rebecca Valdez, and Molly O'Holleran provided reports from Board members who attended the National State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference, October 11-13, 2012 Chicago, Illinois

Board members were reminded of the Nebraska Association of School Boards – State Education Conference, November 14-16, 2012, at the La Vista Conference Center/Embassy Suites, in Omaha.

10.5 Mark Quandahl provided a report from the Legislative Committee report.

10.4 Policy Committee – no report

10.6 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee – no report

10.7 Standards Ad Hoc Committee – no report

## **9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Major General Walter Zink, II, provided the culminating report for Civics Nebraska Partnership.

Robert Evnen returned to the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Quandahl adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.