

Board Planning and Goals Session

September 3, 2015 9:00 AM

Lower Level A

State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE 68509

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 9:12 a.m.:

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. PLANNING SESSION AGENDA

Commissioner Blomstedt introduced Tammy Battaglino, Parthenon EY, as facilitator for the discussion.

The Board discussed strategic planning processes and options. Some of those discussions included:

- Cost and Time
- Alignment with the Legislative Education Committee vision
- Need for public engagement
- Board organization of committee for the proposal process
- Commissioner report at October/November meeting regarding proposal development, funding options, concepts
- Establish a Board guiding committee

3. ADJOURNMENT - President Wise adjourned the planning session at 1:20 p.m.

State Board of Education Work Session Meeting

September 3, 2015 2:00 PM
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 2:02 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 attended since the August meeting.

2.2. Approve request for meeting attendance

Discussion of Board member participation in upcoming events followed.

Patrick McPherson voiced concerns for the travel budget for State Board members. Also concerned about other charity functions. President Wise suggested that Mr. McPherson submit his suggestions to Lillie Larsen, Chair of the Policy Committee.

Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, will be working as liaison between the Board and NASBE.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

The Commissioner reminded Board members of the process for Consent Agenda items and noted the Early Childhood Report which will be discussed during the business meeting on Friday. He also reviewed Donlynn Rice's role as NASBE liaison.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Cory Epler and Sharon Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed the contract with Catapult Learning to develop customized webinars and materials as part of the English Language Arts (ELA) Standards Instructional Tool (SIT)

4.2. Cory Epler and Deb Romanek discussed the proposed revision of the K-12 Mathematics Standards

Appreciation for the work of NDE was voiced by State Board Members.

4.3. Mark Schultz and Tibor Moldovan discussed the contract with Jim Jones, Specialized Consultant, to provide training to Nebraska VR (VR) developers on programming methodologies

4.4. Sharon Katt and Vicki Bauer, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of a grant award to Metropolitan Community College to provide federally funded Adult Education (AE) programs in the area previously served by Bellevue Public Schools

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1. AQuESTT

5.1.A. Aprille Phillips and Matt Heusman, Department of Education representatives discussed the status of the ESEA waiver application.

5.1.B. Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Data & Continuous Improvement Committee

- 5.1.B.1. Patricia Timm and Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the Implementation Timelines and Committee Recommendations for Board action. The Board will be asked to take action on the timeline during the business meeting on September 4.

5.1.C. TEACHING AND LEARNING

- 5.1.C.1. College & Career Ready (Standards)
- 5.1.C.2. Assessment
- 5.1.C.3. Educator Effectiveness

5.1.D. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS

- 5.1.D.1. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success tenet.
 - 5.1.D.1.1. Scott Swisher, Deputy Commissioner, reported on the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 5.1.D.2. Transitions
- 5.1.D.3. Patricia Timm, Chair, provided an update on the Educational Opportunities & Access tenet.

5.2. POLICY

- 5.2.A. Lillie Larsen, Chair, provided a report on the meeting of the Policy Committee
 - 5.2.A.1. Lillie Larsen, Chair, discussed reaffirmation of State Board Policy G11, "Anti-Bullying" pending completion of State Board four-year review of this Policy and that the Committee will continue consideration of this policy.
 - 5.2.A.2. Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy, B5, and "Board Committees"
 - 5.2.A.3. Discuss proposed revisions to State Board Policy B9, "Rule Development"

5.3. LEGISLATION

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported on the meeting. Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, provided information.

- 5.3.A. Brian Halstead, Chief of Staff, provided information on the upcoming legislative session and the meeting of the Legislative Committee.

Board members were asked to submit 2016 Legislative requests to either Rachel Wise or Brian Halstead.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** President Wise adjourned the work session at 4:30 p.m. The State Board of Education will meet for the business meeting on Friday, September 4, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

State Board of Education Business Meeting

September 4, 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

Attendance Taken at 9:00 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. Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes from the August 6-7, 2015, 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	Yes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda with Consent Agenda Item 8.6.J removed 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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking to K-12 Mathematics Standards and the AQuESTT timeline
- Richard Zierke, speaking to Americanism statute 79-108
- Mary Jane Trumper, speaking to K-12 Mathematics Standards

4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

- 4.1.A. Internet-Based Courses for High School Instruction (Gene Kelly)
- 4.1.B. Nebraska Mathematics Standards (Henry Burke)
- 4.1.C. Nebraska Mathematics Standards (Gabrielle Banick)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Catapult Learning to develop customized webinars and materials as part of the English Language Arts (ELA) Standards Instructional Tool (SIT) passed with a motion by John Witzel 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

7.2. Motion Passed: Adoption of the K-12 Mathematics Standards and designation of the revised standards as "Nebraska's College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics" 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	No

Board members expressed gratitude and appreciation for the work of Cory Epler and Deb Romanek and the entire group who worked on the standards update.

7.3. Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Jim Jones, Specialized Consultant, to provide training to Nebraska VR (VR) developers on programming methodologies passed with a motion by Patricia Timm 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

7.4. Motion Passed: To authorize the Commissioner to approve a grant award to Metropolitan Community College for a federally funded Adult Education (AE) program in the area previously served by Bellevue Public Schools passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels 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

7.5. Motion Passed: To approve the Data and Continuous Improvement Committee recommendations and timeline for AQuESTT implementation 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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: The Consent Agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda Item 8.6.J, 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

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Motion Passed: In addition to the submitted requests, Rachel Wise requested attending NASB Area meeting in Nebraska City; and Lillie Larsen requested attending the NASB Area meeting in Fremont 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

Patrick McPherson expressed concern over the current travel policy of the Board and requested the policy be reviewed

11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS

11.4. Early Childhood Study Committee Final Report

- Patricia Timm, Chair of the Early Childhood Study Committee, presented the final report of the Committee to the Board, reiterating the recommendations within the report.
- Commissioner Blomstedt thanked the Committee for their work and efforts and noted that the recommendations align with AQuESTT.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015 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, October 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.