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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting
March 1-2, 2010

MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION – Monday, March 1, 2010

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a worksession on Monday, March 1, 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 President Imes called the worksession to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Robert Evnen, Fred Meyer, Patricia Timm, Rebecca Valdez, Jim Scheer, Kandy Imes, Mark Quandahl (left meeting at 2:40 p.m.), Joe Higgins. Commissioner Breed was also present.

1.2 President Imes announced the location of the Open Meetings Act information.

2.1 Legislation

2.1.1 Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided a review of State legislation. (Handout: State Board of Education 2010 Legislative Session dated March 1-2, 2010)

2.1.2 Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, updated the Board on Federal legislation. (Handout: Article – Committee on Education & Labor, *Building a Stronger Economy: Spurring Reform and Innovation in American Education*.)

2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

2.2.1 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, demonstrated how to access the Nebraska State Accountability website from the Department website.

- 2.2.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, updated the Board on Alternate Assessments.
- 2.2.3 Donlynn Rice and Jim Woodland, Department of Education representatives, provided information on the update on the Science Standards
- 2.2.4 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, reported on the State Accountability Ad Hoc Committee.
- 2.3 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, alerted the Board on future revisions to Rule 11 (92 NAC 11), *Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs*.
- 2.4 Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative; and Barb Jackson, University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe-Meyer Institute, presented the Evaluation Report for Early Childhood Grant programs. (Handouts: Annual Evaluation Report July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2009; Results Matter in Nebraska brochure.)
- 2.5 Freida Lange and Dennis Maguire, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on Rule 10 (92 NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*. (Handout: Update on Suggested Revisions and Future Discussion Items in Rule 10).
- 2.6 Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, shared proposed revisions to Rule 25 (92 NAC 25), *Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program*.
- 2.7 Julane Hill and Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representatives, reviewed the Coordinated School Health Proposed Policy and Pilot School Programs. (Handout: PowerPoint, *Coordinated School Health: Nebraska Healthy Kids Perform Better*)
- 2.8 Deputy Commissioner, Scott Swisher, provided an update on the Statewide System of Support.
- 2.9 Commissioner Breed reviewed the membership of the various Board committees. The Committees will remain the same through 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imes adjourned the worksession at 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 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 date, time and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Kandy Imes called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Rebecca Valdez, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen, Kandy Imes, Joe Higgins. 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 Rebecca Valdez, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the minutes of the meeting held February 1-2, 2010, as published.

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

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Request for Appearance

4.1.2 Dr. Bob Rauner, Lincoln Family Medicine Program, speaking in support of Coordinated School Health

4.1.1 Jeanee Weiss, Building Bright Futures Healthy Futures, speaking in support of Coordinated School Health

4.1.3 Dr. John Skretta, Assistant Superintendent, Norris School District, speaking in support of Coordinated School Health

4.2 Public Comment

- Ken Heinz, Superintendent of Centura Public Schools, supporting the Coordinated School Health program
- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, support the Coordinated School Health policy; support 7.5 (Rule 10), 7.6 (Rule 25), 7.7 (Rule 51), 7.8 (Read Across America)

7. ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Mark Quandahl: To advance Action Item 7.3 for immediate action by the Board.

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

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Fred Meyer: To adopt the March 2, 2010, draft [Policy for Coordinated School Health](#).

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

The motion passed.

Board members praised the work of Julane Hill, the Department, and the Board Policy Committee for their efforts.

President Imes called for a break at 10:03 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

7.1 No action was taken on Legislative issues.

7.2.1 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the commissioner authority to contract with Alpine Testing for the Nebraska State Accountability Alternate Reading test (NeSA-AAR) standard setting.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.2 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the commissioner authority to contract with David & Associates to develop a strategic communication plan for career education including career academies, career and technical education, and college and career readiness and to develop materials to implement the communication plan.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Joe Higgins: To grant the Commissioner authority to contract with UNL Public Policy Center to conduct a public perception survey concerning career technical education, career academies, and college and career readiness.

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner authority to reallocate American Recovery and Reinvestment Act School Lunch Equipment Assistance grants.

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

The motion passed.

7.5 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To authorize the Commissioner to approve a hearing draft of Rule 10 (92 NAC 10) *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*, and to set a hearing date and time and appoint a hearing official.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Rebecca Valdez: To grant the Commissioner authority to approve a hearing draft of proposed revisions to Rule 25 (92 NAC 25), *Regulations Governing the Attracting Excellence to Teacher Program*, and authorize the Commissioner to set a date, time and place for the hearing, and to appoint a hearing official to conduct a hearing on behalf of the State Board.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Kandy Imes, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve revisions to Rule 51 (92 NAC 51), *Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve a resolution recognizing Read Across America Week.

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

The motion passed.

8. Consent Agenda

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Board Member Rebecca Valdez invited Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, to share information on the Family Community Conference planned for May.

- 10.4 Chair Jim Scheer reported on the Legislative Committee meeting.

- 10.5 Chair Robert Evnen reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Accountability Committee.

- 10.6 Chair Patricia Timm, reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

- 9.1 William G. Duerr, Program Manager, Career Exploration Program; Major Jeffrey Wooten, United States Army; and Lt. Col. Derek Dill, Air Force Recruiting Service, provided information on education opportunities available with the military service.

President Imes reported on the Board's involvement with Read Across America.

The Board Committee for Commissioner Appraisal will meet following the adjournment of the business meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imes adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 2, 2010

POLICY FOR COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH

The Nebraska State Board of Education believes that education and health are inextricably intertwined. Healthy children learn better; children must be healthy mentally, physically, and socially. To achieve maximum success schools, families and communities must work together. A coordinated school health approach, designed to coordinate services and emphasize partnerships, will promote the physical, social, and cognitive development of children leading to increased academic success.

Preventable health risk behaviors formed in childhood persist into adulthood and are frequently interrelated. The Nebraska State Board of Education believes that the education system, in partnership with families and communities, should work together to address these health risk behaviors which, if left unattended, can lead to serious health problems and disabilities that are costly burdens on families and the entire state of Nebraska.

The Board believes coordinated school health positively impacts student academic achievement and empowers students with the knowledge, skills, and judgment essential to help them make healthy and responsible choices in life. The Board, therefore, encourages each Nebraska school district/building to adopt its own vision for student health and to plan, adopt, implement, evaluate, and periodically re-examine the effectiveness of coordinated school health within their district/school.

The Board encourages the following:

- I. **Each school district/school develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive plan for coordinated school health based on the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention model for coordinated school health. Components of coordinated school health should include, but not be limited to, health education; physical education; nutrition services; health services; healthy school environment; school counseling, psychological, and social services; staff health and wellness; and family and community involvement.**

- II. **Each school district establish a School Health Council and each school building establish a School Health Team that meets four times per year. In the alternative, a district may assign these activities to existing councils, committees or teams.**

- III. Each district/school designate a School Health Coordinator to assist with implementing and evaluating coordinated school health.**