

State Board of Education Work Session Meeting

March 2, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

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

[Link to Agenda and Attachments](#)

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Publicized notice of the work session and business meeting was given by posting notice on the Department's website; emailed to news media requesting notification, and posting a copy of the agenda in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Timm called the meeting to order.

1.1. Roll Call -Attendance Taken at 2:03 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Patricia Timm

Rachel Wise

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Molly O'Holleran

John Witzel

Lisa Fricke

Patsy Koch Johns

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. President Timm announced the placement of the **Open Meetings Act.**

2. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

2.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Each Board Member shared their attendance at various meetings, conferences, and legislative hearings attended since the February Board meeting. The list of meetings is attached to the Agenda at the link provided above.

2.2. Discuss requests for meeting attendance

Board member discussed and expressed interest in attending various upcoming meetings, conferences, and visits. The requests are listed in the Agenda at the link provided above.

2.3. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

President Timm referred to the Monthly Board Travel Expense Report to remind Board Members to review the report.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

Commissioner Blomstedt applauded the leadership roles Board Members have modeled by their participation and involvement various education related meetings.

3.1. Consent Agenda process

Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board Members to review the Consent Agenda and inform Legal Counsel of any questions or need for additional information.

3.2. Report on Rules

Commissioner Blomstedt directed Board Members to review the Report on Rules noting the hearing dates for Rule 1 and Personnel Rules, Title 93. The report is attached to the Agenda.

3.3. Board Priorities and Policy Research

Donlynn Rice, Department of Education representative, encouraged Board Members to attend the Stakeholder Engagement meetings in their districts during March. Mrs. Rice also noted that four Board Members will be attending the NASBE Legislative Conference in DC in March.

3.4. Priority Schools Update

Kathy Kennedy, representing KKK Educational Consulting, reported on the work with Druid Hill Elementary School in Omaha; Santee Public Schools in Niobrara; and Loup County Schools in Taylor. The Progress Plans for each school was highlighted noting examples of steps taken to move the schools toward high performing schools and efforts to share those processes with other schools.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1. AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

4.1.A. College and Career Ready

4.1.A.1. Discussion Item: Social Studies Summit

Discussion followed with Larry Dlugosh; and Harris Payne and Cory Epler, Department of Education representatives; referring to the Report provided on the Social Studies Summit relating the strategies and expectations of the Summit. The strategies also crossed over into other Board Committee topics as well as how the work integrates with AQuESTT. The report is attached to the Agenda.

4.1.B. Educator Effectiveness

4.1.B.1. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 21 (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools"

Kevin Peters, Department of Education representative, reviewed the history of the fingerprint costs ; professional administrative certificate requirements; state substitute teaching permit requirements; local substitute teaching permit requirements.

Maureen Nickels, Chair of the Domain Committee, reported that the Committee recommends the Board adopt Rule 21 revisions during the business meeting on Friday, March 3.

4.2. AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

Molly O'Holleran, Chair of the Domain Committee, shared discussions on the stakeholder engagement events across the state; the draft ESSA plan; Vocational Rehabilitation transitions, and Vocational Rehabilitation services.

4.3. Policy Committee

4.3.A. Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to B8, Policy Development

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, shared discussions on definition revisions in Policy B8. The Committee recommends approval of the revisions during the business meeting on Friday, March 3..

4.3.B. Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to B12, Public Participation at Board Meetings

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Policy Committee, shared discussions on revisions to align the meeting schedules in B12 with language in B11. The Committee recommends approval of the revisions during the business meeting on Friday, March 3.

4.4. Legislative Committee

4.4.A. Review 2017 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Committee, asked Molly O'Holleran to report on the Governmental Affairs Committee meeting of NASBE. Brian Halstead, Department of Education representative, reported on federal and state legislation and seeking Board Members to speak at hearings. Rachel Wise also discussed a letter to Senator Deb Fischer from Secretary DeVos.

4.5. Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee

Patricia Timm, Chair of the Committee, shared discussions of the drafting of the ESSA plan, the strategic plan, future direction of the Committee, and AQuESTT.

4.6. Budget and Finance Committee

4.6.A. Action Item: Review and Approve the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Audit Report

Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, reviewed the Audit Report. The Committee recommended approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Audit Report during the business meeting on Friday, March 3.

4.6.B. Discussion Item: 2017/18 and 18/19 Biennium Budget

Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, informed the Board of the Department's Budget hearing before the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature is scheduled for March 7, 2017.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the work session at 4:45 p.m.

State Board of Education Meeting

March 3, 2017 9:00 a.m.

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

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[Link to Video of Meeting](#)

1. CALL TO ORDER - President Timm called the meeting to order.

1.1. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 9:00 a.m.

Present Board Members:

Patricia Timm

Rachel Wise

Maureen Nickels

Patrick McPherson

Molly O'Holleran

John Witzel

Lisa Fricke

Patsy Koch Johns

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Timm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 2.1. Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2-3, 2017, State Board of Education meeting as published 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
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1.** Commissioner Blomstedt recommended removal of Action Item 7.3, Action on Legislation, as there is no action to be taken.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as recommended passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by John Witzel.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- President Timm recognized Drew Worster, Department of Education Multimedia Specialist, for being named TeamMate of the Month for March.
- President Timm recognized Vicki Bauer, Department of Education Adult Education Director, upon her retirement from the Department of Education.

- 4.1. Request for Appearance** - None

- 4.2. Other Public Comment**

- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to “Education or Indoctrination”

5. HEARINGS – None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

7.1.A. Educator Effectiveness

7.1.A.1. Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 21 (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools"

Motion Passed: A Motion to adopt the proposed revisions to Rule 21 (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools" passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

7.2. Policy Committee

7.2.A. Approve proposed revisions to B8, Policy Development

Motion Passed: A Motion to approve proposed revisions to B8, Policy Development passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by John Witzel.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

7.2.B. Approve proposed revisions to B12, Public Participation at Board Meetings

Motion Passed: A Motion to approve proposed revisions to B12, Public Participation at Board Meetings passed with a motion by Rachel Wise and a second by John Witzel.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

7.4. Budget and Finance Committee

7.4.A. Review and Approve the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Audit Report

Motion Passed: A Motion to and approve the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Audit Report passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Lisa Fricke.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Identify items for separate vote - None

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 Maureen Nickels.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1. ESSA Update

Matt Heusman, Department of Education representative, provided an update on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Heusman spoke to stakeholder engagement, tie-in with Strategic Plan and AQuESTT; a focus on at-risk and under-served students, and the ESSA plan website.

9.2. An update on Nebraska VR activities

Mark Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), provided an update on activities around Vocational Rehabilitation. Schultz spoke to the organization and services of the VR offices; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partnership; work with local businesses; work with Section 511; and Career Pathway Advancement Project.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Meeting participation

Motion Passed: A Motion to approve travel requests from State Board Members as published passed with a motion by Rachel Wise and a second by John Witzel.

Patricia Timm	Yes
Rachel Wise	Yes
Maureen Nickels	Yes
Patrick McPherson	Yes
Molly O'Holleran	Yes
John Witzel	Yes
Lisa Fricke	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns	Yes

10.2. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

Board Members were reminded to review the Monthly Travel report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on April 6 and 7, 2017.