

**State Board of Education Work Session Meeting**

February 4, 2016 1:30 p.m.

State Board Meeting Room

State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor

Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4987

[Link to February 4, 2016, Agenda and Attachments](#)

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Attendance Taken at 1:40 p.m.**

**1.1. Roll Call**

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Glen Flint

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Absent Board Members:

Patricia Timm

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

**2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS**

**2.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners**

Board members shared brief notes of meetings and conferences attended since the January meeting.

**2.2. Discuss requests for meeting attendance**

Board members reviewed requests to attend upcoming events.

**2.3. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report**

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

### **3.1. Consent Agenda process**

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for requesting additional information from the Consent Agenda. He also provided an overview of several upcoming projects for 2016.

### **3.2. Report on Rules**

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the status of rules.

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

Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the Strategic Planning process.

#### **3.3.1. NASBE Opportunities and Grants**

### **3.4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

#### **3.4.A. Courtney Matulka, 2015 Nebraska Milken Educator (2:15 p.m.)**

Courtney Matulka provided a review and vision for her year as Milken winner for 2015.

President Wise called for a break at 2:16 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:25 p.m.

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

### **4.1. Discuss proposed revised Rule 1 (92 NAC 1) "Rules and Regulations Governing the Audit of Nebraska Public School Districts"**

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 1 (92 NAC 1) Rules and Regulations Governing the Audit of Nebraska Public School District. The Board will be asked to approve the Rule on February 5, 2016.

### **4.2. Discuss proposed revised Rule 2 (92 NAC 2) "Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts"**

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 2 (92 NAC 2) Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts. The Board will be asked to approve the Rule on February 5, 2016.

### **4.3. Discuss proposed repeal of Rule 12 (92 NAC 12) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons"**

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed repealing of Rule 12 (92 NAC 12) Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons. The Board will be asked to repeal the Rule on February 5, 2016.

**4.4. Discuss proposed revised Rule 13 (92 NAC 13) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation"**

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 13 (92 NAC 13) Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation. This will combine Rule 12 with Rule 13. The Board will be asked to approve the Rule on February 5, 2016.

**4.5. Discuss proposed revised Rule 83 (92 NAC 83) "Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts"**

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, discussed proposed revisions to Rule 83 (92 NAC 83) Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts. The Board will be asked to approve the Rule on February 5, 2016.

**4.6. Discuss approval of Rule 24 (92 NAC 24) "Certificate Endorsements" and the associated "Rule 24 Guidelines"**

Sharon Katt and Pat Madsen, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of Rule 24 (92 NAC 24) Certificate Endorsements and the associated Rule 24, Guidelines. The Board will be asked to approve the Rule and Guidelines on February 5, 2016.

**4.7. Discuss negotiating and entering into a contract up to the amount of \$50,280 with the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI)**

Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed negotiating and entering into a contract up to the amount of \$50,280 with the Environmental Rating Scales Institute (ERSI). The Board will be asked to grant the Commissioner authority to negotiate the contract on February 5, 2016.

**4.8. Discuss approval of a contract with Emspace Group for community engagement services to provide information about Step Up to Quality**

Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of a contract with Emspace Group for community engagement services to provide information about Step Up to Quality. The Board will be asked to grant the Commissioner authority to negotiate the contract on February 5, 2016.

**4.9. Discuss approval of the VR portion of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan**

Mark Schultz, Department of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation representative; and Vicki Bauer, Department of Education representative; discussed approval of the VR portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan. The Board will be asked to approve the Combined State Plan on February 5, 2016.

**4.10. Discuss approval of the Adult Education and Literacy portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan**

Vicki Bauer and Sharon Katt, Department of Education representatives, discussed approval of the Adult Education and Literacy portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan. The Board will be asked to approve the plan on February 5, 2016.

**4.11. Discuss approval of the contract with ESU 9 for 2016-17**

Matt Hastings, Department of Education representative, discussed approval of the contract with ESU 9 for 2016-17. The Board will be asked to approve the contract on February 5, 2016.

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

**5.1. AQuESTT**

Commissioner Blomstedt provided an update of AQuESTT moving forward.

**5.2. TEACHING AND LEARNING Reports**

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, reported on the Teaching and Learning domain of AQuESTT. [Handout](#)

Maureen Nickels, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Domain also reported on the meeting of the Domain tenants.

Glen Flint, Chair of College and Career Readiness tenant, provided an update.

Valorie Foy and Jeremy Heneger ([Handout](#)) reported on activities around assessment and the NeSA Writing testing window.

### **5.3. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS Reports**

John Witzel, member of the Domain, reported on the meeting of the group. Jolene Palmer, Department of Education representative, also reported.

President Wise called for a break at 4:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:10 p.m.

### **5.4. DATA AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT/STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT**

No report.

### **5.5. POLICY**

#### **5.5.1. Policy Committee report**

Rachel Wise reported on the meeting of the Policy Committee.

### **5.6. LEGISLATION**

#### **5.6.1. Legislative Committee Report**

Lillie Larsen - reported on the meeting of the Committee

**Motion Passed:** LB 868 - Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation - Staff to testify in a neutral capacity passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen.

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

### **5.7. TEACHER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION**

#### **5.7.1. Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Committee Report**

Molly O'Holleran, Chair, Provided a report on the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Committee. A final report will be given at the March meeting.

## **5.8. COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION**

### **5.8.1. Competency Based Education Study Committee Report**

Glen Flint, Chair of the Competency Based Education Study Committee reported on the meeting and plans for submitting a final report in April.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Blomstedt announced a new process for addressing Action Items during the business meeting of the Board.

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

### **State Board of Education Meeting Notification and Agenda**

February 05, 2016 9:00 AM  
State Board Meeting Room  
State Office Building  
301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4987

[Link to February 5, 2016, Agenda and Attachments](#)

## **1. CALL TO ORDER - Attendance Taken at 9:04 AM**

### **1.1. Roll Call**

#### Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Glen Flint

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

#### Absent Board Members:

Patricia Timm

### **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 January 7-8, 2016 State Board of Education meeting as published**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the minutes of the January 7-8, 2016, State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**2.2. Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 State Board of Education Legislative Retreat as published**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2016, State Board of Education Legislative Retreat as published passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Absent
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 as published passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by John Witzel.

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

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

#### **4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE - None**

#### **4.2. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking to Rule 24

### **5. HEARINGS (10:00 a.m.)**

#### **5.1. Hearing in NDE Case No.15-18, Commissioner vs. Heather Gates**

A hearing was held beginning at 10:06 a.m. Kathy Vontz, on behalf of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, recommended that Respondent's certificate be revoked for a period of three years. Scott Summers, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Commissioner, appeared in support of the NPPC recommendation. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel. The hearing was closed at 10:09 a.m.

#### **5.2. Hearing in NDE Case No. 15-19, Commissioner vs. Gabriel Early**

A hearing was held beginning at 10:09 a.m. Kathy Vontz, on behalf of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, recommended that Respondent's certificate be revoked for a period of two years. Scott Summers, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Commissioner, appeared in support of the NPPC recommendation. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel. The hearing was closed at 10:12 a.m.

### 5.3. Hearing in NDE Case No. 15-20, Commissioner vs. Justin Dannelly

A hearing was held beginning at 10:12 a.m. Kathy Vontz, on behalf of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, recommended that Respondent's certificate be revoked for a period of five years. Scott Summers, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Commissioner, appeared in support of the NPPC recommendation. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel. The hearing was closed at 10:14 a.m.

### 5.4. Hearing in NDE Case No. 15-21, Commissioner vs. Ramona Hourt

A hearing was held beginning at 10:14 a.m. Kathy Vontz, on behalf of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, recommended that Respondent's certificate be suspended for one year. Scott Summers, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Commissioner, appeared in support of the NPPC recommendation. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel. The hearing was closed at 10:17 a.m.

## 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion Passed:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m., to deliberate and receive advice from Legal Counsel on contested cases and a pending petition filed under the Administrative Procedures Act passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:35 a.m., and return to the regular business meeting of the Board passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 15-18,  
Commissioner vs. Heather Gates**

**Motion Passed:** In Commissioner v. Heather Gates, NDE Case No. 15-18, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, revoking Respondent's teaching certificate for a period of three years, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.2. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 15-19,  
Commissioner vs. Gabriel Early**

**Motion Passed:** I move in Commissioner v. Gabriel Early, NDE Case No. 15-19, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, revoking Respondent's teaching certificate for a period of two years, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**7.3. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 15-20,  
Commissioner vs. Justin Dannelly**

**Motion Passed:** I move in Commissioner v. Justin Dannelly, NDE Case No. 15-20, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the

Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, revoking Respondent's teaching certificate for a period of five years, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

**7.4. Consider the PPC's Recommended Decision in NDE Case No. 15-21, Commissioner vs. Ramona Hourt**

**Motion Passed:** I move in Commissioner v. Ramona Hourt, NDE Case No. 15-21, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, suspending Respondent's teaching certificate for one year, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by John Witzel.

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

**7.5. State Legislation and Board Actions on legislative issues**

No action taken.

**7.6. Adopt the proposed revised Rule 1 (92 NAC 1) "Rules and Regulations Governing the Audit of Nebraska Public School Districts"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of the proposed revised Rule 1 (92 NAC 1) "Rules and Regulations Governing the Audit of Nebraska Public School Districts" passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Lillie Larsen.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes

Glen Flint	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Absent
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**7.7. Adopt the proposed revised Rule 2 (92 NAC 2) "Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of the proposed revised Rule 2 (92 NAC 2) "Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts" passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.8. Adopt the proposed repeal of Rule 12 (92 NAC 12) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of the proposed repeal of Rule 12 (92 NAC 12) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other than Religious Reasons" passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

**7.9. Adopt the proposed revised Rule 13 (92 NAC 13) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of the proposed revised Rule 13 (92 NAC 13) "Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation" passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

**7.10. Adopt the proposed revised Rule 83 (92 NAC 83) "Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of the proposed revised Rule 83 (92 NAC 83) "Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts" passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.11. Adopt proposed revisions to 24 (92 NAC 24) "Regulations for Certificate Endorsements"**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of proposed revisions to Rule 24, (92 NAC 24), 'Regulations for Certificate Endorsements' passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes

John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Absent
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

**7.12. Approve the "Guidelines Recommended For Use With Rule 24 (Endorsements)"**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the "Guidelines Recommended for Use With Rule 24 (Endorsements)" passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

**7.13. Authorize the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract up to the amount of \$50,280 with the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI)**

**Motion Passed:** Granting authority to the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract up to the amount of \$50,280 with the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI) passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.14. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Emspace Group for community engagement services to provide information about Step Up to Quality**

**Motion Passed:** Granting the Commissioner authority to approve a contract with Emspace Group for community engagement services to provide information about Step Up to Quality passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.15. Approve the Vocational Rehabilitation portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the VR portion of the WIOA Combined State Plan passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

**7.16. Approve the Adult Education and Literacy portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Adult Education and Literacy portion of the Nebraska Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

**7.17. Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the contract with ESU 9 for 2016-17**

**Motion Passed:** Grant the Commissioner authority to approve the contract with ESU 9 for 2016-17 passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by John Witzel.

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

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**8.1. Identify items for separate vote**

**8.2. Approve consent agenda**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of 8.5 and 8.6 passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

**8.5. Grants**

**8.5.A. Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue a grant to the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation for the Nurturing Healthy Behaviors program**

**Motion Passed:** Move to table action until the March 4, 2016, Board Meeting passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes

John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Absent
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

## 8.6. Contracts

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Consent Agenda 8.6.A, 8.6.B, and 8.6.C passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

## 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

There were no Special Presentations scheduled.

## 10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 10.1. Meeting participation

**Motion Passed:** Approval of travel requests and meeting attendance of Board members including the NSEA Legislative dinner to be held March 7, 2016, for Patricia Timm, Maureen Nickels, Glen Flint, John Witzel, Molly O'Holleran, Lillie Larsen, and Rachel Wise passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

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 expend 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 personally or by his/her campaign account.*

**10.2. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS**

**11.1. Statutorily required notice of contracts involving public employees**

**11.2. Contracts approved by Commissioner**

**11.3. State Board Policy B8, "Policy, Bylaw, and Position Statement Development" for review**

**11.4. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants/Contracts/MOUs Report**

**12. ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, March 4, 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, March 3, 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.