

State Board of Education Meetings

Thursday-Friday, June 7-8, 2018

State Board Meeting Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, 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 meetings.

STATE BOARD WORK SESSION, Thursday, June 7, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Witzel called the Work Session to order at 2:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call showed the following Members present:

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

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2 President Witzel announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

2.1 Commissioner Blomstedt reminded Board Members of the Consent Agenda Process.

2.2 Commissioner Blomstedt reported on the status of Rules. Rule 9 will be acted upon today by the Board and Rules 71, 72, 23, and 24 are still pending approval from the Governor.

2.3 Board Priorities and Policy Research

Ryan Foor, Director of State Board Relations, noted Board Member involvement in NASBE activities and committees.

2.4 Future Ready Nebraska and Digital Learning & Ed Tech Plan

Dean Folkers and Dorann Avery, Department of Education representatives; Rob Dickson, Omaha Public Schools; Kristi Jergensen, Lexington Public Schools; Blane McCann, Westside Community Schools; Jon Cerny, Bancroft Rosalie Schools; Mandy Peterson, Schuyler Central High School; Tom Rolfes, Nebraska Communication Information Office presented information

about Future Ready and Digital Learning. The group shared personal experiences with the program, funding information, and goals of the three-year plan.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3.1 Patricia Timm, Chair, provided the following report from the Policy Committee meeting.
 - 3.1.A The Policy Committee recommends the Board approve the proposed revisions to State Board Bylaw B19, “Computer Equipment/Internet Access and Electronic Acceptance Use”, during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.
 - 3.1.B The Policy Committee discussed State Board Policy P9, “Ethics/Accountability & Disclosure” and will make minor revisions to bring to the full Board as an action item in August.
- 3.2 Rachel Wise, Chair, provided the following report from the Legislative Committee meeting.
 - 3.2.A The Legislative Committee discussed a plan for legislative priorities for 2019. An Input Session during Administrators’ Days in July will be held for input from administrators on what priorities the Board might consider. A list of proposed priorities will be reviewed during the August Board meeting.
- 3.3 John Witzel, Chair, provided the following report from the Commissioner’s Appraisal Committee meeting.
 - 3.3.A The Committee reviewed input of all Board Members and reviewed the results for 2017-2018. The Committee recommends approval of the Employment Agreement between the State Board and the Commissioner during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.
- 3.4 Maureen Nickels, Chair, provided the following report from the AQuESTT – Teaching and Learning Domain meeting.
 - 3.4.A The Committee received updates on several topics and noted that there were no action items before the Committee.
- 3.5 Molly O’Holleran, Chair, provided the following report from the AQuESTT – Student Success and Access Domain Committee meeting.
 - 3.5.A The Committee recommends approval to authorize the Commissioner to amend a contract with the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to extend the dates to fit the revised timeline of the Direct Certification Improvement Grant and to adjust the scope of work during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.
 - 3.5.B The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to fund the Planning Region Team Systems Support Grant in the provision of federally required IDEA Park C duties during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.5.C The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to enter into a contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center – Munroe Meyer Institute’s (MMI) division of Education and Child Development to provide evaluation and analysis serves in support of federal Results Driven Accountability (RDA) reporting of early childhood birth to five child outcomes during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.5.D The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Embassy Suites, Lincoln, for services which will support training on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Nebraska educators during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

Amy Rhone, Department of Education representative, provided additional information on the contract.

3.5.E The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ESU #10 to maintain and operate the statewide assistive technology loan pool and to provide support to the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) Education Program during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.5.F The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to fund the Adult Education and Family Literacy Art Grants, Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.5.G The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Kelsey Kummer for the 2018-2019 year to provide targeted leadership and support in two Career Education career field areas during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.7 Patricia Timm, Chair, shared the following report from the Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee.

3.5.H (sic) The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner authority to contract with ESU 1 for services and continuing support for Santee Community Schools for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.6 John Witzel, Chair, shared the following report from the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

3.6.A The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with MTW Solutions, LLC for services and continuing support for the Nebraska Department of Education Grants Management System for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.6.B The Committee recommends approval to repeal Rule 9 (92 NAC 9), Regulations and Procedures for Proration of Affiliated School System Bond Funds during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.7 Patricia Timm, Chair, shared the following report from the Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee meeting.

3.7.A The Committee recommends approval for accreditation for schools appearing on the list provided for the 2018-2019 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

3.7.B The Committee recommends approval to grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with KLK Consulting, Inc., for services and continuing support for Nebraska's Priority Schools for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, during the business meeting on June 8, 2019.

Lane Carr, Department of Education representative, provided an overview of the work the contracts will cover during the contract period.

3.7.C Kathy Kennedy, KLK Consulting; and Lane Carr, Department of Education representative, discussed the initial review of the Implementation of Priority School Progress Plan for Schuyler High School and visit with the school.

3.7.D Kathy Kennedy, KLK Consulting, discussed the Annual Review of the Implementation of Priority School Progress Plans for Loup County, Santee, and Druid Hill schools.

4. Board Reports, Dates and Discussion Items

4.2 President Witzel noted there were four requests for approval to participate in meetings submitted after the May meeting. The Board will take action on those requests during the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

4.3 President Witzel reminded Board members to submit additional requests for travel prior to the business meeting on June 8, 2018.

5. President Witzel adjourned the Work Session at 4:02 p.m. The next meeting of the State Board will convene on June 8, 2018, at the Nebraska State Office Building, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

STATE BOARD MEETING, Friday, June 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Witzel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call showed the following Members present:

Present: Lisa Fricke, Patsy Koch Johns, Patrick McPherson, Maureen Nickels, Patricia Timm, John Witzel

Absent: Patsy Koch Johns, Rachel Wise

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

- 1.2 President Witzel announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 2.1 Motion by Patrick McPherson, second by Lisa Fricke: To approve the minutes of the May 3-4, 2018, State Board of Education meeting as published.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 Motion by Patrick McPherson, second by Maureen Nickels: To approve the agenda as published.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 4.2 Other Public Comment

- Rachel Pinkerton (handouts) speaking to reading and literature
- Scott Debates, dermatologist – ultra violet radiation and skin cancer; recess and outdoor sports and schools allowing students to bring/use sunscreen; seeking a Board policy to ok use of sun screen during outdoor activities

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: That the State Board go into Executive Session to discuss the Commissioner's job performance and appraisal and to receive advice from legal counsel regarding the Commissioner's contract, as necessary to protect the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the Commissioner's reputation at 9:13 a.m.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed. At 9:13 a.m., the State Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the

Commissioner's job performance and appraisal and to receive advice from legal counsel regarding the Commissioner's contract, as necessary to protect the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the Commissioner's reputation.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Maureen Nickels: To adjourn the Executive Session and return to the business meeting of the Board at 10:13 a.m.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed. At 10:13 a.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to the business meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1.A Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve proposed revisions to State Board Bylaw B19, Computer Equipment/Internet Access and Electronic Acceptance Use.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

7.2.A Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lisa Fricke: To approve the Employment Agreement between the State Board of Education and Matthew L. Blomstedt effective July 1, 2018.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

7.3.A Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To authorize the Commissioner to amend a contract with the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to extend the dates to fit the revised timeline of the Direct Certification Improvement Grant and to adjust the scope of work

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

7.3.B Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to fund the Planning Region Team Systems Support Grant in the provision of federally required IDEA Part C duties.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.C Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patrick McPherson: To grant the Commissioner the authority to enter into a contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center - Munroe Meyer Institute's (MMI) division of Education and Child Development to provide evaluation and analysis services in support of federal Results Driven Accountability (RDA) reporting of early childhood birth-to-five child outcomes.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.D Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Embassy Suites, Lincoln, for services which will support training on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Nebraska educators.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.E Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ESU 10 to maintain and operate the statewide assistive technology loan pool and to provide support to the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) Education Program.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.F Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To grant the Commissioner the authority to fund the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grants, Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.G Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patrick McPherson: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Kelsey Kummer for the 2018- 2019 year to provide targeted leadership and support in two Career Education career field areas.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.3.H Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To grant the Commissioner authority to contract with ESU 1 for services and continuing support for Santee Community Schools for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.4.A Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Maureen Nickels: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with MTW Solutions, LLC for services and continuing support for the Nebraska Department of Education Grants Management System for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.4.B Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Patrick McPherson: To repeal Rule 9 (92 NAC 9), Regulations and Procedures for Proration of Affiliated School System Bond Funds.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.5.A Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve accreditation for schools appearing on the accompanying list for the 2018-2019 school year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, (92 NAC 10), Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 7.5.B Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Maureen Nickels: To grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with KLK Consulting, Inc. for services and continuing support for Nebraska's Priority Schools for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels

Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.2 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Motion by Patrick, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for Lisa Fricke and Patsy Koch Johns for attending the Moore Middle School Special Presentation on May 15, 2018.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Abstain: Fricke
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lisa Fricke: To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for John Witzel for attending the NCE Conference on June 4 and 5, 2018.

Voting Yes: Timm, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels, Fricke
Abstain: Witzel
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Lisa Fricke: To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for Patsy Koch Johns for attending the NASBE LEEP National Cohort on June 7 and 8, 2018.

Voting Yes: Timm, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels, Fricke, Witzel
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

- 10.2 Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Molly O'Holleran: To approve future meeting participation as requested.

Voting Yes: Witzel, Timm, Fricke, McPherson, O'Holleran, Nickels
Absent: Wise, Koch Johns

The motion passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Witzel adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, August 3, 2018, 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 Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.