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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 2-3, 2010

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON – Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

The State Board of Education met at the Nebraska State Education Association building for purposes of honoring the Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Bob Feurer. Board members present were Kandy Imes, Jim Scheer, Robert Evnen, Patricia Timm, Mark Quandahl, Fred Meyer and Joe Higgins. Rebecca Valdez was absent.

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Tuesday, November 2, 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 meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Robert Evnen, Fred Meyer; Patricia Timm, Joe Higgins, Rebecca Valdez, Mark Quandahl, Jim Scheer, and Kandy Imes. Commissioner Breed was also present.

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

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

2.1 Michael Fryda, 2010 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, reviewed the activities of his year as Teacher of the Year.

2.1a Todd Chessmore, Superintendent at Lexington Public Schools; Max McFarland and Teara Archwamety, University of Nebraska-Kearney, shared NeSA Accountability comments with the Board. They asked the Board to think about how they are determining PLAS schools, and consider additional tools in assessing student growth. (Handout: Lexington Public Schools Presentation Accountability – Points of Emphasis)

- 2.2 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided a report on LB 800, Excessive Absenteeism. (Handout: 2009-10 absenteeism data; 2010 data to date; 2010 non public data to date)
- 2.3 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, led a discussion of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006.

President Imes called for a break at 3:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:50 p.m.

#### **2.4 STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

- 2.4.1 Commissioner Breed and Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, reported on the State of the Schools Report.
- 2.4.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, reported on the State Accountability Committee meeting. Discussion followed. (Handout: Proposed: Nebraska State Accountability Framework dated November 2, 2010) The Board will take action on Part One: Beliefs, Values, Purposes during the November 3, 2010, business meeting.
- 2.4.3 Marilyn Peterson, Department of Education representative, reported on Federal Accountability. (Handout: ESEA Adequate Yearly Progress)
- 2.5 Russ Inbody and Henry Rodriguez, Department of Education representatives, provided information on the deficit appropriation request. The Board will be asked to take action on the request during the business meeting on November 3, 2010.
- 2.6 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, and Jim Havelka, Havelka Educational Services, LLC, discussed a plan of work for a Nebraska Comprehensive Educator Effectiveness System. (Handout: PowerPoint – Nebraska Comprehensive Educator Effectiveness System) The Board will be asked to take action on the proposed process for the system during the business meeting on November 3, 2010.
- 2.7 Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative; Dr. Rebecca Schnabel, University of Nebraska-Omaha; and Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, updated the Board on progress made to address changes in educator preparation programs.
- 2.10 Donlynn Rice and Rich Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed a resolution recognizing and endorsing the Nebraska Career Academy Quality indicators.

President Imes adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Wednesday, November 3, 2010**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The session was held at the State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 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 9:04 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Jim Scheer, Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen, Kandy Imes, Mark Quandahl, and Rebecca Valdez. Commissioner Breed was also present.

#### **1.2 President Imes led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

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

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Joe Higgins: To approve the minutes of the October 6-7, 2010 meeting held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The motion passed.

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

Commissioner Breed recommended that Executive Session Item 6.1 does not require an executive session; Work session Items 2.8 and 2.9 will be taken as Discussion Items 9.2 and 9.3.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the agenda as recommended.

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

The motion passed.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Renee Jacobson, Papillion La Vista Assistant Superintendent – teacher evaluation

6.1 Joel Scherling, Nebraska Department of Education reported on the Collective bargaining and a tentative agreement with NDE NAPE. The Board will take action on the proposed Agreement at the December 8, 2010 meeting.

#### **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Robert Evnen: *In re Grievance of Robin Hines*, NDE Case No. 10-11, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, affirming the decision of the Deputy Commissioner with respect to the discipline imposed on the Grievant, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

7.2 Motion by Mark Quandahl, second by Joe Higgins: *David Plautz v. Commissioner*, NDE Case No. 10-12, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, granting the Petitioner's application for a special services certificate, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel.

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

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Patricia Timm: To approve Part One of the Nebraska State Accountability Framework: Beliefs, Values and Purposes. (handout)

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

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Mark Quandahl: To authorize the initial steps of a plan of work for Nebraska Comprehensive Educator Effectiveness System.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Jim Scheer: To table consideration of the motion.

Voting Yes: Scheer, Evnen, Quandahl

Voting No: Imes, Valdez, Higgins, Timm, Meyer

The motion to table failed.

Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Jim Scheer: To amend the main motion to read: To authorize the Department to convene with educational representatives of stakeholder groups in Nebraska for the purpose of:

- discussing the development of teacher and principal performance standards;
- discussing concerns and guidance on educator effectiveness systems; and
- discussing whether there is a need for state regulation of this area.

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

The motion to amend passed.

Vote on Motion as amended.

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

The main motion as amended passed.

President Imes called for a break at 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:38 am.

7.5 Trisha Parker, Department of Education representative, shared information about the Striving Readers Grant.

Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to accept the Striving Readers Planning Grant from USDE.

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

The motion passed.

7.6 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Patricia Timm: To adopt a 5-year resolution recognizing and endorsing the Nebraska Career Academy Quality Indicators.

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

The motion passed.

7.7 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Rebecca Valdez: To approve the deficit appropriation request.

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

The motion passed.

7.8 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Joe Higgins: To approve Board Policy G22, Data Access and Use.

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

The motion passed.

## **8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Rebecca Valdez, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

9.1 Dan Davidchek, Central Community College, and Rich Katt, Department of Education representative, spoke about Project Shaping High-quality Integrated Nebraska Education (SHINE). (Handouts: Project SHINE brochure, Project SHINE – Educator Overview; Letter to Educators; PowerPoint presentation).

9.2 (Work Session 2.8) Commissioner Breed shared a proposed agenda for a new Board Member orientation on December 6-7, 2010. Discussion followed. (Handout: Proposed Agenda for New Board Orientation).

9.3 (Work Session 2.9) The Board discussed the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) State Board presentation at the State Education Conference

November 17-19, 2010, La Vista Conference Center/Embassy Suites. The Board topic is *Dealing with Critical Issues*.

**10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10.3 Deputy Scott Swisher, Fred Meyer, Rebecca Valdez, Kandy Imes, and Patricia Timm reported on the NASBE Conference held in Salt Lake City, UT, on October 14-16, 2010.

President Imes thanked Joe Higgins for all his work with NASBE as a Nebraska State Board member and the great influence he had on the NASBE Board.

President Imes also thanked Jim Scheer for his involvement with NASBE.

- 10.4 Jim Scheer reported on the Legislative Committee meeting with Nebraska School Activities Association regarding middle school activities. The group will meet again in March after new board members are on board.

President Imes adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.