



## NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

### Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

**Recognition of Service by NCTE Members** - Retiring members of the NCTE were recognized. Retiring members in attendance were Don King – Chadron, Mark Adler – NCSA, and Rachel Hanson – NSEA. Others retiring are Travis Coe, Rachel Palmer, and Patty Wenninghoff – all from NSEA.

#### **Informational Items** – K. Heineke

- Overview of Rule 20 – *Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs* – Powerpoint presentation was given and explained. NDE is going to engage a smaller working group to work on revisions of educator preparation program rules for presentation to the Board tentatively in December 2022 as a timeline. This will be a diverse working group, comprised of 10-12 individuals, with approximately an 18-month commitment. Want input from the EPPs, as well as from stakeholders across the state.
- Rule 21: *Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Counsel, Supervise, and Administer in Nebraska Schools Update* – There are no updates at this time.
- Rule 23: *Regulations for the Basic Skills Competency Testing of Teachers and Administrators Update* – There are no updates at this time.
- Rule 24: *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements Update* – Rule 24 is going before the State Board for approval in August. Includes revisions to Principal, Elementary Education, Social Studies, World Language and School Librarian endorsements.

#### **State Legislative Update** – K. Heineke

- LB389 – Requires the issuance of teaching certificates and permits to military spouses. It allows military spouses to become certified without having to take the Human Relations Training course. This bill was signed by the Governor in March of 2021.
- LB528 - *Alternative Certification for Teachers Act*. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 25, 2021. It addresses the teacher shortage issue as well as removing barriers to certification.

#### **Program Approval Schedule** – K. Heineke

- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site visit is in December, 2021
- Peru State College will have off-site review in August, 2021
- Midland University will have off-site review in September, 2021
- University of Nebraska-Omaha will have off-site folio review in December, 2021.

#### **NDE Updates** - K. Heineke

- All Educator Preparation Programs were approved.
- Bellevue University has reached continuing approval as a standard institution of higher education.
- The Teacher Education Forum will take place on August 9, 2021, and will be done virtually.

#### **Old and New Business** – D. Casey

- Roll call vote was taken for electing Sara Skretta as NCTE President-Elect. Vote was approved.
- President Casey reviewed the various agenda items for discussion at the Standing Committee Meetings. These items included new member development, the educator preparation program rule revision recommendations from Johns Hopkins University, and voting on various Standing Committee officers.

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**Break** - 10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

**Standing Committee Meetings** - 10:25 – 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch** – 12:00 – 12:53 p.m.

**Second General Session** – President D. Casey presiding

**Committee A** – L. Sankey

- New Member Development – Will bring a motion to the floor stating NCTE will have member development prior to each meeting.
- Completed review of Dr. Steiner recommendations, which included:
  - Alternative Certification – Dr. Steiner recommendation is very narrow. Committee recommends multiple paths to certification.
  - Competency and Standards Review – Voted that this recommendation needs further clarification as to how it applies to NE context.
  - Teacher/Principal Performance Standards – how do they apply to Nebraska context?
  - Crosswalk with Early Childhood and Elementary Ed – how does it apply to NE context?
  - Cultural Relevant Teaching - agreed with Dr. Steiner.
- A second motion will be brought to the floor – The feedback from NCTE members and standing committee minutes will be used in Rule 20 revision and that Dr. Steiner’s recommendations should apply to NE context.
- Officer Elections: Kim Saum-Mills was elected Vice-Chair, and Susan Stake was elected Secretary for 2021-22.

**Committee B** – C. Rice

- New Member Development:
  - Communication sent to new members welcoming them to NCTE. Need a training course that could be done online (perhaps modules). Should have a meeting prior to the regular meeting to cover NCTE items such as voting, expense reimbursements, Standing Committees, etc. Could have person’s picture on screen and could have an online link to pictures of each member to try to get better acquainted with new members, etc. Is there a mission statement for NCTE? It could be at the top of the meeting agenda to explain the purpose of NCTE.
- Dr. Steiner recommendations:
  - Should be using NE specific content and data in the recommendations. They need to align with State Board recommendations and goals. Rules modification are meeting some of the recommendations. Flexibility is necessary with school districts and institutions concerning implementation of these recommendations.
- Accreditation programs should maintain contact with national accreditation processes to avoid duplication of processes.

**Committee C** – M. Lenihan

- New Member Development:
  - Mentors are useful; Before the fall meeting could have an orientation over ZOOM. Each group could present one time per year (teachers, higher ed, governance). Prioritize what should be read before meetings.

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- Dr. Steiner recommendations:
  - Alternate Certification—it is good to review Rule 20.
  - Dashboards – are costly to design and maintain but are beneficial.
  - Content knowledge – focus of NCTE. Important that Rule 20 covers this requirement. Supports are in place through ESUs and high-quality materials that IHEs provide. Should keep doing what we are doing.
  - Clinical Practice – students are getting into schools sooner. Don't want to create barriers that will keep students out of education. We like the idea of a year-long program, but flexibility is needed within various districts and schools. Do not want this to be mandated.
- Election of new officers for Committee C: Donna Moss, Chair; Jenny Jansky – Vice chair; Dawn Lewis – Secretary.

#### **Motions by Committee A:** L. Sankey and D. Casey

- **MOTION #1:** NCTE will provide a member development meeting prior to each NCTE meeting. The fall meeting will provide an overview of NCTE with subsequent meetings to discuss selected topics.
  - This motion is a way to make sure that member development will be done. Will not be part of the organizational policies. Could be done by online meetings or possibly meet before regular NCTE meetings, for example. Roll call vote taken and motion was approved.
- **MOTION #2:** Feedback from NCTE members and standing committee minutes will be used in Rule 20 revision and Dr. Steiner's recommendations will be considered in Nebraska's context.
  - NCTE is a recommending body and an advisory board and therefore the NCTE recommendations regarding Rule 20 revisions should be considered. Roll call vote taken but motion was not approved. According to the view of some members, a 'No' vote meant that they approved the rationale of the motion, but that the motion was not needed because it is redundant to have NCTE recommend its own recommendations to the State Board of Education.

#### **Transfer of Presidency** – D. Casey

- D. Casey gave a few farewell remarks as her term as President is completed.
- D. Casey transferred the office of Presidency to Mark Lenihan. President Lenihan honored Diana Casey with a plaque for her years of service as President of NCTE.

#### **Adjournment** – M. Lenihan

- President Lenihan adjourned meeting at 1:48 p.m.