December 2015

Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

**AQuESTT:**

*Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow*

The first-ever results under the state’s new accountability system, AQuESTT, were released to the public during the State Board of Education meeting in December. Under AQuESTT, more than half of all public schools were classified as excellent or great. In addition, the State Board approved a recommendation designating three schools from those classified as needing support to improve.

See the news release and AQuESTT Classification reports at: [http://www.education.ne.gov/](http://www.education.ne.gov/)
See News conference power point
See Priority School Recommendation

**STATE BOARD: STRATEGIC PLANNING**

After considering additional information, the State Board is expected to select in January one of four vendors to facilitate its strategic planning process. The following four vendors presented at the December meeting:

See Education First Power Point
See FSG Power Point
See Parthenon Presentation
See Public Works Presentation

**RULE 51: SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The State Board of Education adopted revisions to Rule 51, which sets regulations and standards for special education programs.

See Rule 51 Rationale
See Rule 51 Hearing Draft
See Rule 51 Hearing Officer Report
See Rule 51 Errata Sheet
RULE 82: DIPLOMA OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY ASSISTANCE

The State Board adopted Rule 82 revisions to allow funds to be distributed to entities other than institutions to defray costs associated with their participation.

See Rule 82 Rationale
See Rule 82 Hearing Draft
See Rule 82 Hearing Officer Summary

NEBRASKA VR: INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION

The State Board approved a contract with the Institute for Community Inclusion for the evaluation of a Nebraska VR project, the Career Pathways Advancement Project. As required under the 5-year federal grant funding the project, VR will partner with ICI in the evaluation that could include recommendations for modifications and the possible expansion of the project.

See Rationale

RULE 24: CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS

A public hearing has been schedule for Jan. 5, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., on Rule 24 revisions that would change certain certificate endorsement requirements.

See Rule 24

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html.

The State Board of Education will meet January 7-8, 2016.

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