

**State Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 5, 2017, and Friday, October 6, 2017
Lincoln, Nebraska**

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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.

State Board of Education Work Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m., State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, Nebraska

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Timm called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

2.1 Consent Agenda process
Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for Consent Agenda items and needing additional information.

2.2 Report on Rules
Commissioner reviewed the Rules Report and noted that Vocational Rehabilitation Determinations Rules 71 and 72 are awaiting approval by the Governor..

4. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Quarterly Report Presentation from the 2017 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Amber Vlasnik, Mathematics Instructional Coach, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Nebraska (10 minutes)

Amber Vlasnik presented a quarterly report on her involvement with Storm Chasers Game, Education Commission of the States, Comparative Culture Experience, Space Camp and her personal mission for going forward from the TOY experience.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW (continued)

2.3 Board Priorities and Policy Research

2.3.A. Ryan Foor, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, reviewed the NASBE delegate packet and the appointment of a delegate for the November NASBE meeting, as well as Bylaws changes. He noted that Rachel Wise will serve as Chair-Elect. President Timm appointed Molly O'Holleran as the delegate for the assembly in November.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

3.1.A. College, Career, and Civic Ready

3.1.A.1 Discussion Item: Discussion related to the process and progress on developing a definition of civic readiness and a framework for measuring civic readiness

Chair, Maureen Nickels, announced the Domain Committee will continue the discussion during the November meeting.

3.1.A.2 Discussion Item: Presentation of the proposed revisions to Nebraska's CTE Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and Skilled and Technical Sciences standards

Cory Epler, Chief Academic Officer, and Krystl Knabe, Department of Education representative, discussed Nebraska's CTE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources content standards.

Chair, Maureen Nickels, reported the Committee recommendation to have this item come before the Board as an action item with anticipated approval by the Board in November.

3.2 AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

3.2.A Positive Partnerships, Relationships and Student Success

3.2.A.1 Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve the purchase of curriculum for center-based and family child care home programs participating in Step Up to Quality

Chair, Molly O'Holleran, reported on the committee meeting with the recommendation of the Committee to approve this item during the business meeting on October 6, 2017.

3.3 Policy Committee

3.3.A Discussion Item: Four year review of State Board Bylaw B20 (formerly B16), School Boards Association

Chair, Patricia Timm, noted that discussion on this item will continue in November.

3.3.B Discussion Item: Four year review of State Board Policy P7 (formerly D8), Teaching Certificates

Chair, Patricia Timm, noted that the item will be discussed and brought before the Board for action in November.

3.3.C Action Item: Approve State Board Position Statement S11 (formerly G6), Position Statement for Digital Education

Dorann Avey, Department of Education representative, provided a review of the position statement. The Committee recommends approval of the statement during the business meeting on October 6, 2017.

3.3.D Action Item: Approve proposed revisions to State Board Position Statement S5 (formerly G7), Expanded Learning Opportunities Jan Handa, Department of Education representative, reviewed the work on the Position Statement and updates to it.

Chair, Patricia Timm, reported that the Committee recommended approval during the business meeting on October 6, 2017.

3.3.E. Action Item: Approve State Board Position Statement S13, Model Policy to Encourage the Educational Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students

Chair, Patricia Timm, announced that this item will be placed on the Committee's agenda in November. No action will be taken at this meeting.

3.3.F Action Item: Adopt Resolution regarding Nebraska Veterans

Chair, Patricia Timm, announced that the Committee recommends adoption of the Resolution during the meeting on October 6, 2017.

3.4 Legislative Committee

Rachel Wise, Chair, reported on the discussion of the Committee concerning recommendations on regulatory authority on interventions in reading and math. The Commissioner will work with staff for proposed Rule revisions. The work will continue over the next few months. The Committee will also be looking at accreditation of ESUs during the November meeting.

3.5 Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee

There was no report from the Chair, Patricia Timm.

3.6 Budget and Finance Committee

3.6.A Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to submit the Department's Deficit Budget Request in the Nebraska Budget Request and Reporting System

Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, discussed the deficit request. Chair, John Witzel, announced the Committee recommendation to approve the request during the meeting on October 6, 2017.

3.7 Commissioner's Appraisal Committee

Chair, John Witzel, announced that the Committee will be in the planning stage for the Commissioner's Appraisal for 2018.

4.0 BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS (continued)

4.2 Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Board Members reviewed the participation in various meetings since the September Board meeting, highlighting the visit of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

4.3 Discuss requests for meeting attendance Review requests prior to approval on Friday

Board Members reviewed the requests for upcoming requests.

4.4 Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

President Timm reminded Board Members to review the report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2017, in the State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING, 9:00 a.m., State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, Nebraska

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Timm called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

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

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.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.2 Policy Committee

7.2.D Adopt State Board Resolution regarding Nebraska Veterans – Guests from the Nebraska Veterans' Administration were present and veterans in the audience were recognized by the State Board. Lisa Fricke, State Board Member, read the proposed Resolution.

Adoption of a State Board Resolution regarding Nebraska Veterans passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the September 7-8, 2017 State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Commissioner's recommendations and items to be removed from consent agenda

The Commissioner recommending removing Action Item 7.2.C. and postponing the item until the November meeting.

Approval of the Agenda with the Commissioner's recommendation, passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4.1 Request for Appearance – None.

4.2 Other Public Comment

- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to the science standards; UNL protest (handout)
- Jack Sprite, Senator Linehan's office, speaking to Consent Agenda Item 8.4

5. HEARINGS - None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

7. ACTION ITEMS (continued)

7.1 AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

7.1.A A. Positive Partnerships, Relationships and Student Success

7.1.A.1 Granting the Commissioner the authority to approve the purchase of curriculum for center- based and family child care home programs participating in Step Up to Quality Passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

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

7.2 Policy Committee

7.2.A Approval of State Board Position Statement S11 (formerly G6), Position Statement for Nebraska Digital Education passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by Lisa Fricke.

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

7.2.B Approval of State Board Position Statement S5 (formerly G7), Expanded Learning Opportunities passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

7.2.C. Removed from Agenda

7.3 Budget and Finance Committee

7.3.A. Authorizing the Commissioner to submit the Department's Deficit Budget Request in the Nebraska Budget Request and Reporting System passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Removal of Consent Agenda Item 8.4.A for separate discussion and action passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

8.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda without Item 8.4.A passed with Rachel Wise and a second by John Witzel

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

8.4.A Approval of school districts' requests for exclusions to the budget limitation in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

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

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1 Update on data and reporting timelines

Commissioner Blomstedt provided an update on the press conference relating to the changes in the state assessment process with the ACT and changes in more rigorous standards.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of meeting participation passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. A work session will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.