

Minutes of the State Board of Education Meetings
September 6-7, 2018
State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

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STATE BOARD WORK SESSION, Thursday, September 6, 2018, 2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

Present: Wise, Witzel, Timm, O'Holleran, Nickels, McPherson, Fricke, Koch Johns

Commissioner Blomstedt was absent due to a family matter. Deputy Commissioner Brian Halstead was designated by the Commissioner to represent the Commissioner.

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

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

2.1 Consent Agenda process

Deputy Commissioner Halstead reminded Board Members of the Consent Agenda process.

2.2 Report on Rules

Deputy Commissioner Halstead reviewed the report on Rules.

2.3 Board Priorities and Policy Research

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, shared information on the NASBE Conference to be held in Denver in October. He also reported on the following:

2.3. A. External review of strategic plan

President Witzel, on behalf of the Board, participated in conversations that lead to a contract with Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to be a part of the external review process of the Board's Strategic Plan. A third-party reviewer was contracted by Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

Mary Jo Pankoke from Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and Anne Herman, AVA Insights, met to develop the process of the review which includes regular and intentional updates to the Board. The goal is to complete the review by December 2018.

2.3. B. Accountability system update

Lane Carr, Department of Education representative, provided an overview and update of the AQuESTT system.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Policy Committee

3.1. A. Patricia Timm, Chair, reported that the Committee discussed the four-year review of State Board Policy Statement S1, Nondiscrimination and Equal Educational Opportunity in Schools". Discussions will continue and recommended revisions will be brought before the Board at a later date.

3.2 Legislative Committee

3.2. A. Rachel Wise, Chair, reported that the Committee discussed 2019 Legislative Priorities. Brian Halstead, Deputy Commissioner, reviewed the priorities with the Board.

3.3. Commissioner's Appraisal Committee – did not meet

3.4 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

Maureen Nickels, Chair, reported there were no discussion items or action items from the Committee.

3.5 AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

3.5. A. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with Stone Network, Inc. to provide transcription services for DDS.

3.5. B. Molly O'Holleran, Chair asked Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative to give an overview of the grants. The Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to approve grants to ESU #3 and ESU #6 for a coach collaboration pilot project.

3.5. C. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, asked Melody Hobson, Department of Education representative, to give an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the support of early childhood education.

- 3.5. D. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, asked Jan Handa, Department of Education representative, to provide an overview of the grant program. The Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with the University of Nebraska to provide statewide evaluation services for grant programs.
- 3.5. E. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, asked Zainab Rida, Department of Education representative, to give an overview of the grant program. The Committee recommends the Board accept the grant from United States Department of Agriculture for Meal Service Training Grants.
- 3.5. F. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with Nebraska Association Local Health Directors to oversee CDC grant activities.
- 3.5. G. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with Christina Burger to provide Team Nutrition Grant support.
- 3.5. H. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to approve a cooperative agreement with ESU #10 for transition system support.
- 3.5. I. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to fund the Westat, Inc. - Nebraska Technical Assistance Project (NETA) Part B.
- 3.5. J. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to fund a cooperative agreement with the University of Nebraska to fund a Multi-Tiered System of Support Implementation Support Team Grant funds to UNL.
- 3.5. K. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to fund the modified Promoting Engagement and Knowledge Projects (PEaK).
- 3.5. L. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to fund projects/entities (listed in the attachment) in the provision of federally required IDEA Part C duties.
- 3.5. M. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with Utah State University for services that support Nebraska's Special Education programs.
- 3.5. N. Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported that the Committee recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner to fund the Para educator Self-Study Program- UNL (Project Para).

President Witzel call for a break at 3:34 p.m. The meeting continued at 3:45 p.m.

3.6 Budget and Finance Committee

3.6. A. John Witzel, Chair, asked Shane Rhian and Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representatives to provide an update and overview on the budget request. The Committee recommends the Board approves submission of the Biennial Budget Request for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21.

3.6.B. John Witzel, Chair, asked Shane Rhian and Bryce Wilson, Department of Education representatives to provide information on the discussion of the Deficit Budget Request for FY 2018-19. The Board will be asked to take action at the October Board meeting.

3.6. C. John Witzel, Chair, asked Joel Scherling, Department of Education representative, to provide an overview of the proposed revisions. The Committee recommends the Board adopt the revisions to Title 93, Nebraska Administrative Code, Rules 1-16 (93 NAC 1-16), "Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules."

3.7. Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee

Patricia Timm, Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee. Updates on the external review of the Strategic Plan will be added to future Board agenda items.

The Committee recommends the Board plan a retreat for vision setting during the October Board meeting.

4. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

4.1. Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

4.1. A. Monthly Board Reports

Board members were reminded to review the monthly reports.

4.2. There are three requests for approval for meetings that took place in the past and were not previously approved. Action will be taken at the Business Meeting on September 7, 2018.

4.3. Board members were reminded to submit requests for future meeting attendance.

4.4. Board members were reminded to review the Monthly Board Travel Expense Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Witzel adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on September 7, 2018.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING, Friday, September 7, 2018, 9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

Present: Wise, Witzel, Timm, O'Holleran, Nickels, McPherson, Fricke, Koch Johns

Commissioner Blomstedt was absent due to a family matter. Deputy Commissioner Brian Halstead was designated by the Commissioner to represent the Commissioner.

1.2 President Witzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the minutes of the August 2-3, 2018 State Board of Education meeting as published passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Approval of the agenda as published passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4.2 Other Public Comment

- Cindy Copich, Nebraska State Education Association, spoke to legislative issues, teacher mentoring, and student health.
- Laura McCormick, spoke to the Nebraska 100th Anniversary of the race riot and lynching.
- Rachel Pinkerton spoke to the success of Nebraska children and barriers to success.

5. HEARINGS - None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1. A To authorize the Commissioner to contract with Stone Network, Inc. to provide transcription services for DDS passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.1. B. To authorize the Commissioner to approve grants to ESU #3 and ESU #6 for a coach collaboration pilot project passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.1. C. To authorize the Commissioner to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the support of early childhood education passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

- 7.1. D. To authorize the Commissioner to contract with the University of Nebraska to provide statewide evaluation services for grant programs passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.1. E To accept a grant from United States Department of Agriculture for Meal Service Training Grants passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

- 7.1. F. To authorize the Commissioner to contract with Nebraska Association Local Health Directors to oversee CDC grant activities passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

- 7.1. G. To authorize the Commissioner to contract with Christina Burger to provide Team Nutrition Grant support passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

- 7.1. H. To authorize the Commissioner to approve a cooperative agreement with ESU #10 for transition system support passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.1. I. To authorize the Commissioner to fund the Westat, Inc. - Nebraska Technical Assistance Project (NETA) Part B passed with a motion by Maureen Nickels and a second by Lisa Fricke.

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

- 7.1. J. To authorize the Commissioner to fund a cooperative agreement with the University of Nebraska to fund a Multi-Tiered System of Support Implementation Support Team passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

- 7.1. K. To authorize the Commissioner to fund the modified Promoting Engagement and Knowledge Projects (PEaK) passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

- 7.1. L. To authorize the Commissioner to fund projects/entities (listed in the attachment) in the provision of federally required IDEA Part C duties passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

- 7.1. M. To authorize the Commissioner to contract with Utah State University for services that support Nebraska's Special Education programs passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

- 7.1. N. To authorize the Commissioner to fund the Para educator Self-Study Program-UNL (Project Para) passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patsy Koch Johns.

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

President Witzel called for a break at 9:24 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:32 a.m.

- 7.2. A. To submit Biennial Budget Request for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21, passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

- 7.2. B. To adopt proposed revisions to Rule 93 (93 NAC 1-16), "Nebraska Department of Education Personnel Rules." passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Patrick McPherson.

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

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.2 Approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Maureen Nickels.

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

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS - None

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Meetings that took place in the past and were not previously approved

To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for Patsy Koch Johns for attending the Governor's Economic summit on July 12, 2018, passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for Patsy Koch Johns for attending a speaking event for Future Administrators on July 18, 2018, passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Rachel Wise.

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

To approve meetings that took place in the past that were not previously approved for Patsy Koch Johns, Lisa Fricke, Patrick McPherson, and Rachel Wise, for attending the Open Sky Policy Institute 2018 Fall Policy Symposium on September 5, 2018, passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

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

- 10.2 To approve future meeting participation passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns and a second by Patricia Timm.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Witzel adjourned the business meeting at 9:38 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. A work session will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 2:090 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.