

Nebraska State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday-Thursday, November 8-9, 2017

State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017, 2:00 p.m. State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Timm called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

3. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

3.1 Year in Review, 2017 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Amber Vlasnik, 9-12 Mathematics teacher, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Amber Vlasnik provided an update of her year as 2017 TOY and provided a final report to the Board. Amber hopes to focus her future work as a TOY on recruitment and retention of effective teachers.

3.2 Recognition of the 2018 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Michelle Helt, 3rd Grade Teacher, Cardinal Elementary School, South Sioux City, Nebraska

Michelle is looking forward to the opportunity to grow in how to reach kids and feels she is always learning.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

2.1 Consent Agenda process. Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for addressing Consent Agenda items.

2.2 Report on Rules. Commissioner Blomstedt reported on the status of various Rules as outlined in the report.

Commissioner Blomstedt stressed the importance of the rule making process in the implementation of the strategic plan and Board expectations.

2.3 Board Priorities and Policy Research. No report.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

3.1.A. College, Career, and Civic Ready

3.1.A.1 Action Item: Approve the Skilled and Technical Sciences Content Area Standards.

Maureen Nickels, Chair, reported on the meeting, noting the Committee recommends approval.

3.1.A.2 Action Item: Approve the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Content Area Standards

Maureen Nickels, Chair, reported on the meeting, noting the Committee recommends approval.

3.1.A.3 Discussion Item: Discussion related to the process and progress on developing a definition of civic readiness and a framework for measuring civic readiness

Cory Epler, Department of Education representative, reviewed the steps taken to develop a draft of civic readiness and framework along with the work with stakeholders.

The draft will be presented in December for action by the State Board.

3.1.B. Assessment

3.1.B.1 Discussion Item: Plan for Assessing Student Learning and Performance Report and Assessment Technical Reports

Valorie Foy, Department of Education representative, previewed the draft report to the legislature. Maureen Nickels, Chair, stated the Committee recommends action on the report at the December meeting.

3.2 AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

3.2.A. Positive Partnerships, Relationships and Student Success

3.2.A.1 Action Item - Authorize the Commissioner to approve Title IV-A SSAE (School Support and Academic Enrichment) grants for the 2017-18 school year

Diane Stuehmer, Department of Education representative, reported on the grants and schools receiving them. The schools earned the funds through a competitive grant process and will help fund student support and academic enrichment projects.

Schools receiving the grants are Hastings Public Schools, Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools, Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools, Fremont Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, Grand Island Public Schools, O'Neil Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, Bayard Public Schools, Bellevue Public Schools, and Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Molly O'Holleran, Chair, stated that the Committee recommends approval.

3.3. Policy Committee

Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the following discussions from the Committee meeting:

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

This item was reviewed further from the October meeting for clarification by the Committee and emphasized the policy is a model for districts to use. The Committee recommends approval of the position statement.

3.3.B Action Item: Approve revisions to State Board Bylaw B20 (formerly B16), School Boards Association

The Committee recommends approval of the Bylaw.

3.3.C. Action Item: Approve revisions to State Board Policy P7 (formerly D8), Teaching Certificates

The Committee recommends approval of the Policy.

3.3.D Discussion Item: Discuss State Board Meeting dates for 2018

The Committee recommends staying with the designation of the first Thursday and Friday of each month for Board Work Sessions and Meetings. The Committee will seek approval of the dates at the December meeting.

3.4. Legislative Committee

Rachel Wise, Chair, introduced Larianne Polk, ESU Administrator, who presented information on ESU service needs, priorities around data collections, and the 2018 legislative end of year report.

3.5 Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee

3.5.A Discussion Item: Annual Report: Nebraska Innovation Grant Program

Patricia Timm, Chair, asked Lane Carr, Department of Education representative to report on the Innovation Grant program. Lane Carr provided an overview of the grant process and the work of the five recipients. An Innovation Summit will be held in March and Board members are invited to attend.

3.6 Budget and Finance Committee

3.6.A. Discussion Item: Discuss 2017-19 Biennial Budget and Memorandum from the Governor

John Witzel, Chair, reported on the discussion of the 2017-19 budget memo from the Governor. Bryce Wilson and Shane Rhian, Department of Education representatives, stated that work continues to be on course with NDE budget and working on contingency plans.

3.7. Commissioner's Appraisal Committee

John Witzel, Chair, reported that the Committee will receive a report from the Commissioner in December. The Committee is reviewing a new evaluation/appraisal system to include metrics from strategic plan and to provide a detailed and fair appraisal system.

President Timm called for a break at 3:28 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:42 p.m.

4. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.3 Presentation: Outcomes of Nebraska VR's Youth Work Experience Summer Programs

Mark Schultz, Deputy Commissioner of Vocational Rehabilitation; and Brigid Griffin, Director of Summer Transition Programs, shared the goals and focus, benefits and goals of the program.

4.4. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Board Members reported on various meetings and conferences attended since the October Board meeting as noted in the support materials.

4.5 Discuss requests for meeting attendance

President Timm reviewed the list of travel requests with the Board as noted in the support materials.

4.6 Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

President Timm reminded Board members to review the monthly Board Travel Expense Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the Work Session at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the State Board Meeting Room.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:00 AM, State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Timm called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. President Timm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. President Timm announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 2.1 Approval of the minutes as published for October 5-6, 2017, passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 Approval of the Agenda as published passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 4.1 Request for Appearance - None

- 4.2 Other Public Comment

- Kori Reed - Elkhorn Public Schools parent - speaking in support of the work on dyslexia and encouragement to continue
- Matt Litt, Director of Americans for Prosperity - Nebraska. Speaking to school choice. (handout)
- Rachel Pinkerton, speaking to UNL incident (handout)

At 9:16 a.m., President Timm called for a break. The meeting resumed at 9:26 a.m.

5. HEARINGS - None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

7.1.A. College, Career, and Civic Ready

7.1.A.1 Approval of the Skilled and Technical Sciences Content Area Standards passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

7.1.A.2 Approval of the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Content Area Standards passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

7.2. AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

7.2.A. Positive Partnerships, Relationships and Student Success

7.2.A.1 Authorizing the Commissioner to approve Title IV-A SSAE (School Support and Academic Enrichment) grants for the 2017-18 school year passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

The schools receiving the grants are Hastings Public Schools, Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools, Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools, Fremont Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, Grand Island Public Schools, O'Neil Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, Bayard Public Schools, Bellevue Public Schools, and Scottsbluff Public Schools.

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

7.3. Policy Committee

- 7.3.A. Approval of State Board Position Statement S13, Model Policy to Encourage the Educational Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students with the addition of the explanatory text at the top as proposed by the Policy Committee that this is a model policy only, passed with a motion by Lisa Fricke and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

- 7.3.B. Approval of revisions to State Board Bylaw B20 (formerly B16), School Boards Association passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.3.C. Approval of revisions to State Board Policy P7 (formerly D8), Teaching Certificates with the addition of the last sentence in the last paragraph as proposed by the Policy Committee passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Identify items for separate vote – None

8.2 Approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS – None

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Approval for meeting participation passed with a motion by John Witzel and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Timm adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m. A Work Session will be held on Thursday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. and a Board Meeting held on Friday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.