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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
January 5-6, 2010

MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION – Tuesday, January 5, 2010

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 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 Roll Call

President Kandy Imes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A roll call showed the following members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen, Kandy Imes. Commissioner Breed was also present.

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

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.1 Milken Award recipient, Ryan Mahoney, was presented with the Milken Obelisk by Commissioner Breed.

3. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Ken Bird, President and CEO; and Jef Johnston, COO, Bright Futures Foundation, provided information on Bright Futures Foundation and Avenue Scholars Program. Handouts: Moving Ahead (pamphlet) and Quick Facts Sheet.

3.2 Commissioner Breed and Marilyn Peterson, provided information and updates on ARRA/Race to the Top activities. Handout: PowerPoint: RTTT Narrative and Budget Update (January 5, 2010)

President Imes called for a break at 3:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:25 p.m. Discussion on ARRA/Race to the Top continued.

At 4:35 p.m., President Imes called for a break. The meeting resumed at 4:50 p.m.

- 3.3 Donlynn Rice and Rich Katt, Department of Education representatives, reported on the Career Readiness Summit held November 3-4, 2009.
- 3.4 Mary Ann Losh and Lela McNinch, Department of Education representatives, reviewed the Model Dating Violence Policy. Handout: A Model Policy and Guidance to Preventing Dating Violence in Nebraska School Districts (January 7, 2010)
- 3.5 Scott Summers and Russ Inbody, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on revisions to Rule 12 (92 NAC 12), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons*, and Rule 13 (92 NAC 13), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Religious Reasons*.
- 3.7 Robert Evnen provided a report on the meeting of the Subcommittee on State Accountability.

President Imes moved Work Session Item 3.6 to the business meeting on Wednesday. The proposed policy on dating violence will be reviewed by the Policy Committee prior to Board consideration and action.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imes adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Wednesday, January 6, 2010

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, beginning 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 data, time and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Kandy Imes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen, Kandy Imes. Commissioner Breed was also present.

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

1.2 President Imes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2009.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – ANN MASTERS

President Imes read a State Board of Education Resolution honoring the work of Ann Masters who retired from the Department on December 31, 2009.

At 9:15 a.m., President Imes called for a break. The meeting resumed at 9:25 a.m.

2010 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Robert Evnen: That the service term of office for the President and Vice President positions is set for one year.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Robert Evnen: To nominate Kandy Imes for President of the State Board of Education, that nominations be closed and the election be held by roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed. Kandy Imes will serve as the President of the State Board of Education for 2010.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To nominate Jim Scheer for Vice President of the State Board of Education, that nominations be closed and the election be held by roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed. Jim Scheer will serve as the Vice President of the State Board of Education for 2010.

The President and Vice President expressed their appreciation for the support of fellow Board members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for January 6, 2010

Commissioner Breed suggested Work Session Item 3.6.1, Science standards validation, is carried forward to the February Agenda.

Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the agenda with the recommendation of the Commissioner.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, announced his designation as a registered lobbyist for NSEA; asked the Board to support the Application for Race to the Top funds; and to adopt Rule 24 changes.

Please note: The Board materials for this meeting, which are available for review as public records, contain a summary proposal sheet for each action item and consent agenda item, unless otherwise indicated in these minutes. Board material is located on the Department of Education website www.nde.state.ne.us. Each action item was discussed by the Board prior to the motion and vote. Audiotapes of the meeting, including such discussions, are available for review as public records.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the proposed Rule 12 (92 NAC 12), *Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons*.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the proposed revised Rule 13 (92 NAC 13) regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to meet legal requirements for school approval and accreditation for religious reasons.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the revised Rule 24 (92 NAC 24) Regulations for Certificate Endorsements. Handout: Appendix A – *Status of Endorsements No Longer in Chapter 24*

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the President of the Board to sign the grant application on behalf of the Board for a Race to the Top grant.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer

Voting No: Quandahl, Evnen

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Jim Scheer: To grant the Commissioner authority to provide a grant to Building Bright Futures to provide funding for activities to promote gender nontraditional careers and provide support services for at-risk students as required and funded by the federal Carl D. Perkins career and technical education act of 2006.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Rebecca Valdez: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve awards in an amount not to exceed \$3,048,906 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act technology grants through ESEA Title II, Part D.

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Voting Yes: Imes, Scheer, Quandahl, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer, Evnen

The motion passed.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

Donlynn Rice and Vickie Scow, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, and Ali Moeller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented on LinguaFolio.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

The State Board Legislative Retreat will be held at the Nebraska State Education Association beginning at 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2010.

10.4 Jim Scheer, Chair of the Legislative Committee reported on the December 22 and January 5 meetings. Discussion included a review of potential legislation and legislative resolutions.

Board members were reminded to contact Brian Halstead to schedule meeting with their senators during the February and March board meetings.

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the meeting of the Committee. The Committee plans to continue reviewing the community engagement policy and begin review of the dating violence policy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imes adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

RESOLUTION
NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ANN MASTERS

WHEREAS, Ann Masters 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 37 years of service at the Nebraska Department of Education.

WHEREAS, Ann Masters has provided guidance and leadership to the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska schools as Director of Business Education for 14 years, as the Administrator of Vocational Program Services for 4 years, and as Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction for 8 years, during which she was instrumental in moving the adoption of the High Performance Learning Model, aggressively acted on the development of curriculum frameworks, applied for and received multi-million dollar federal grants, and worked through the process of changing job descriptions, philosophies and work strategies.

WHEREAS, Ann Masters has provided guidance and leadership to the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska schools as Assistant to the Commissioner for the past 11 years, including coordinating the programs for Teacher of the Year, Milken Family Foundation Award, Nebraska Quarter Launch, Administrator Days, Operation Recognition, Leadership Nebraska, and the Mactier Leadership for Learning Award, as well as serving as a representative for the Commissioner on numerous professional boards and commissions relating to the educational industry.

WHEREAS, Ann Masters has served the State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education over the past 11 years as the State Board of Education Liaison, whereby she coordinated various civic and policy partner forums, was active in the NASBE liaison meetings, and supervised communications, agenda and logistics for monthly board meetings.

WHEREAS, Ann Masters' 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 WHEREAS, on December 31, 2009, Ann Masters retired from the Department, leaving an unequalled legacy of outstanding leadership within the Nebraska Department of Education and throughout the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Ann Masters' 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 and admiration for her leadership and for her dedication to Nebraska Department of Education.

On behalf of the State Board of Education this 6 day of January, 2010.



Kandy Imes, President



Jim Scheer, Vice President