May 2015
Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

RULE 21 REVISIONS APPROVED
The State Board of Education approved changes to Rule 21, which addresses the certification of individuals to teach, administer or provide special services in Nebraska school systems. See the following attachments for substantive changes:

- Rule 21 Rationale
- Rule 21 Summary of Changes
- Rule 21 Hearing Draft
- Rule 21 Hearing Officer Summary

DRC CONTRACT
The upcoming contract with Data Recognition Corporation was discussed. The State Board will consider approval in June. See DRC Contract Support Materials

ESEA EQUITY PLAN
A recently revised Equity Plan developed to ensure that poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers was presented to the State Board of Education for discussion. The plan must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by June 1. See ESEA Equity Plan Report

GED TESTING
An official with the national GED testing office presented an overview of the development of the 2014 assessments, Nebraska’s results as well as the opportunities provided the state’s adults who earn a GED. See GED Testing Rationale

GED PowerPoint

2015-2016 ACCREDITATION OF ESUs
The State Board approved the accreditation for all 17 Nebraska Educational Service Units for 2015-16. See ESU Rationale

See List of ESUs
INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS
The Interim-Program Schools listed in the following attachment were approved to operate during the 2015-16 school year.
See Interim Program Schools, Rationale
See List of Interim Program Schools

VR CONTRACTS
Contracts were approved with the University of Nebraska to allow staff to teach Nebraska’s Area Agency on Aging staff to screen elderly individuals for traumatic brain injury and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the development of online training modules related to concussion/mild traumatic brain injury.
See VR/UNL Contract
See VR/DHHS Contract

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The State Board of Education will meet June 4-5, 2015.

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