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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT – Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a State Board policy retreat on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Kandy Imes, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen. Rebecca Valdez was absent. Commissioner Roger Breed was also present. The Board discussed the Board committee process. The Board also discussed the schedule for reviewing existing policies and identified particular areas for new and revised policies. The retreat adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION – Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Wednesday, September 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**

President Imes called the work session to order at 2:06 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Kandy Imes, Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl, Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen. Rebecca Valdez was absent. Commissioner Roger Breed was also present.

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

**2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**2.1 Legislative update**

**2.1.1** Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided an update on State legislation for excessive absenteeism.

**2.1.2** Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided an update on Federal legislation related to the Education Jobs Fund bill.

## 2.2 Standards, Assessment and Accountability

- 2.2.1 Donlynn Rice and Jim Woodland, Department of Education representatives, reviewed the draft of revised Science standards with the Board. (Handouts: PowerPoint: State Board Science Standards Update dated September 1, 2010; Letter from Achieve to Dr. Roger Breed dated August 30, 2010.)
- 2.2.2 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, shared information on the NeSA-R (Nebraska State Assessment for Reading) results. Results of the reading assessment are located on the Department of Education website: [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov).
- 2.2.3 Pat Roschewski, Department of Education representative, reported on the state accountability model discussions.
- 2.2.4 Marilyn Peterson, Department of Education representative, reported on Federal/ARRA status. (Handout: ARRA, NeSA and AYP and PLAS dated September 1, 2010)

President Imes called for a break at 3:26 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:40 p.m.

- 2.3 Russ Inbody and Henry Rodriguez discussed the FY2011-2013 budget request including priorities for required modifications.
- 2.4 Board Member, Robert Evnen, discussed the State education funding and unfunded mandates in response to a letter from the Governor. (Handout: Proposed Resolution Nebraska State Board of Education dated September 2, 2010)
- 2.5 Commissioner Breed discussed the 2011 State Board of Education meeting dates.
- 2.6 Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, discussed the approval of the educator preparation programs in Nebraska colleges and universities for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Board member Joe Higgins suggested a visit from each institution to the State Board of Education in the hopes of obtaining increased rigor and greater consistency among the institutions. Revisions to Rule 20 will begin this year.

- 2.7 Margaret Worth and Scott Summers discussed the recommended approval of proposed revisions to Rule 19 (92 NAC 19), School Enrollment.

President Imes adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Thursday, September 2, 2010**

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Thursday, September 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 9:03 a.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Jim Scheer, Mark Quandahl (arrived at 9:07 a.m.), Joe Higgins, Patricia Timm, Fred Meyer, Robert Evnen, Kandy Imes. Rebecca Valdez was not present. 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 Jim Scheer, second by Joe Higgins: To approve the minutes of the meeting held August 10-11, 2010.

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

The motion passed.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for September 2, 2010**

Commissioner Breed recommended removing Action Item 7.12 and changing his name on Action Item 7.4 to reflect Joe Higgins.

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

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

The motion passed.

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

- Mark Intrimill, AARP, speaking to the Resolution for Item 7.1c
- Jennifer Carter, Nebraska Appleseed, speaking to the Resolution for Item 7.1c
- Mike Meister, Candidate for Governor, speaking to the letter from the Governor concerning Medicare
- Jane Kleeb, BoldNebraska, speaking to the Resolution for Item 7.1c
- Jay Sears, NSEA, speaking on the Winnebago community efforts to improve achievement gaps
- Rick Poor, Shirts101.com, speaking to the Resolution for Item 7.1c

#### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1a Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the 2011-2013 budget modifications list. (Handout: FY2012 & 2013 Budget Modifications dated 9/1/2010, Chart C1a)

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

The motion passed.

7.1b Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the 2011-2013 budget request.

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

The motion passed.

7.1c Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Fred Meyer: To approve the revised, proposed resolution regarding advocacy for public education funding and opposition to unfunded mandates. (Handout: Resolution)

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Patricia Timm: To adopt the resolution recognizing the week of October 3-10, 2010, as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Mark Quandahl: To approve the 2011 State Board of Education Meeting Dates.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.4 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the NASBE Bylaws and Public Education Positions.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by Robert Evnen, second by Joe Higgins: To remove action on this item from the September agenda for possible action at a later date.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Joe Higgins, second by Fred Meyer: To designate Patricia Timm to serve as the Nebraska delegate for the NASBE Annual Business Meeting to be held in October, 2010, and Rebecca Valdez to serve as alternate.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Joe Higgins: To adopt the Hearing Officer's proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation and affirm the Respondent's decision to deny the Petitioner's option enrollment application in Option Enrollment Case No. 10-03, *Soby v. Ft. Calhoun Community Schools*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by Jim Scheer, second by Patricia Timm: To adopt the Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation and affirm the Respondent's decision to deny the Petitioner's option enrollment application in Option Enrollment Case No. 10-04 *Crooks v. Ft. Calhoun Community Schools*.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.9 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the educator preparation programs in Nebraska colleges and universities for the 2010-2011 academic year.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.10 Motion by Fred Meyer, second by Robert Evnen: To approve the proposed revisions of Rule 19 (92 NAC 19), School Enrollment including the non-substantive correction to Section 011.11 as follows: 79-215(10) is changed to 79-215(8).

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

The motion passed.

- 7.11 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Joe Higgins: To grant the Commissioner authority to contract with Goodwill Industries of Greater NE, Inc., to provide a supported employment program to serve Vocational Rehabilitation consumers with traumatic brain injury in the Grand Island/Kearney/Hastings area.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.13 In order for the Board to reconsider their prior disposition in this case, a motion to suspend *Robert's Rules of Order* is required to allow for a reconsideration motion.

Consideration of the Respondent's request to reconsider the State Board's final decision in NDE Case No. 10-18, *Commissioner v. Colling*, failed due to lack of a motion to suspend *Robert's Rules of Order*.

The Board's previous disposition in NDE Case No. 10-18, *Commissioner v. Colling*, made on August 11, 2010, stands.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Jim Scheer: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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

The motion passed.

President Imes called for a break at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

## 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- 9.2 Rich Katt, Donlynn Rice, Donna Vrbka, Matt Hastings, Nebraska Department of Education representatives, provided an update on activities of Nebraska Career Education (NCE) including a report on NCE Perceptions Study. (Handout: Results of School Counseling Study, Standards Revision, Career Readiness Standards and Career Academies)

- 9.1 Lynette Block, Donlynn Rice, Nebraska Department of Education; Dr. Caroline Winchester, Superintendent and Michelle Heinen, Reading Coach, Chadron Public Schools; Becky Michael, Reading Coach, Gering Public Schools; and Jon Cerny, Superintendent, Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools, reported on Reading First program accomplishments.

Board Member Joe Higgins asked Lynette Block to prepare a report on the results of the 29 schools involved with Reading First and NeSA scores.

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

President Imes reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imes adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.