

## State Board of Education Work Session

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Nebraska Innovation Campus, Banquet Hall, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, NE 68508

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Publicized notice of the business meeting was given by posting notice on the Department's website and emailed to news media requesting notification, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

### STATE BOARD WORK SESSION, Thursday, September 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koch Johns called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

##### 1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Maureen Nickels  
Deborah Neary

Robin Stevens  
Lisa Fricke

Patsy Koch Johns

Commissioner Blomstedt was also in attendance.

Absent: Jacquelyn Morrison, Kirk Penner, Patti Gubbels

##### 1.2. President Koch Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### 1.3. President Koch Johns announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

##### 1.4. Meeting Protocol

Commissioner Blomstedt asked members of the public to be considerate of the proceedings of the meeting.

#### 2. BOARD TRAINING

The State Board engaged in a work session with Shirley Vargas and Lane Carr, NDE Representatives on Accountability.

Deborah Neary left at 10:39 a.m. and returned at 10:41 a.m.

#### 3. ADJOURNMENT

President Koch Johns adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, September 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at Nebraska Innovation Campus, Banquet Hall, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, NE 68508.

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, September 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – President Patsy Koch Johns called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### 1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Maureen Nickels	Robin Stevens	Patsy Koch Johns
Lisa Fricke	Kirk Penner	Deborah Neary
Jacquelyn Morrison (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)		

Commissioner Blomstedt was also in attendance.

Absent: Patti Gubbels

#### 1.2. President Koch Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### 2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 2.1. Millard Public Schools

Deborah Neary introduced Amy Sweets, Andy Pinkall, Meg Williams and Melanie Olson from Millard Public Schools who presented on the Early College Program at Millard South High School.

#### 2.2. Nebraska Teacher Shortage Summit Update

Jenny Jansky and Sara Skretta presented an update on the work that has been done since Nebraska Teacher Shortage Summit.

#### 2.3. 2022 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Lee Perez, Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School, Omaha, Nebraska Quarterly Report

2022 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Lee Perez, English as a Second Language teacher in grades 5-8th at Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School in Omaha, provided an update on the activities he has been involved with as Teacher of the Year.

### 3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### 3.1. Agenda Overview and Consent Agenda Process

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Commissioner Blomstedt provided an overview of the Consent Agenda process

3.1.A. No Consent Agenda Items were requested to be removed.

#### 3.2. Annual Presentation from the President of the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

Kelly Heineke, NDE Representative, introduced Mark Lenihan, Wayne Community Schools who provided the annual presentation on NCTE.

President Koch Johns called for a recess at 10:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:28 a.m.

Lisa Fricke returned at 10:28 a.m.  
Kirk Penner returned at 10:29 a.m.

#### 4. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Koch Johns delivered the President’s Report.

#### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Maureen Nickels, second by Lisa Fricke to approve the Consent Agenda.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

#### 6. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1. **Executive Committee** – Robin Stevens, Vice Chair, reported on the Committee meeting.

6.2. **Budget and Finance Committee** – Maureen Nickels, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

6.2.A. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

There was no further discussion on this item

6.2.B. Review In-State Travel Authorization Reports

There was no further discussion on this item.

6.2.C Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to accept the Afghan Refugee School Impact Supplements Federal Grant Award and enter into Cooperative Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Motion by Maureen Nickels, second by Lisa Fricke to accept the Afghan Refugee School Impact Supplements Federal Grant Award and enter into Cooperative Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

6.2.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to submit the Biennial budget request

Motion by Maureen Nickels, second by Robin Stevens to submit the Biennial budget request.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

6.3. **Planning and Evaluation Committee** – Deborah Neary, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

6.3.A. Action Item: Approval of Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics

Motion by Robin Stevens, second by Maureen Nickels to approve the Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

6.3.B. Action Item: Approve Rule 11 (92 NAC 11), *Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs* teacher waiver request for York Public Schools

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Deborah Neary to approve the Rule 11 (92 NAC 11), *Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs* teacher waiver request for York Public Schools.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

6.3.C. Discussion Item: Ratify and approve a resolution declaring the State Board’s support for LR335, the state’s postsecondary attainment goal

No additional discussion

6.4. **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Lisa Fricke, Vice Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

6.4.A. Report on Rules

There is no action on rules.

**7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policy Manual Revision – Maureen Nickels reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.1.A. Action Item: Adopt the Resolution to revise the State Board of Education Policy Reference Manual

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to adopt the resolution to revise structural organization in the State Board of Education Policy Reference Manual.

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Robin Stevens to move the previous question.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Robin Stevens to postpone definitely to the October Board meeting for future consideration of the Policy Reference Manual.

Lisa Fricke:	No
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	No
Robin Stevens:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

**8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

No additional business

President Koch Johns called for a recess at 11:53 a.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

9.1. The following individuals from the public spoke against the Health Standards: Jeannie Greisen, Jenna Derr, Marni Hodgen, Wayne Smith

Arlene Rea spoke about preserving the Nebraska legacy of providing and improving quality education.

Brooke Ritter spoke about pornographic books in the Kearney High School Library.

DeLoris (De) Tonack spoke about quality education for students of all backgrounds and reducing testing for students.

Jim Rea spoke about being a proud advocator for Nebraska Public Schools.

Liz Davids spoke about David Jespersen's interview with the Omaha World Herald.

Nancy Comer spoke about continuing to pursue quality education for all students.

Stephanie Johnson spoke about Deborah Neary's tweet.

Jacquelyn left the meeting at 1:40 p.m. and returned at 1:43 p.m.

#### 9.2. Written Public Comment

Submitted written public comments are linked through SPARQ in Board Agenda item number 9.2., SBOE Written Public Comment September 2022.

### 10. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

10.1. President Koch Johns referred Board Members to review information items and reports.

### 11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(NONE)

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

President Koch Johns adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln, Nebraska.