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UPDATE ON PRIORITY SCHOOLS

The State Board of Education received an update during the Thursday work session on the progress at the three designated priority schools: Druid Hill Elementary, Santee Middle and Loup County Elementary. The presentation included examples of the work being done to improve each school. Much of the work being done at the priority schools is being shared and duplicated at other schools throughout Nebraska.

BOARD VOTES ON RULE 21 AND POLICY REVISIONS

The State Board of Education voted to approve revisions to Rule 21 dealing with teacher certification. The Board also approved changes to policies B8 and B12 to clarify definitions and terminology.

SUMMARY OF RULE 21 CHANGES

REVISIONS TO B8

REVISIONS TO B12

ESSA PROGRESS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

The board was briefed on NDE's progress with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). There will be a series of stakeholder engagement events across the state from Omaha to Scottsbluff. The goal is to increase understanding of what ESSA is and how it affects Nebraska. The results of the stakeholder meetings will be a part of a presentation at the AQuESTT Conference in April.

ESSA UPDATE

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR) HIGHLIGHTED DURING PRESENTATION

Established in 1921 to help soldiers returning from WWI, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) now helps all Nebraskans with disabilities reach their career goals. VR Director Mark Schultz briefed the board on VR's work that includes 200 staff in 13 offices across the state.

The Board learned about several programs that help people train and find jobs and help employers find and keep quality workers.

AN UPDATE ON NEBRASKA VR ACTIVITIES

NEBRASKA VR WEBSITE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building.
A work session will be held on Thursday, April 6, 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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