



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

May 1, 2015

Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Site: NSEA Conference Room, 605 South 14th Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508

Jay Sears welcomed the group and gave a brief orientation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 by President Doreen Jankovich.

Approval of January 23, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes—

Motion by Sharon Katt, Second by Mark Adler. Motion carried.

Review of March 20, 2015 NCTE Full Council Meeting minutes—Katt

Early Childhood teacher pipeline is a huge issue in the state. Discussion at the NCTE meeting indicated support for developing solutions to enhance the pipeline. Additional study will continue with NCTE volunteers, the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, and NDE personnel. Creating a Special Services endorsement might be one avenue to help the supply of EC teachers. However, this is something that needs to be carefully thought out and will take some time to get into Rule.

Review of March 20, 2015 NCTE Standing Committee minutes – Committee ‘A’

Committee ‘B’

Committee ‘C’

1. Rule Status Updates NDE Staff

- Rule 21 – Kevin Peters

Public Hearing is May 5, 2015 with Board Approval schedule for the May State Board Meeting. Provisional Commitment Certificate is being rolled into the new Alternative Teaching Permit. An additional option for this permit will provide consideration for out of state applicants who have completed certain alternative programs, have experience, and are recommended by a school district. The applicant may have deficiencies to complete within a two-year time period. The Rule will most likely not be in place until September at the earliest.

- Rule 24 – Expected implementation August 1, 2015. This includes the new Special Education Supervisor, the additional Special Education endorsements, and Coaching supplemental endorsement.

2. Rule 24 Endorsements / Ad Hoc Updates – Pat Madsen

- Endorsement ready for First and Second Hearings – Health Sciences (Supplemental) – Carol Ringenberg, NDE Health Sciences Career Area Specialist

Health Sciences is one of the fastest growing career areas in Nebraska. Health Sciences has been in the curriculum for about ten years. Because of the demand, especially in the new Career Academies in the state, this endorsement is a high need area. Health Sciences is about the career area of health sciences, as compared to ‘health’, which is about an individual. A focus group was called together to discuss what would be needed for a health sciences educator; several other groups including business and industry were consulted. The ad hoc committee was then called

together to develop the proposed endorsement, and a national health sciences consortium has also reviewed the proposed endorsement. Community college personnel have also been involved in conversations about health sciences preparation at the middle and secondary level. This is a new endorsement and would replace the current Health Occupations endorsement.

The Executive Committee did decide to move the proposed Health Sciences supplemental endorsement ahead.

- Endorsements Hearing for Final Approval –
Music (field) and Vocal Music (Subject)

One written concern was received regarding the Instrumental Music subject endorsement being removed, and Debbie DeFrain, NDE Fine Arts Curriculum Specialist and Ad Hoc Chair did respond to the concerns giving the rationale the ad hoc committee had discussed.

The Executive Committee did move the Music and Vocal Music endorsements ahead for Final Hearing.

Endorsements tabled for further discussion at June 12 NCTE Meeting:

- Middle Level (Field)—Donna Moss made a motion to change language in 006.40D3 to read, “...and a supplemental endorsement in either ESL or Reading and Writing, to change “Special Education, grades 5-8,” and to revise ‘content area of specialization’ to read “core academic area”.

Second by Peters. Motion carried.

Peters suggested putting ‘Middle Level’ on a certificate endorsement and not adding areas of specialization to a certificate.

Praxis II exams include an overall Middle Grades content test which includes the four core academic areas or individual core academic area MG content tests. If the endorsement is in Rule 24 by August 1, 2016, the content test would most likely not be required until September 1, 2017.

- Middle Level (Supplemental)—
Jay Sears—Endorsements need to be flexible at the preparation level and also at the district level. It is difficult to attract candidates to the middle level.
Moss made a motion to remove “the elementary education endorsement” from 006.40B, since other endorsement areas are not specified. Second by Peters. Motion carried.
The supplemental endorsement is more directed to teaching the pedagogy of working with middle level students.

The Executive Committee did move the Middle Level field and the Middle Level supplemental endorsements to First and Second Hearings with the changes indicated.

- Art Field endorsement was approved at March 20 NCTE meeting – will be in Rule 24 effective August 1, 2016. (General Art subject endorsement will be removed from Rule 24, effective 8.1.16.)

3. NDE Updates

- Buffett Early Childhood Proposal—See notes above. Many states fund Early Childhood Education through predictable funding sources. Birth through age 3 has not been a focus

for public schools in the past, but is now becoming so, and sustainable funding sources through the public schools is necessary. Aligned curriculum, home visiting, and parent education are all needed areas of focus. Poverty is still a major issue, as is accountability. Educare programs are excellent, but few families/children qualify for Educare services. The mission of schools continues to expand, based on needs of students.

- Equity Plan Review—Equity Plan will be submitted to USDE in late May, as the deadline is June 1, 2015. Thank you to NCTE for input and review of the draft plan.
- Other NDE Updates
 - Teacher Vacancy Survey—will be revised this summer.
 - Placements for student teachers—crisis in NE schools; move forward with a training model on cooperative teaching model; some institutions are using this already.
 - First Year Teacher Survey will go out to all NE principals who have had a NE-prepared first year teacher during 2014-2015 on May 18.
 - Loan forgiveness—EETP will also now include added endorsements for those teachers who need to add endorsements to meet the needs of students in schools. Approximately 300-400 people receive loans each year, either for initial certification or for a master's degree.
 - Testing—CORE has replaced PPST; NE candidates are performing at higher scores than national averages although the pass rate is not as high as PPST was.
 - Praxis II Content Testing--Preliminary score data shows NE candidates by and large are scoring well with the exception of World Language—Spanish and Mathematics, in which NE has set both scores two standard deviations lower than the recommended Multi-State Standard Setting scores.
 - No additional information about the regional CAEP training that was discussed as being held during the upcoming summer for Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

4. Program Approval

- Grace University and Midland University State Approval Onsite Visits completed during February, 2015. NCTE recommendation to State Board needed by August, 2015 State Board meeting. (NCTE Full Council will vote at the June 12 meeting.)
- Onsite Visits for Peru State (September 27-29, 2015) and UNO (November 1-3, 2015). (August, 2016 State Board approval)
- College of Saint Mary and Wayne State Folio Review – June or July, 2016

5. NCTE Organizational Policies Review

The executive committee discussed adding an alternate for the Community Colleges. This could be a consideration for NCSA next year.

The flow of First and Second Hearings was discussed. There seems to be some confusion in the current process. The Executive Committee discussed a process change during the First Hearing which will begin with a report by the Ad Hoc Chair introducing the proposed endorsement and changes followed by a co-facilitated discussion about the proposed changes led by the NCTE Ad Hoc Committee representative and the Ad Hoc Chair. Any questions that are not answered during the discussion time will be referred to the Standing Committee to which the proposed endorsement is

assigned. The assigned Standing Committee will be required to discuss the proposed endorsement and bring recommendations to the NCTE Full Council during the Second General Session. The other Standing Committees may elect to discuss the proposed endorsement(s) as time allows, but are not required to discuss the endorsements nor make recommendations to the Full Council.

No formal changes to the Organizational Policies were determined to be necessary at this time.

NCTE Continuing Member Development will be discussed at the August Executive Committee meeting.

6. Proposed Agenda Items for June 12, 2015 NCTE Full Council Meeting

- Speaker – Dr. Gabrielle Banick, Assistant VP for P-16 Initiatives (Tentative)
(Future—Dr. Sam Meisels—Buffett Institute—Mark volunteered to invite him)
- Health Sciences – First and Second Hearings
- Middle Level Field and Middle Level Supplemental – First and Second Hearings
- Music and Vocal Music – Final Approval
- Election of President-Elect – Phyllis Spethman, Wayne State College
- NCTE Organizational Policies and continuing member development – Have done an individual committee member mentoring; Do new members need to have a separate time that they are brought in prior to the October meeting?

NSEA meets the evening before including alternates; NACTE meets the day before and many alternates do attend; NCSA does not meet prior to NCTE meetings. Sue Alford shared that having a 'buddy/mentor' on the same committee seems to be a good idea.

- NCTE recommendations to State Board – Grace University and Midland University
- Legislative Update – Last day is scheduled for June 1. Jay Sears will give an update.
- Higher Education Presentations by Creighton, Midland, NWU, Peru State, Union, UNK, York
- Need to get pipeline issues on the NCTE agenda
- Need to get 'value add' of candidates in clinical practice (possible future agenda item)

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.