

State Board of Education Work Session Meeting

December 1, 2016 2:00 PM

State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 2:03 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. President Wise announced 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 reported on various meetings and conferences attended since the November meeting.

2.2. Discuss requests for meeting attendance

Board Members discussed requests for attendance at future meetings and conferences.

2.3. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board Members reviewed the Travel Expense Report.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

3.1. Consent Agenda process

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the Consent Agenda process with Board Members.

3.2. Report on Rules
Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the Rules Report.

3.3. Board Priorities and Policy Research

No discussion.

3.3.A. NASBE Committee Membership

Board Members discussed NASBE committees' membership. As names need to be submitted prior to December 19, President Wise will submit her name to the Public Education Positions Committee and Molly O'Holleran's name to the Governmental Affairs Committee.

3.4. ESSA Presentation

Ron Azoulay and Matt Heusman, Department of Education representatives, reported on the Department activity and work on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

4. **STANDING/AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1. Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

Board Member and Chair, Maureen Nickels, provided an overview of the Domain Committee meeting.

4.1.A. Action Item: Consider request from Friend Public School to waive 6th grade level athletic competition restrictions found in Rule 10, Section 004.02C

Freida Lange, Department of Education representative, discussed the request from Friend Public School. The Committee recommended denying the request for waiver.

4.2. Student Success and Access Domain Committee

Board Member and Chair, Molly O'Holleran, provided an overview of the Domain Committee meeting.

4.2.A. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the state Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for services connected to the **Nutrition Services** Direct Certification Grant from December 12, 2016 through March 1, 2018

The Domain Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.2.B. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska, Extension, for a period from 12/12/2016 to 11/30/2017

The Domain Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.3. Commissioner's Appraisal Committee

Board Member and Chair, John Witzel, reported on the meeting of the Committee. Board Members expressed appreciation to Dr. Blomstedt for his leadership in moving education in Nebraska forward. Commissioner Blomstedt expressed gratitude for the Board's confidence and dedication toward the work.

- 4.4. Policy Committee

Board Member and Chair, Patricia Timm, reported on the Committee meeting.

- 4.4.A. Action Item: Approve the proposed revisions to State Board Policy B5, Board Committees

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.4.B. Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D6, Contracts, Grants and Purchases

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.4.C. Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D7, Professional Personnel Hiring

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.4.D. Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D13, Audits of the Nebraska Department of Education

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

- 4.4.E. Action Item: Approve State Board meeting dates for 2017

The Committee recommended approval of this action item. It was also noted that the January 5-6, 2017, meetings will not include committee meetings; the November meetings will be held November 8-9 to accommodate NASBE Conference; and a placeholder for a possible July 13-14 meeting;

4.5. Legislative Committee

Board Member and Chair, Lillie Larsen, provided an overview of the Committee meeting and the Senators Reception scheduled for January 23 to coincide with the Board's Legislative Retreat.

4.5.A. Discussion Item: Board Policy B17

The Committee recommended that the State Board Policy Committee consider proposed revisions to B17, Hearing Officers.

4.6. Strategic Planning (Ad Hoc Committee)

Board Member and Chair, Rachel Wise, provided an overview of the Committee meeting.

4.6.A. Action Item: Approve the 2017-2026 Strategic Vision and Direction for the Nebraska State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education

The Committee recommended approval of the Strategic Plan.

4.7. Budget and Finance Committee

Board Member and Chair, John Witzel, provided an overview of the meeting of the Committee.

4.7.A. Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP) to increase the capacity of local and regional community-based service providers to effectively identify, assess and serve individuals who have experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI)

Mark Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, provided additional information.

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

4.7.B. Action Item: Approve 2017 Trust Fund Budget for the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually impaired (NCECBVI)

Sally Schriener, Director of the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI), and Steve Milliken, Department of Education representative, presented information on the NCECBVI.

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

Board Member Patrick McPherson brought up the topic of researching an endowment fund for public schools across Nebraska.

- 4.7.C. Action Item: Re-Adopt NDE Rule 8 (92 NAC 8), School Finance & Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities, with revisions to proposed new section 008.03 regarding Community Achievement Plans

Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representative, provided additional information.

The Committee recommended approval of this action item.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wise adjourned the Work Session at 5:00 p.m.

State Board of Education Meeting

December 2, 2016 - 9:00 AM

State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present Board Members:

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

- 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wise lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1.3. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

President Wise announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 2.1. **Motion Passed:** Approval of the November 3-4, 2016, State Board of Education meeting minutes passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 4.1. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE - None

- 4.2. Other Public Comment

- Lynn Tuttle, National Association for Music Education, speaking to music education in ESSA state plan
- Carol Rayer, expressed appreciation to Glen Flint for his service on the State Board
- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, expressed appreciation to Lillie Larsen and Glen Flint for their service on the Board

5. **HEARINGS** - None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Passed: To move into Executive Session to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding a contested case and for the protection of the public interest at 9:52 a.m. passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Glen Flint.

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

Motion Passed: Adjourn the executive session and return to business meeting at 10:00 a.m. passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Contested Case

7.1.A. Motion Passed: In re Grievance of Michelle Morganflash, NDE Case No. 16-09, that this Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Officer, as amended, affirming the decision of the Commissioner with respect to the discipline imposed on the Grievant, and to adopt the Final Order proposed by Legal Counsel passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

7.2. Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

7.2.A. Motion Passed: To deny the request from Friend Public School to waive 6th grade level athletic competition restrictions found in Rule 10, Section 004.02C passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by John Witzel.

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

7.3. Student Success and Access Domain Committee

7.3.A. Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the state Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for services connected to the Nutrition Services Direct Certification Grant from December 12, 2016 through March 1, 2018 passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Lillie Larsen.

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

7.3.B. Motion Passed: Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska, Extension, for a period from 12/12/2016 to 11/30/2017 passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Glen Flint.

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

7.4. Commissioner's Appraisal Committee

7.4.A. Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Employment Agreement between the State Board of Education and Matthew L. Blomstedt, passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

7.5. Policy Committee

7.5.A. Motion Passed: Approve the proposed revisions to State Board Policy B5, Board Committees passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

7.5.B. Motion Passed: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D6, Contracts, Grants and Purchases passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.5.C. Motion Passed: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D7, Professional Personnel Hiring passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

7.5.D. Subsidiary Motion Passed: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D13, Audits of the Nebraska Department of Education to strike the words "Budget and Finance Committee of the" in the first sentence of the first bullet and to move the statement "The Budget and Finance Committee will review the audit and report their deliberations and recommendations to the Board." as the first bullet passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

Motion Passed: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Policy D13, Audits of the Nebraska Department of Education as amended passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.5.E. Motion Passed: Approve the proposed dates as the official 2017 meeting dates for the Nebraska State Board of Education passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by John Witzel.

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

7.6. Strategic Planning (Ad Hoc Committee)

7.6.A. Motion Passed: Adoption of the 2017-2026 Strategic Vision and Direction for the Nebraska State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education with the substance of the plan as presented passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

7.7. Budget and Finance Committee

7.7.A. Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP) to increase the capacity of local and regional community-based service providers to effectively identify, assess and serve individuals who have experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI) passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.7.B. Motion Passed: Approve 2017 Trust Fund Budget for the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

7.7.C. Motion Passed: Re-Adopt NDE Rule 8 (92 NAC 8), School Finance & Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities, with revisions to proposed new section 008.03 regarding Community Achievement Plans passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Identify items for separate vote - None

8.2. **Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Glen Flint.

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

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Scott Swisher, Deputy Commissioner - retirement recognition
- Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education - retirement recognition
- Glen Flint, completing his service on the State Board of Education - recognition by the Board
- Lillie Larsen, completing her service on the State Board of Education - recognition by the Board

9.1. Detection and Treatment of Dyslexia

Rebecca Miller, Director of Fix-Lexia – Provided a handout and reviewed information about dyslexia.

9.2. Civics Education

Audrey, Anna and Sydney, High School Senior students at Elm Creek Public Schools, Dean Tickle, and Don Suke, American Legion representative provided a presentation on Civics Education.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Motion Passed: approve passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

10.2. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

11. INFORMATION ITEMS/WRITTEN REPORTS

No action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Wise again thanked Lillie Larsen and Glen Flint for their service on the State Board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.