

State Board of Education Meeting Work Session

August 07, 2014 2:30 PM
 State Board Meeting Room
 State Office Building, Sixth Floor
 301 Centennial Mall South
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4987

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 2:33 PM:

Present Board Members:

Glen Flint
 Lillie Larsen
 Molly O'Holleran
 John Sieler
 Patricia Timm
 Rachel Wise
 John Witzel

Absent Board Members:

District 6 - vacant

1.2. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1. Dates for joint meetings with policy partners

2.1.A. Future of Education on NET2 on July 17, 2014

Discussion:

Board members are encouraged to view the series. President Wise and Commissioner Blomstedt participated on a panel discussion.

2.1.B. Report on NASBE New Board Member Institute, July 25-27, 2014, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

Discussion:

John Witzel and Glen Flint reported on the NASBE new member institute.

Additional services provided by NASBE can be explored regarding attorneys, Governor, and Board liaisons.

2.1.C. Report from Administrators' Days, July 30-August 1, 2014, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska

Discussion:

John Witzel, Molly O'Holleran and Rachel Wise reported on Administrator Days.

Commissioner Blomstedt commented on the overall message and effort of NDE to build systems to support the mission of our school districts to educate every student, every day; and stated that the Board presence was appreciated.

2.1.D. Discussion of 2014 State Education Conference, State Board of Education Breakout Session, November 19-21, 2014, La Vista Convention Center/Embassy Suites, La Vista, Nebraska

Discussion:

All Board Members are encouraged to attend the conference and participate in the State Board session. Topics will be developed and structured. Topics to include: A QuESTT for Nebraska (accountability); information about the study committees; board members networking with conference participants/constituents.

2.2. Approve request for meeting attendance

Discussion:

Annual NASBE Meeting in October 2014. Board members are asked to consider attending.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Consent agenda process

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board Members to complete the Consent Agenda request form if additional information on the item is requested by Board Members.

3.2. Introduction to eMeetings

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt commended staff for preparation of using the eMeetings software in the development of the State Board Agenda and its initial use at the August meeting. He also appreciated the willingness of the Board in working through the new process.

3.3. Discuss the 2015-2017 Biennium Budget Request

Discussion:

Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, reviewed the Biennium Budget Request process.

The School Finance Team and Vocational Rehabilitation Team were commended for their assistance in completing the budget process.

The Board will be asked to authorize the Commissioner to submit the budget at the September Board meeting.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Policy Committee report

Discussion:

John Seiler, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the committee meeting. The Board will be asked to approve revisions to Board Policy B20.

4.2. Discuss the repeal of Rule 88 (92 NAC 88), Regulations for School Technology Fund Program

Discussion:

Brent Gaswick, Department of Education representative, discussed the repeal of Rule 88.

4.3. Discuss approval of early childhood programs operated by public school districts and ESUs

Discussion:

Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed the approval of the early childhood programs operated by public school districts and ESUs.

4.4. Discuss approval of Nebraska Educator Preparation Programs for 2014-2015

Discussion:

Pat Madsen and Sharon Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of Nebraska Educator Preparation Programs for 2014-15.

4.5. Discuss approval of the contract to provide a multi-month training to Adult Education staff on Transitioning from Adult Education to College and Career Readiness

Discussion:

Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract to provide a multi-month training to Adult Education staff. The Board will be asked to take action on this contract during the Business meeting August 8, 2014.

4.6. Discuss granting conditional approval under Rule 14 (Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools) for the applicant Nonpublic Schools to operate in the 2014-15 school year

Discussion:

Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed granting conditional approval of schools under Rule 14.

4.7. Discuss granting conditional approval under Rule 18 (Interim-Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions, & Juvenile Emergency Shelters) for the applicant interim program to operate in the 2014-2015 school year

Discussion:

Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed granting conditional approval under Rule 18.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1. STANDARDS

5.1.A. Standards Committee Update

Discussion:

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Standards Committee, reported on the meeting.

5.1.B. Discuss the Nebraska Language Arts Standards Report on Public Input

Discussion:

Tricia Parker-Siemers, Donlynn Rice, and Cory Epler, Department of Education representatives, discussed the Nebraska Language Arts Standards process and reported on the Public Input session held August 5, 2015.

5.1.C. Public Comment (if any)

Discussion:

Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, in support of the process for public input

5.2. CAREER EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

5.2.A. Present the results of the RTI International Study of Nebraska Career Education to the State Board of Education

Discussion:

John Witzel, Chair of the Career Education Study Group, reported on the meeting.

Rich Katt and Cory Epler, Department of Education representatives, presented the results of the RTI International Study.

5.3. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

Discussion:

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Early Childhood Education Study Group, reported on the meeting.

5.3.A. Update on Step Up To Quality

Discussion:

Melody Hobson and Eleanor Shirley, Department of Education representatives, provided an update on Step Up To Quality.

5.4. LEGISLATION

5.4.A. Legislative Committee report

Discussion:

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported on the meeting.

Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, reviewed the applicants for the Student Attendance Council. The Board will appoint members to the Council during the business meeting of the Board on August 8, 2014.

5.5. ACCOUNTABILITY

5.5.A. State Accountability Committee report

Discussion:

Molly O'Holleran, Chair of the State Accountability Committee, provided a review of the meeting.

5.5.B. Accountability Update

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the draft of *A QuESTT* for document.

5.5.C. Public Comment - None

5.6. ASSESSMENT

5.6.A. Schedule for Release of Preliminary NeSA Report and State of the Schools Report

Discussion:

Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, shared the schedule for release of preliminary NeSA results and the State of the Schools Report.

5.6.B. Review information on psychometric services contract for Assessment and Accountability

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed information on psychometric services for assessment and accountability.

5.6.C. Public Comment - None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion:

President Wise adjourned the Work Session at 5:18 p.m.