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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Minutes of Meeting  
December 7-8, 2011  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**

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On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m., the State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session. The session was held in the State Board Meeting Room at the State Office Building 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 time, date and location of the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 President Scheer called the Work Session to order at 2:07 p.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran. Rebecca Valdez was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

President Scheer asked for a moment of silence to observe of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 Sally Giitinger reported on the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) 2011 Trust Fund Expenditure Report and 2012 Trust Fund Budget Proposal.
- 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability
  - 2.2.1 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, reviewed the proposal for on-line testing requirements in 2012-2013. (Letter dated

December 7, 2011, to Dr. Roger Breed from Dr. Pat Roschewski regarding the proposal for Online Testing Requirements in 2011-13)

- 2.2.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, provided information on the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS). The Board will take action on the implementation of NePAS during the December business meeting. (Handouts: NePAS Accountability Model: November 2011; NePAS Implementation Decision)
- 2.3 Mary Ann Losh and Nancy Rowch, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed Rule 15 (92 NAC 15), *Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools*. The Board will be asked to approve the proposed Rule.
- 2.4 Russ Inbody and Scott Summers, Department of Education representatives, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 91 (92 NAC 91) *Regulations Governing Driver Qualifications and Operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles*. The Board will be asked to take action on the proposed revisions during the December business meeting.
- 2.5 Russ Inbody and Scott Summers, Department of Education representatives, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 92 (92 NAC 92) *Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles*. The Board will be asked to take action on the proposed revisions during the December business meeting.
- At 3:10 p.m., President Scheer called for a break. The meeting resumed at 3:23 p.m.
- 2.6 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 84 (92 NAC 84) *Regulations for the Accreditation of Educational Service Units*. The Board will be asked to take action on the rule during the December business meeting.
- 2.7 Donlynn Rice and Rich Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed the possible adoption of the Nebraska Career Readiness Standards. The Board will be asked to consider adoption of the standards during the December business meeting. (Handout: Preparation for College & Career – Nebraska Standards for Career Ready Practice (draft))

The Board will participate in a dinner at the Nebraska Club at the U.S. Bank Building at 233 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Nebraska, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2011**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a business meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011 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 time, date and location of the meeting.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 President Scheer called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Patricia Timm, Robert Evnen, Lynn Cronk, John Sieler and Molly O'Holleran. Rebecca Valdez was absent. Commissioner Breed was also present.
- 1.2 President Scheer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 President Scheer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act and web address for the live stream.

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

Motion by Bob Evnen, second by John Sieler: To approve the minutes of the November 8-9, 2011, State Board of Education Meeting.

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

The motion passed.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the December 8, 2011, agenda as published.

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

Absent: Valdez

The motion passed.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jay Sears, representing NSEA. Successful viewing of web streaming in new Orleans last month. Support for Action Item 7.1 and 7.2. Views the items in the "Just trust me" mode because NSEA does trust the Board. Difficult to put new rules in place, but minimum standards are necessary.
- Pat Roschewski, speaking to Jan Hoegh's service to the Department of Education. President Scheer expressed his appreciation for her service.

### 7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve the implementation of the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) in 2012.

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

Absent: Valdez

The motion passed.

7.2 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Mark Quandahl: To adopt proposed Rule 15 (92 NAC 15), *Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools*; to provide the proposed implementation guide to the Board prior to the adoption of the guide by the Department; and to provide a report on the implementation of Rule 15 at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

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

Absent: Valdez

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt a hearing draft for the proposed revisions to Rule 91 (92 NAC 91), *Regulations Governing Driver Qualifications and operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles*, to set a time and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt a hearing draft for the proposed revisions to Rule 92 (92 NAC 92), *Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles*, to set a time and place for the hearing and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Robert Evnen: To grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt a hearing draft for the proposed revised Rule 84 (92 NAC 84), *Regulations for the Accreditation of Educational Service Units*, to set a time and place for the hearing and to appoint a hearing official to conduct the hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

7.6 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Commissioner the authority to adopt the Nebraska Career Readiness Standards.

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

The motion passed.

President Scheer called for a break at 10:12 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m.

7.7 Commissioner Breed recognized the service of Dr. Marilyn Peterson.

President Scheer read a [Resolution](#) in Recognition of the Retirement of Marilyn Peterson.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the Resolution honoring the service of Marilyn Peterson.

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

The motion passed.

The Board offered their appreciation and sentiments for the efforts and service of Dr. Peterson to Nebraska students and the Department of Education.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

## 10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Scheer asked Committee Chairs to provide an update of activities:

### Goal Setting Committee – Lynn Cronk

A draft of the Board goals was provided to the Board for review prior to the January meeting. Member Cronk asked the Commissioner to develop a schedule for next year to compact the goal setting process.

### Policy Committee – Patricia Timm

The Committee continues to review the Board policies for sun-setting and updating. They also completed the annual review of the Trust for the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

Legislative Committee – Mark Quandahl

The Committee met last week with Senator Adams to collaborate with the Education Committee of the Legislature to insure a concurrent path. Member Quandahl reminded members of the Legislative Retreat on January 23 to review legislation and to take action by the Board. The accountability system (LB 635) will be a high priority this year in the legislature.

Accountability Committee – Robert Evnen

Vice President Evnen had no additional information to the action taken by the Board on the Accountability System (NePAS) and accountability rubric.

10.3 Meeting participation

President Scheer reported on the Board's participation at the NASB Conference in November. The Board's presentation was well received and Board members had the opportunity to visit Omaha area schools.

**9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

- 9.1 Rich Katt and Matt Hastings provided an update on Nebraska Career Education. (Handout: December 2011 CDE Update to the Nebraska State Board of Education)

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Scheer adjourned the business meeting at 11:30 a.m.



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MARILYN PETERSON

WHEREAS, Marilyn Peterson has contributed significantly to the quality of education provided by Nebraska schools as well as to the excellence of education enjoyed by all Nebraska students during her forty-seven year career as an educator, administrator and leader in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Peterson has provided guidance and leadership to the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska schools as Director of Federal Programs, Program Director for Title I, and Data Team Leader during which time she led the Nebraska response to the massive increase in federal oversight of education; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Peterson has set a standard of performance and work ethic unequaled among NDE leaders; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Peterson's expertise and service have always extended the Nebraska Department of Education mission of educational excellence and equity, and consistently served Nebraska students and teachers with unwavering dedication to the principles of quality education for all; and

AND WHEREAS, on January 2, 2012, Marilyn Peterson will retire from the Department of Education, leaving an undaunted legacy of outstanding leadership and dedication within the Nebraska Department of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Marilyn Peterson's contributions and service to Nebraska schools on behalf of generations of Nebraska students; and

That the Nebraska State Board of Education Members express their collective appreciation for her leadership and profess dedication to the Nebraska Department of Education.

On behalf of the State Board of Education,

Signature of Jim Scheer, President

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