

State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Annual Meeting

Nebraska Department of Education
State Office Building, 6th floor, State Board Meeting Room
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 13, 2017
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Nebraska State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children held its annual meeting on September 13, 2017. Publicized notice of the meeting was given by posting notice on the Department's website on the Internet, which gave the date, time and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Halstead, Deputy Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education and Council Commissioner of the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Jeff Rippe, Superintendent, Bellevue Public Schools; Colonel Dave Norton, U.S.A.F., 55th Wing Mission Support Group Commander, Offutt Air Force Base; LaMont Rainey, representative for Senator Mike Groene, Sara Hulac, Legal Counsel III, and Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education.

Brian Halstead announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment; however, in the audience Phillip O'Donnell, Military Affairs Liaison, Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs, introduced himself to the Council and thanked them for their service to military children.

3. APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Rippe second by Sara Hulac: To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016, State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children meeting.

Voting Yes: Halstead, Norton, Rippe, Blomstedt and Hulac
The motion passed.

4. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON ACTIVITY OR ISSUES

Mr. Halstead indicated that he attended his first National Annual Meeting of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) last year in Orlando, Florida. The meeting was very informative and he was very pleased to hear kind compliments regarding the State of Nebraska. He plans to attend the next scheduled annual meeting in Rhode Island in October.

Mr. Halstead reported that in February 2017 he was contacted by Richard Pryor, Operations Coordinator, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission by email regarding a family in the Millard Public School District concerning coursework and placement for a 10th grade student that PCS'd with their family from Florida. By the time Mr. Halstead responded to the email by contacting proper personnel at the school, the issue had been resolved to the satisfaction of the parent.

Dr. Rippe indicated that their school did not receive any phone calls or concerns in regard to the above incident. Dr. Rippe stated that the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission will be offering training to Nebraska school and military personnel in October. Dr. Rippe gave credit to his staff on their knowledge of the Compact and attributes that to their school district experiencing very few problems.

Col. Norton had nothing to report from the Offutt Air Force Base but did indicate that his family is a benefactor of Nebraska being a member of the Compact in that as they transferred into Nebraska from Virginia and had entrance age disparities that were of no concern because of the Compact.

LaMont Rainey, representative for Sen. Groene had nothing to report from the Senator.

5. DISCUSSION OF NEBRASKA'S PARTICIPATION IN AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

No Council member had any concerns or issues to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Brian Halstead adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

*Support Materials for this meeting are available for inspection in the NDE's General Counsel's Office