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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nebraska Department of Education
Minutes of Meeting, June 5-6, 2014**

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION – Thursday, June 5, 2014

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a work session on Thursday, June 5, 2014, 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 time, date and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 President Rachel Wise called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Lynn Cronk, Rachel Wise, Lillie Larsen, John Sieler, Glen Flint, John Witzel. Molly O’Holleran was present by teleconference in North Platte. Patricia Timm was absent. Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt was also present.
- 1.2 President Wise announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

- 2.1 Commissioner Agenda Overview
Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the agenda.
 - 2.1.1 Consent Agenda. Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board members to complete the form for items under the Consent Agenda in which they request more information.

President Rachel Wise welcomed audience guests from UNO Education Policy Class and the members from Girls State.

2.2 LEGISLATION

- 2.2.1 Rachel Wise reported on the meeting of the Legislative committee.
- 2.2.2 Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, shared information from the Education Committee of the Legislature’s link to a survey regarding the vision for education in Nebraska; and the proposed processes to meet LB 464 (Juvenile Justice) with the

Board Legislative Committee for appointment members to the School Attendance Council. Candidates will be reviewed and approved at the August meeting.

2.3 STANDARDS

2.3.1 Lillie Larsen reported on the Standards Committee meeting.

2.3.2 Donlynn Rice and Tricia Parker-Siemers, Department of Education representatives, reported on the Language Arts Public Comment sessions. (Handout: PowerPoint)

2.3.3 Public Comment – none

2.11 Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract for a consultant in the Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Field.

2.4 ACCOUNTABILITY

2.4.1 Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Accountability Committee.

2.4.2 Public Comment – none

2.5 ASSESSMENT

2.5.1 Valorie Foy, John Moon, Commissioner Blomstedt, Department of Education representatives; and Lisa Peterson-Nelson, Chief Quality Officer from DRC, discussed the contract with Education Measurement for assessment and accountability services. (Handout: Contract with Education Measurement Consulting)

2.5.2 Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, discussed the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) contract.

2.5.3 Commissioner Blomstedt discussed the Assessment policy position. (Handout)

2.5.4 Public Comment - none

President Wise called for a break at 3:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:43 p.m.

2.6 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT and ACCREDITATION

2.6.1 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the classification of the schools as accredited to operate for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 (92 NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*.

- 2.6.2 Freida Lange, Department of Education representative; and Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an overview of School Safety and Security and other LB 923 issues.
- 2.6.3 Brian Krannawitter and Melinda Kentfield, American Heart Association representatives, presented on CPR in schools. (Handout)
- 2.7 Lynn Cronk, Chair of the High Ability Learner Study Group provided the final report of the group. (Handout)
- 2.8 Dean Folkers, Department of Education representative, discussed Rule 6 (92 NAC 6), *Regulations and Standards for Uniform Sharing of Student Data, Records and Information.*
- 2.9 Linda Meyers, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of Early Childhood Education Program Grants.
- 2.10 Mary Ann Losh, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract for Positive Behavioral interventions and Support (PBiS) technology services.

3. ADDITIONAL STATE BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3.1 Lynn Cronk, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Policy Committee.
- 3.2 There was no report from the Strategic Goal Setting Committee.
- 3.3 Rachel Wise, Chair of the Commissioner Evaluation committee, reported on the meeting.

Work Session Items 4 (Executive Session) and 5 (Commissioner's Report) will be taken up at the business meeting on Friday, June 6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – Friday, June 6, 2014

The State Board of Education met for purposes of a meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting 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 time, date and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 President Wise called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Lillie Larsen, Patricia Timm, Rachel Wise, Lynn Cronk, Glen Flint, John Sieler, and John Witzel. Molly O'Holloran arrived at 9:07 a.m. via teleconference in North Platte. Patricia Timm was absent. Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt was also present.

1.2 President Wise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 President Wise announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by John Witzel, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the minutes of the May 8-9, 2014, State Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes: Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holloran, Witzel
Absent: Timm
Abstain: Flint

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for June 6, 2014

Commissioner Blomstedt recommended moving Consent Agenda Item 8.6.13 to Action Item 7.10; and Work Session Items 4 (Executive Session) and 5 (Commissioner's Report) be moved to 9 (Special Presentations and Discussions).

Motion by John Witzel, second by Lynn Cronk: To approve the Agenda for June 6 as recommended by the Commissioner.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holloran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jay Sears, NSEA, speaking to ELA standards and forums
- Betsy Gomez, speaking in support of ELA standards
- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to Common Core standards (Oklahoma)
- Kristie Bundy, TOY, thanking for supporting teachers

President Wise called for a break at 9:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:24 a.m.

President Wise reopened Public Comment for comments from Teacher of the Year, Kristie Bundy.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Motion by John Witzel, second by Lillie Larsen: To approve Rule 6 (92 NAC 6), *Regulations and standards for uniform sharing of student data, records and information.*

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

7.2 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Lynn Cronk: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve Early Childhood Education Program Grants.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

7.3 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by John Witzel: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for assessment services with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC).

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

7.4 Motion by John Witzel, second by Lillie Larsen: To adjust the boundaries for ESU 6 and ESU 18 to reflect the boundaries of member school districts.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.5 Motion by John Witzel, second by Glen Flint: To classify the schools listed as accredited to operate for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 (92 NAC 10), *Regulations and Procedures for Accreditation of Schools*.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Lynn Cronk: To classify Holy Family Schools, Lindsay, Nebraska, currently an approved school, to operate as accredited in the 2014-2015 school year.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.6 Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Glen Flint: To authorize the Commissioner to pay annual dues for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE); Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); CCSSO-State Collaborative Work Groups; and State Consortium for Effective Educators (SCEE).

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.7 Motion by John Witzel, second by Glen Flint: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for Positive Behavioral interventions and Support (PBIS) technology services.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.8 Motion by John Witzel, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for services for a consultant in the Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Field.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.9 Dean Folkers, Department of Education representative, provided background information on the SLDS project.

Motion by Glen Flint, second by Lillie Larsen: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Snitily Carr for strategic communications work associated with the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant and P-20 Governance Council efforts.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

- 7.10 Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by John Witzel: To grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with Education Measurement for assessment and accountability services.

Friendly amendment offered by Glen Flint and accepted by Lillie Larsen and John Witzel to add the following: And to add to the August agenda an update and/or plan on strategies to look at in-house or in-state capacities of future needs for psychometrician services.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, O'Holleran, Witzel

Voting No: Sieler

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8. Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by John Witzel: To approve the Consent Agenda after removal of Item 8.6.13.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

President Wise called for a break at 10:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:44 a.m.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

4. WORK SESSION 4 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by John Sieler, second by Glen Flint: To move into Executive Session to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss the Commissioner's performance and evaluation.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed. At 10:45 a.m., the Board moved into Executive Session to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss the Commissioner's performance and evaluation.

Motion by Lillie Larsen, second by Glen Flint: To adjourn the Executive Session of the Board at 11:50 a.m. and return to the Business meeting.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel
Absent: Timm

The motion passed. The Board adjourned the Executive Session of the Board at 11:50 a.m. and returned to the Business meeting.

5. WORK SESSION ITEM 5 - COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Blomstedt expressed appreciation for the process offered to outline where education in Nebraska will hopefully go in the future and submitted his report to the Board.

Motion by Lynn Cronk, second by Lillie Larsen: To accept, with appreciation, the Report from Commissioner Blomstedt.

Voting Yes: Flint, Cronk, Wise, Larsen, Sieler, O'Holleran, Witzel

Absent: Timm

The motion passed.

President Wise thanked the Commissioner and also expressed appreciation for the work of Dr. Blomstedt since January 2, 2014.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.2 Approve request for meeting attendance

- Rachel Wise will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education meeting June 19-21, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia.
- John Witzel and Glen Flint will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education New State Board Member Institute July 25-27, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia
- Rachel Wise, Molly O'Holleran, and John Sieler will be attending Administrators Days July 30, 2014, in Kearney, Nebraska
- Molly O'Holleran and John Sieler will be attending the Platte Institute K-12 Education Reform Summit on June 24, 2014, in Omaha, Nebraska

10.3 Meeting Participation

Commissioner Blomstedt reported on his attendance at the Nebraska Career Education (NCD) Conference on June 4, 2014, in Kearney, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 7-8, 2014.