

Approved February 6, 2015  
**State Board of Education Legislative Retreat**  
January 28, 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 (9:00 a.m.)**

**Attendance Taken at 9:00 a.m.**

Present Board Members:

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

**1.2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson 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

**3. CONSIDER A [RESOLUTION](#) REGARDING PAT MCPHERSON**

President Wise read the Resolution into the record. Patrick McPherson read a [statement](#) into the record.

**Motion Passed:** To adopt the Resolution passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

4. **REVIEW 2015 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** - President Wise charged the Policy Committee consisting of Lillie Larsen (Chair), Glen Flint, and John Witzel to review Board Policies.

Commissioner Blomstedt shared his vision and mission for the education system and work of the Board.

At 9:22 a.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 9:47 a.m.

5. **REVIEW 2015 PROPOSED FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND TAKE ACTION ON BOARD POSITIONS.** Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, reviewed the Education Committee Hearing schedule and education bills.

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 101 –Change provisions relating to statewide assessment of student learning and reporting - with staff testimony and letter from the Board to consider additional support for a national assessment tool passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 239 - Provide for a Coordinator for Educator Effectiveness and Educator Evaluation - passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

**Motion Passed:** To support - LB 371 - Create and provide duties for the Nebraska Council for Educational Success - with a letter from the Board passed with a motion by John Witzel 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

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 87 - Change membership of the Nebraska Children's Commission - with letter from the Board passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 530 - Provide a duty for the student achievement coordinator - with staff testimony passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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

**Motion Passed:** To support - LB 382 - Change provisions of the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act and state intent relating to certain transfers - passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson 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

President Wise called for a break at 11:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m.

**Motion Passed:** To support - LB 379 - Adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act - with staff testimony to include language regarding the "con" statements in the analysis document passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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 oppose - LB 617 - Adopt the Working to Improve Schools Act - passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**Motion to Table Failed:** To table failed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

At 11:45 a.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 1:20 p.m.

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 526 - Define a term related to teachers' and administrators' certificates - with staff testimony passed with a motion by John Witzel 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 support LB 525 - change provisions relating to education - 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

**Motion Passed:** To support LB 527 - Change provisions relating to teacher's loan programs - passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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:** support LB 489 - Change provisions relating to grants for early childhood education as prescribed - with staff testimony 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

**Motion Passed:** To support with staff testimony LB 547 - Change provisions of the Quality Child Care Act - 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

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise announced the February 5 and 6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting will begin on Thursday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.