

**State Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

October 1-2, 2015  
State Board Meeting Room  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 2:32 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.

**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**

Board members reported on various meetings and conferences since the September meeting. Board members discussed meetings and conferences in October.

**2.2. Native American Symposium, October 5, 2015, Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska**

Rachel Wise will attend the Native American Symposium. Commissioner Blomstedt informed the Board members about the Native American Symposium.

**2.3. NASBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, October 22-24, 2015, Baltimore, Maryland**

**2.3.A. Discuss the candidates for NASBE President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director**

**2.3.B. Discuss appointing Lillie Larsen as voting delegate and Molly O'Holleran as an alternate for the 2015 Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland**

President Wise discussed Lillie Larsen attending as Nebraska's voting delegate and Molly O'Holleran attending as the alternate voting delegate at the NASBE Annual Conference. Board members should email information on the candidates for NASBE President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Area Director to President Wise.

**2.4. Hispanic/Latino Student Summit, October 27, 2015, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska**

Commissioner Blomstedt informed the Board members about the Hispanic/Latino Student Summit.

**2.5. NASB/NASA State Education Conference, State Board Roundtable, November 19, 2015, LaVista Conference Center/Embassy Suites, LaVista, Nebraska**

**2.6. Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Breakfast Meeting, December 3, 2015, The Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Commissioner Blomstedt informed the Board members about Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education breakfast meeting on December 3 at The Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**2.7. Discuss requests for meeting attendance**

Board members discussed upcoming meetings and conferences and possible participation. John Witzel requested to attend the October 27, Hispanic Latino Summit.

**2.8. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report**

Board members discussed the monthly board travel expense report. Comments are to be submitted to the Policy Committee.

**2.9. Strategic Planning: Next Steps**

Commissioner Blomstedt handed out RFP to the Board members. Board members discussed the RFP document. Questions or last minute changes should be sent to Commissioner Blomstedt.

**3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW**

The Commissioner reminded Board members of the process for Consent Agenda Items.

**3.1. Consent agenda process**

### **3.2. Board Priorities and Policy Research**

#### **3.2.A. NASBE Opportunities and Grants**

Donlynn Rice discussed the NASBE Standards Based Alignment Grant and the NASBE Project Unify.

#### **3.3. Report on Rules scheduled for Hearings**

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed upcoming Rules with Board members. Rule 82 is up for hearing draft approval.

#### **3.4. Protocol for Public Comment and Board Discussions**

Commissioner Blomstedt discussed with Board members the protocol for Public Comment and Board Discussions.

### **4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.1. Discuss the FY2015-16 Deficit Budget Request to the State Budget Division**

Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian discussed the FY2015-16 Deficit Budget Request to the State Budget Division.

#### **4.2. Discuss Rule 22 (92 NAC 22), Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program**

Sharon Katt discussed approving the revisions to Rule 22, Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program.

#### **4.3. Discuss proposed revisions to Rule 19 (92 NAC 19), Regulations Regarding School Enrollment, with one additional non-substantive change in Section 003.02B of the proposed Rule**

Scott Summers discussed the proposed revisions to Rule 19, Regulations regarding School Enrollment, with one additional substantive change in Section 003.02B of the proposed Rule.

At 3:42 p.m., President Wise called for a break. The meeting reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **5.1. AQuESTT**

##### **5.1.A. Data and Continuous Improvement Report (if any)**

Commissioner Blomstedt reported on Data and Continuous Improvement Committee.

##### **5.1.B. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Donlynn Rice, Maureen Nickels, and Lillie Larsen reported on the Teaching and Learning Domain Meeting.

**5.1.B.1. College & Career Ready (Standards)**

**5.1.B.2. Assessment**

**5.1.B.3. Educator Effectiveness**

**5.1.C. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS**

Commissioner Blomstedt, Molly O'Holleran, and John Witzel, reported on Student Success and Access Domain Meeting.

**5.1.C.1. Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success**

**5.1.C.2. Transitions**

**5.1.C.3. Educational Opportunities & Access**

**5.2. POLICY**

**5.2.A. Policy Committee Report**

Lillie Larsen, Chair, reported from the Policy Committee

**5.2.A.1. Reaffirm State Board Policy, G18, "American Sign Language"**

Lillie Larsen, Chair, reported from the Policy Committee on the reaffirmation of the State Board Policy G18, American Sign Language.

**5.2.B. Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy G5, "School Counseling"**

Lillie Larsen, Chair, reported from the Policy Committee on the proposed revisions to State Board Policy G5, School Counseling.

**5.2.C. Approve proposed new State Board Policy G2, "Policy for Nebraska State Board of Education Accountability of Quality Education System for Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT)"**

Lillie Larsen, Chair, reported from the Policy Committee on the proposed revisions to State Board Policy G2, Policy for Nebraska State Board of Education Accountability of Quality Education System for Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT).

**5.3. LEGISLATION**

**5.3.A. Legislative Committee report**

President Wise, Chair, reported from the Legislative Committee on 2016 State Legislation

**5.3.B. Adopt Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA**

Brian Halstead reported on the adoption of the Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA

**Motion Passed:** Table the adoption of the Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA, 2015 to the October 2 Meeting 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

Board Member, Molly O'Holleran, left the State Board Work Session at 4:30 p.m.

**5.4. TEACHER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION**

**5.4.A. Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Group Report**

Donlynn Rice reported on behalf of Molly O'Holleran, Chair, on the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Group Report.

**5.5. COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION**

**5.5.A. Competency Based Education Study Group Report**

Glen Flint, Chair, reported on Competency Based Education Study Group.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**State Board of Education Meeting**, October 2, 2015, State Board Meeting Room, Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 9:02 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 September 3-4, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the minutes of the September 3-4, 2015, meeting 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**3.1. Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda (if any)**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agenda with Commissioner recommendation to add Work Session Item 5.3.B as Action Item 7.6 on the agenda 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
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Henry Burke, speaking on College and Career Ready Standards.
- Jay Sears, NSEA, speaking on Rule 22 and ESEA Reauthorization.

President Wise called for a break at 9:15 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

**4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE**

**4.1.A. American Sign Language Policy (10 minutes)**

Dr. Seiler was unable to attend the meeting and provide public comment.

**5. HEARINGS (NONE)**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE)**

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1. Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy G5, "School Counseling"**

**Motion Passed:** Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy G5, "School Counseling" passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Glen Flint	Absent
Lillie Larsen	Yes
John Witzel	Yes

Molly O'Holleran Yes  
Patricia Timm Yes  
Maureen Nickels Yes  
Patrick McPherson Yes

**7.2. Approve new State Board Policy G2, "Policy for Nebraska State Board of Education Accountability for a Quality Education System, for Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT)"**

**Motion Passed:** Approve new State Board Policy G2, "Policy for Nebraska State Board of Education Accountability of Quality Education System for Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT)" passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen 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 19 (92 NAC 19), Regulations Regarding School Enrollment, with one additional non-substantive change in Section 003.02B of the proposed Rule**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 19, Regulations Regarding School Enrollment, with one additional non-substantive change in Section 003.02B of the proposed Rule 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

**7.4. Grant the Commissioner the authority to submit the FY2015-16 Deficit Budget Request to the State Budget Division**

**Motion Passed:** Authorize the Commissioner to submit the FY2015-16 Deficit Budget Request to the State Budget Division 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	No

**7.5. Adopt the proposed revisions to Rule 22 (92 NAC 22) Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the proposed revisions to Rule 22 (92 NAC 22) Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program 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

**7.6. Adopt Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA (Item 5.3.B tabled from October 1, 2015)**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to take from the table the adoption of Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran 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:** Adoption of the Updated Nebraska Statement on Reauthorization of ESEA 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

**8.        APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented 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

**9.        SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (NONE)**

**10.       BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**10.1.   Meeting participation**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Board members requests to travel and attend meetings with the additional request for Lillie Larsen to attend the NASBE Grant Meeting on October 21 passed with a motion by Patricia Timm 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	No

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be November 5 and 6, 2015.