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Nebraska State Board of Education
Joint Meeting between State Board of Education and
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Thursday, December 3, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Garrat Room, Cornhusker Hotel
Lincoln, NE 68508

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 8:05 a.m.

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Glen Flint

Lillie Larsen

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Patricia Timm

Patrick McPherson

Maureen Nickels

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2 Open Meetings Law

Members of the Board and Commission discussed education in Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wise at 9:20 a.m.

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State Board of Education Work Session Meeting
December 03, 2015 10:00 AM
State Office Building, Sixth Floor
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 10:08 AM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise
Glen Flint
Lillie Larsen
John Witzel
Molly O'Holleran
Patricia Timm
Patrick McPherson
Maureen Nickels
Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

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

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

The State Board participated in presentations of various vendors concerning services for strategic planning.

2.1. Education First - Vendor Presentation

At 11:00 a.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

2.2. FSG - Vendor Presentation

At 11:45 a.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m.

2.5. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners.

State Board Members shared information about meetings and events attended since the November 2016 meeting.

2.6. The Board discussed requests for meeting attendance.

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2.7. The Board reviewed the Monthly Board Travel Expense Report.

2.8. The Board will hear proposals from four vendors during the December Work Session on Strategic Planning: Next Steps.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. The Commissioner reviewed the Consent agenda process.

3.2. The Commissioner referenced the Report on Rules.

3.3. Board Priorities and Policy Research

3.3.A. Donlynn Rice reported on NASBE Opportunities and Grants.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy G11, "Anti-Bullying"

Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the meeting of the Committee and will be asking the Board to approve revisions.

4.2. Discuss approval of a contract with Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI)

Mark Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Vocational Rehabilitation, discussed the contract details.

4.3. Discuss approval of Rule 51 (92 NAC 51), Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs

Steve Milliken and Gary Sherman, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of Rule 51.

4.4. Discuss the proposed revisions to Rule 82 (92 NAC 82) Regulations Governing the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act

Sharon Katt and Vickie Bauer, Department of Education representatives, discussed the proposed revisions.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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5.1. AQuESTT

Commissioner Blomstedt provided an overview of AQuESTT.

5.2. DATA AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REPORT

Patricia Timm, Chair; and Commissioner Blomstedt reported on Data and Continuous Improvement Committee.

5.3. POLICY

5.3.A. Policy Committee Report

Lillie Larson, Chair; and Sally Giitinger, Director, Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired reported on the meeting of the Committee. The Committee recommends approval of the funds by the State Board.

5.4. LEGISLATION

5.4.A. Legislative Committee report

Rachel Wise, Chair; and Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided a report on the meeting of the Committee.

5.5. TEACHER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

5.5.A. Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Group Report

Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the work of the Study Group.

5.6. COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION

5.6.A. Competency Based Education Study Group Report

Glen Flint provided a report on the work of the Committee.

At 2:00 p.m., President Wise called for break. The meeting resumed at 2:15 p.m. The State Board continued with participation in presentations of various vendors.

2.3. Parthenon - Vendor Presentation

At 3:09 p.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 3:15 p.m.

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2.4. Public Works - Vendor Presentation

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Wise at 4:07 p.m.

State Board of Education Board Meeting
December 04, 2015 9:00 AM
State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building, Sixth Floor
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 9:03 AM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise
Glen Flint
Lillie Larsen
John Witzel
Molly O'Holleran
Patricia Timm
Patrick McPherson
Maureen Nickels

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1. Approve the minutes of the November 5-6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published

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Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes of the November 5-6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda

Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Kathy McDermott, Nebraska for Founders Values, speaking to comprehensive sex education
- Dean McGee, Nebraska for Founders Values, speaking to comprehensive sex education
- Meyer, Nebraska for Founders Values, speaking to comprehensive sex education
- Georgia Able, speaking to teaching values to children
- Sherri Rickert, Nebraska Catholic Conference, speaking to textbook loan program; Rule 4
- Henry Burke, speaking to student physical privacy and bullying
- Deb Andrews, speaking to Nebraska Academic Savings Accounts
- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking to 7.6, priority school designation

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President Wise called for a break at 9:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

6.1. Discuss Commissioner's Appraisal/Contract

Motion Passed: To move into executive Session to discuss the Commissioner's performance appraisal and to receive advice from legal counsel regarding the Commissioner's contract, as necessary to protect the public interest and to prevent needless injury to his reputation at 9:57 a.m. passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

Motion Passed: To adjourn the executive session at 10:42 a.m. passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Approve proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY G11, "Anti-Bullying"

Motion: Approval of proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY G11, "Anti-Bullying" passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

Motion Failed: Tabling action until January meeting failed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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Rachel Wise	No
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	No
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	No
Maureen Nickels	No
Patrick McPherson	Yes

Motion Passed: Approval of proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY G11, "Anti-Bullying" passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	No
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	No

7.2. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI)

Motion Passed: Granting the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ICI passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.3. Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 51 (92 NAC 51), Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs

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Motion Passed: Proposed revisions to Rule 51 (92 NAC 51), Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs, including substantive changes on the errata sheet, passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.4. Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 82 (92 NAC 82), Regulations Governing the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act

Motion Passed: Proposed revisions to Rule 82 (92 NAC 82) Regulations Governing the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

7.5. Select Vendor and Authorize the Commissioner to negotiate a contract for Strategic Planning

After discussion, no action was taken. Additional information will be requested from the vendors and an action item placed on the January 2016 Agenda.

7.6. Adopt Commissioner Recommendation for Priority Schools Designation

Motion Passed: Approval of Commissioner Recommendations designating Druid Hill Elementary School; Loup County Elementary School; and Santee Middle School as Priority Schools passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
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Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Board recognized the contribution and retirement of Mary Ann Losh with a Board Resolution.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Meeting participation

Motion Passed: Requests by members of the State Board to travel including travel request of Glen Flint to Cedar Rapids passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

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Maureen Nickels Yes
Patrick McPherson Yes

Patrick McPherson stated For the Record: *This Board needs a travel expense policy that among other things: (1) defines appropriate functions that Board members may attend at NDE expense; (2) that defines or limits amounts that board members may expense on an annual basis; (3) that defines appropriate levels of reimbursement for meals, mileage, lodging, registration, etc.; (4) that defines the difference between board functions that are reimbursable by the state, and constituent and non-official functions that should be paid for by the member's personally or by his/her campaign account.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. A work session will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.