

Minutes of State Board of Education Meeting

January 7-8, 2016
State Board Meeting Room
State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South 6th Floor
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4987

Please Note: Support documentation for agenda items can be access through the posted [Work Session Agenda](#).

1. CALL TO ORDER - Work Session

1.1. Roll Call

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

Attendance Taken at 2:06 PM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Glen Flint

John Witzel

Molly O'Holleran

Patricia Timm

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

2.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Board members shared information from participation at various events since the December meeting.

2.2. Discuss requests for meeting attendance

Board members discussed upcoming meetings and events for possible participation and attendance.

2.3. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board members reviewed the Monthly Board Travel Expense Report.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Consent Agenda process

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for the Consent Agenda.

3.2. Report on Rules

A report on the status of rules was provided.

3.3. Board Priorities and Policy Research

No report.

3.4. Update on English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) for the 21st Century

Diane Stuehmer and Terry Shuster, Department of Education representatives, provided an update of ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment). It was recommended to continue with ELPA 21 test negotiations.

4. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Discuss granting the Commissioner the authority to contract with AgapeRed for developing the ATP caseload tracking system (ATTIE)

Mark Schultz, Department of Education/Vocational Rehabilitation representative, provided information on the AgapeRed company for developing ATP caseload tracking.

4.2. Discuss the selection of a Vendor for Strategic Planning

The Board discussed the merits of the vendor applications. After opportunity to review additional materials, the Board will continue discussion toward a selection during the business meeting on Friday, January 8.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1. AQuESTT

Commissioner Blomstedt provided an update on the next steps with AQuESTT.

5.2. TEACHING AND LEARNING

No report.

5.3. STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS

5.3.1.1. Presentation of recommended standards for school security

Jolene Palmer, Department of Education representative, provided information on the recommended standards for school security. Also presenting were Joe Wright, Director of Security LPS; Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP/Insurance NASB; Jay Sears, NSEA; Caroline Winchester Superintendent, Chadron Public Schools; Adam DeBilzan, 2nd grade teacher at Nebraska City Northside Elementary; and Megan Christensen, Kindergarten teacher at Millard Ezra Elementary.

5.4. LEGISLATION

5.4.1. Legislative Retreat, January 25, 2016

The Retreat of the Board will be for legislation review. The Board will also host a Reception for Senators following the Retreat

5.5. TEACHER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

5.5.1. Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Group Report

Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, reported on the meeting of the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Study Group.

5.6. COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION

5.6.1. Competency Based Education Study Group Report

Glen Flint; Ryan Foor, Janine Theiler, and Cory Epler, Department of Education representatives; reported on the meeting of the Competency Based Education Study Group.

6. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the Work Session at 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 8, 2016

Please Note: Support documentation for agenda items can be access through the posted [Business Meeting Agenda](#).

1. CALL TO ORDER - Business Meeting of the Board

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 9:01 AM:

Present Board Members:

Rachel Wise

Lillie Larsen

Glen Flint

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 of the December 3-4, 2015, State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to move public comment prior to the recess, after elections 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	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes

3.1. Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda

Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as amended passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes

Patricia Timm Yes
Maureen Nickels Yes
Patrick McPherson Yes

3.2. 2016 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion Passed: Commissioner, as Secretary of the State Board, to preside over the nomination process passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

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

Commissioner Blomstedt noted that the term of office will be for one year.

Motion Passed: To use a roll call vote on election of president and vice president rather than secret ballot passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Glen Flint.

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

3.2.A. Election of Board President

John Witzel nominated Rachel Wise for President.

Motion Passed: To close nominations and declare a unanimous vote be cast for Rachel Wise as President passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise Yes
Lillie Larsen Yes
Glen Flint Yes
John Witzel Yes
Molly O'Holleran Yes

Patricia Timm Yes
Maureen Nickels Yes
Patrick McPherson Yes

3.2.B. Election of Board Vice President

Glen Flint nominated Molly O'Holleran for Vice President.
Patricia Timm nominated Lillie Larsen for Vice President.

Motion Passed: Motion to cease nominations passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

Motion Passed: Motion to elect Lillie Larsen as Vice President passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

3.2.C. Discuss Board Committee Membership

President Wise asked Board members to consider serving on Board committees and to advise her of their preferences.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

4.1.A. Nebraska Education Standards

Henry Burke

4.1.B. Textbook Loan Program

Sheri Rickert, Nebraska Catholic Conference

4.2. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

- Deb Andrews, speaking to reading and math proficiency scores (NAEP)
- Tom Nesbitt, School Security Services, speaking to School Safety product

5. HEARINGS (None)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (None)

President Wise called for a recess at 9:48 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Approve amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Commissioner of Education

Motion Passed: Approve the amendment to the employment agreement for the Commissioner of Education passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

7.2. Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with AgapeRed to develop ATP caseload tracking system

Motion Passed: Granting the Commissioner authority to contract with AgapeRed for development of ATP replacement caseload tracking system passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise	Yes
Lillie Larsen	Yes
Glen Flint	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
Patricia Timm	Yes

Maureen Nickels Yes
Patrick McPherson Yes

7.3. Authorize the Commissioner to negotiate a contract for Strategic Planning

Motion Passed: Authorizing the Commissioner to negotiate a contract for Strategic Planning with FSG 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 Yes
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 as presented 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 Yes
Maureen Nickels Yes
Patrick McPherson Yes

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Board recognized the Retirement of Beth Wierda with a Resolution.

9.1. Expanded Learning Opportunity programs

Jeff Cole presented information on Expanded Learning Opportunity programs.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Meeting participation

Patrick McPherson stated For the Record: *My comments are the same as last month. 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.*

Motion Passed: Approval of Board travel passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

10.2. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board members discussed the important aspects of travel.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS

Board member discussed the purpose of information items and written reports.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be a Legislative Retreat held on Monday, January 25, 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.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, February 5, 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, February 4, 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.