

State Board of Education Meeting

March 5, 2015

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 2:10 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

Updated Attendance:

John Witzel was updated to absent at: 4:00 PM

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

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

2.2. Approve request for meeting attendance

Board members discussed attendance at future meetings.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board members of the consent agenda process.

3.2. Commissioner Blomstedt shared a proposed schedule for various topics brought to the attention of the Board.

- 3.3. Commissioner Blomstedt provided an overview of Neb. Rev. Statute 79-724 and related requirements of Americanism statutes.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. Lillie Larsen, Chair, discussed proposed revisions to State Board Policy B2, "Public Statements" Action on the proposed revisions will be delayed due to further discussion of the Committee.
- 4.2. Dean Folkers, Department of Education representative, discussed the contract amendment for Double Line Partners.
- 4.3. Aprille Phillips and Matt Heusman, Department of Education representatives, discussed ESEA flexibility assurances and authorize the Commissioner to complete and submit a Waiver from NCLB requirements by March 31, 2015.

At 3:45 p.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting resumed at 3:55 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1.C.2. John Witzel reported on the meeting of the Transitions tenet of AQuESTT.

John Witzel left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

- 4.4. Valorie Foy, Freida Lange, and Sue Anderson, Department of Education representatives, discussed AQuESTT classification and the approval of the classification component

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1. Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the AQuESTT timeline.
 - 5.1.A. Sue Anderson, Valorie Foy, and Freida Lange, discussed priority school designation component and next steps for implementation

5.1.B. TEACHING AND LEARNING

- 5.1.B.1. Following a report out from Lillie Larsen, Cory Epler and Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representatives, reported on the College & Career Ready tenet.
- 5.1.B.2. Following a report from Glen Flint, Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, reported on the Assessment tenet.

5.1.B.2.1. Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, discussed the plan for Implementation of Assessment

5.1.B.3. Following a report from Maureen Nickels, Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative discussed the Educator Effectiveness tenet.

5.1.C. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS

5.1.C.1. Following a report from Molly O'Holleran, Sharon Katt, Department of Education representative, reported on the Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success tenet.

5.1.C.3. Following a report from Patricia Timm, Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, reported on the Educational Opportunities & Access tenet.

5.2. POLICY

5.2.A. Policy Committee Report

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

5.3. LEGISLATION

5.3.A. Legislative Committee report

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Items 5.3 Legislation and 5.4 Interpreter discussion update, will be carried over to the business meeting agenda on Friday, March 6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by President Wise.

State Board of Education Meeting, March 6, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 9:01 AM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Glen Flint

Lillie Larsen

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Patricia Timm

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

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 February 5-6, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published

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

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| 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 (if any)

Discussion:

Commissioner Blomstedt recommended removal of Action Item 7.1 and that it has been referred back to the Policy Committee for further review.

Legislative Review and the discussion for next steps on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing education will be moved from the Work Session agenda and added to the agenda for today.

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as recommended passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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| 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. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking in support of the application for flexibility from ESEA, support of AQuESTT, and appreciation of the work of the Board and NDE.
- Richard Zierke, speaking to following State Statute 79-108, 79-724
- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to Americanism, reading, and in support of LB 29
- Michael Tehon, superintendent of Gothenburg Public Schools, speaking in appreciation of the Board service, support of Commissioner Blomstedt; support of AQuESTT
- Paul Meyer, speaking to 79-108 pledge, test scores
- Teresa Woodard, speaking on phonics

4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

4.1.A. Reading curriculum and instruction

Deborah Andrews

4.1.B. Nebraska Math Standards and Other Topics

Henry Burke

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Approve proposed revisions to STATE BOARD POLICY B2, "Public Statements"

Removed and returned to Committee

7.2. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract amendment for Double Line Partners

Dean Folkers, Department of Education representative, presented the item.

Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract amendment for Double Line Partners passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

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| 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. Approve the ESEA Flexibility assurances and authorize the Commissioner to complete and submit a Waiver from NCLB requirements by March 31, 2015

Aprille Phillips and Matt Heusman, Department of Education representatives, presented the item.

Motion Passed: Approval of the ESEA Flexibility assurances and authorize the Commissioner to complete and submit a Waiver from NCLB requirements by March 31, 2015 passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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| 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 |

7.4. Action on AQuESTT classification

Sue Anderson, Freida Lange, Valorie Foy, Department of Education representatives presented the item.

Motion Passed: Approval of the AQuESTT classification passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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| 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 |

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| 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

9.1. LEGISLATION

9.1.B. State Legislation and Board Actions on legislative issues

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on State legislation.

9.1.C. Federal Legislation and Board Actions on Federal Legislation

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on federal legislation.

9.1.C.1. ESEA Update

Brian Halstead, Assistant Commissioner, provided an update on the ESEA legislation.

9.2. Data, Finance, and Reporting Systems: Balancing State and Federal requirements with Information to Improve the Education System

Commissioner Blomstedt, Dean Folkers and Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representatives, presented information.

9.3. Interpreter discussion update

Commissioner Blomstedt updated the Board on next steps for updating the rule regarding interpreters for Deaf and Hard of Hearing education.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Meeting participation approval

Motion Passed: Approval for board travel including Lillie Larsen and Patricia Timm for attendance at the April 13, 2015, NASBE Regional meeting in Kearney passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by John Witzel.

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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 |

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. by President Wise.