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MILLIONS AWARDED THROUGH INNOVATION GRANTS

The State Board of Education approved more than \$4 million in grants to five projects across the state. Beatrice Public Schools, Scottsbluff Public Schools, Westside Community Schools, Plattsmouth community Schools and the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council were all recipients of the Innovation Grants.

INNOVATION GRANT PRESS RELEASE

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED PRESENTATION

The Nebraska Association for the Gifted gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the importance of advocacy for the educational needs of gifted and talented students in Nebraska. NAG also briefed the board on their upcoming conference and extended an invitation for members to attend.

BOARD MEMBERS TAKE STANDS ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The State Board of Education voted on a number of legislative bills that would directly impact schools in Nebraska.

SUPPORT

LB 227	Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund
LB 357	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs
LB347	Change provisions relating to school bus permits and qualifications

OPPOSE

LB 299	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations
LB 608	Adopt the Parental Choice Scholarship Program
LB 630	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act
LB 651	Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act
LB662	Establish a grading system for schools and school districts

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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



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