

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA**

**January 6-7, 2014**

*(Revised: January 3, 2014)*

<b>Location:</b>	<b>State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, Sixth Floor 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509-4987</b>
<b>Web Streaming:</b>	<b>Live web streaming will be available through the State Board of Education website: <a href="http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/">www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/</a></b>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Except for emergency items added at the time of the meeting, the agenda will not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and any changes will be immediately posted on the website.</b>  <b>The Board will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.</b>
<b>Interpreter:</b>	<b>If you need interpreter services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact the Nebraska Department of Education at (402) 471-5059 five (5) days prior to the meeting to coordinate arrangements.</b>
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<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>On January 7, 2014, if necessary, the State Board of Education may break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The lunch will take place in Conference Room C at the State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Board may resume work on the agenda at approximately 1:00 p.m.</b>

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014- COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.)  
(V-Tel Room)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING (11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) (Conference Room A)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) (Conference Room C)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) (Conference Room B)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 - WORK SESSION**

**(Agenda items listed on the work session agenda not completed by adjournment will be carried over to January 7, 2014).**

1. CALL TO ORDER (2:00 p.m.)
  - 1.1 Roll Call
  - 1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
  - 1.3 Recognition of new Commissioner of Education, Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D. (PRESIDENT TIMM)
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS
  - 2.1 Legislative Update (BRIAN HALSTEAD)
    - 2.1.1 State
      - Discuss State Board Legislative Retreat January 27, 2014, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Board Room, Lincoln, Nebraska
    - 2.1.2 Federal
  - 2.2 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT, and ACCOUNTABILITY
    - 2.2.1 [Update on Language Arts Standards](#) (DONLYNN RICE and TRICIA PARKER-SIEMERS)
    - 2.2.2 Discuss the draft of the Nebraska Department of Education Assessment-Accountability: Background and Proposal of Parameters (VALORIE FOY)
  - 2.3 [Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy B12, "Public Participation at Board Meetings"](#) (REBECCA VALDEZ)

- 2.4 [Discuss the sub-grant with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the use of Child Care and Development Funds](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 2.5 [Discuss the contract with the Environment Rating Scales Institute \(ERSI\) to provide reliability training on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised \(ECERS-R\)](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 2.6 [Discuss hearings held on proposed revisions to Rule 51 \(92 NAC 51\), Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs](#) (GARY SHERMAN, BETH WIERDA and LINDY FOLEY)
  - 2.7 [Discuss hearings held on proposed new Rule 52 \(92 NAC 52\), Regulations and Standards for Early Intervention Programs](#) (GARY SHERMAN, BETH WIERDA and JEANNE HEASTON)
  - 2.8 [Discuss Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Part B \(ages 3-21\) and Part C \(below age 3\) Annual Applications and Related Items](#) (GARY SHERMAN, BETH WIERDA and CAROL MCCLAIN)
  - 2.9 [Discuss the contract with eScholar to support enhancements to the Data Warehouse in support of the SLDS grant and the broader management and security of the systems](#) (DEAN FOLKERS and MATT HASTINGS)
- (3:30 p.m.)
- 2.10 [Discuss the grant to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to support the P-16 Initiative](#) (DEAN FOLKERS and SUSAN FRITZ)
  - 2.11 [Discuss State Board of Education Goals](#) (COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
  - 2.12 Discuss the Common Core State Standards Resolution (MARK QUANDAHL)
3. PRESENTATION
- 3.1 [High Ability Learning presentation](#) (DONLYNN RICE and MARY DUFFY)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014 – BUSINESS MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING (9:00 a.m.)
  - 1.1 Roll Call
  - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.3 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ORGNIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD
  - 2.1 [December 5-6, 2013, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)
  - 2.2 [December 11-12, 2013, Special Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska](#)
  - 2.3 **2014 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
    - Decision regarding terms of office
    - Election of Board President
    - Election of Board Vice President
    - Appoint Members to Committees
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for January 7, 2014
  - 3.1 Commissioner's recommendations
  - 3.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION
    - 3.2.1 Kevin Witte, 2013 Nebraska Milken Educator  
(COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  - 4.1 Request for appearance
  - 4.2 Public Comment Period (An Action Item marked with \*\* will include time for public comment on that item at the time it is addressed by the Board.)
5. HEARINGS (NONE)
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION -if needed
7. ACTION ITEMS
  - 7.1 Approve for public comment and discussion the draft of the Nebraska Department of Education Assessment-Accountability: Background and Proposal of Parameters (VALORIE FOY)
  - 7.2 [Approve the proposed revisions to State Board Policy B12, "Public Participation at Board Meetings"](#) (REBECCA VALDEZ)
  - 7.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a sub-grant with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the use of Child Care and Development Funds](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 7.4 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Environment Rating Scales Institute \(ERSI\) to provide reliability training on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised \(ECERS-R\)](#) (MELODY HOBSON)

- 7.5 [Approve revisions to Rule 51 \(92 NAC 51\), Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs](#) (GARY SHERMAN, BETH WIERDA and LINDY FOLEY)
- 7.6 [Approve Rule 52 \(92 NAC 52\), Regulations and Standards for Early Intervention Programs](#) (GARY SHERMAN, BETH WIERDA and JEANNE HEASTON)
- 7.7 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with eScholar to support enhancements to the Data Warehouse in support of the SLDS grant and the broader management and security of the systems](#) (DEAN FOLKERS and MATT HASTINGS)
- 7.8 [Authorize the Commissioner to award a grant to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to support the P-16 Initiative](#) (DEAN FOLKERS)
- 7.9 Approve the Common Core State Standards Resolution (MARK QUANDAHL)
- 8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (The following items are management decisions and/or legal counsel recommendations, which require Board approval.)
  - 8.1 Identify items for separate vote
  - 8.2 Approve consent agenda

**THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 8.3 [Personnel Report](#)
- 8.4 Miscellaneous
  - 8.4.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to assign a Hearing Official to Option Enrollment Case No. 13-19, Cronk v. Northwest Public Schools](#) (MARGARET WORTH)
  - 8.4.2 [Reaffirm State Board Policy G22, "Data Access and Use"](#) (REBECCA VALDEZ)
- 8.5 Grants (NONE)
- 8.6 Contracts
  - 8.6.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve amendment to contract with Patricia Mahrts-Roberts](#) (MELODY HOBSON)
  - 8.6.2 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve an amendment to a contract with Virginia Annette Hahn](#) (MELODY HOBSON)

- 8.6.3 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with HSMC Orizon LLC for \\$53,200 to complete CACFP Agreed-Upon Procedure Audits for 41 CACFP For-Profit-Only Centers](#) (DIANE STUEHMER and BEV BENES)
- 8.7 Leases
  - 8.7.1 [Grant the Commissioner the authority to renew the lease between the Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division and the Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for office space in Norfolk, NE at 1212 Benjamin Avenue](#) (MARK SCHULTZ and RUSS INBODY)
- 8.8 Committees (NONE)
9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (NONE)
10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Brief general discussion by Board members of possible topics for future Board meetings; requests for reports or studies to be conducted by the Commissioner and staff; and reports of activities and information from Board members.)
  - 10.1 Dates for joint meetings with policy partners
    - [NASB Legislative Issues Conference, January 26, 2014, \(6:00 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:00 p.m. program: "The Past, Present and Future of the State Board"\). The Cornhusker, A Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508](#) (COMMISSIONER BLOMSTEDT)
  - 10.2 Approve request for meeting attendance
  - 10.3 Meeting participation
  - 10.4 Legislative Committee report
  - 10.5 Policy Committee report
  - 10.6 Standards Committee report
  - 10.7 State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee report
11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS (The following items are for Board information only. They require official notice. No presentation planned. No requested action planned.)
  - 11.1 [Statutorily required notice of contracts involving public employees](#)
  - 11.2 [Contracts approved by Commissioner](#)

11.3 [State Board Policy B17, "Hearing Officers" for review](#) (MARGARET WORTH)

ADJOURNMENT –The State Board of Education will meet on Monday, January 27, 2014 at Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 for a Legislative Retreat. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. A work session will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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