

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Thursday-Friday August 3-4, 2023

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, August 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gubbels called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke

Patti Gubbels

Patsy Koch Johns

Elizabeth Tegtmeier

Deborah Neary

Sherry Jones

Kirk Penner

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Jacquelyn Morrison

1.2. President Gubbels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. President Gubbels announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. BUSINESS

2.1. Budget Information Planning Session

Board Members engaged in a work session with NDE Staff on Budget Information Planning Session.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Gubbels adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, August 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Nebraska Innovation Campus, Banquet Hall, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, NE 68508.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, August 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Patti Gubbels called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Sherry Jones	Patti Gubbels	Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Patsy Koch Johns	Lisa Fricke	Deborah Neary
Jacquelyn Morrison	Kirk Penner	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

1.2. President Gubbels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Career and Technical Student Organization National Officer Recognition

Katie Graham, Administrator of the Office of Career and Technical Education recognized the Career and Technical Student Organization National President Educators Rising, Milan Aranza.

2.2. Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Presentation

Amy Rhone, Administrator of the Office of Special Education, introduced Tanya Armstrong, Superintendent of the Nebraska Center for the Education Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner's Report.

3.1. Agenda Overview and Consent Agenda Process

3.1.A. Commissioner's recommendation and items to be removed from consent agenda.

Consent agenda items 5.2.B, 5.3.A, 5.3.E were requested for removal.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gubbels delivered the President's Report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patsy Koch Johns to approve the Consent Agenda without agenda items 5.2.B., 5.3.A., and 5.3.E.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent

The motion passed.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. **Executive Committee** – Patti Gubbels, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

6.1.A. Action Item: Contract with the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for Commissioner Appraisal Evaluation Services

Motion by Kirk Penner second by Jacquelyn Morrison to contract with the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for Commissioner Appraisal Evaluation Services.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

6.1.B. Action Item: Approve Commissioner Goals

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patsy Koch Johns to approve the Commissioner Goals.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

President Gubbels called for a break at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

6.2. **Budget and Finance Committee** – Patsy Koch Johns, 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. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract with one or more consultants to assist in the sharing of data as required under Section 79-303.01

Motion by, Deborah Neary second by Kirk Penner to contract with one or more consultants to assist in the sharing of data as required under Section 79-303.01.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes

Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to provide funds to the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System (NSWERS) in fulfillment of NDE's financial commitment to the partnership

Motion by Elizabeth Tegtmeier, second by Kirk Penner to provide funds to the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System (NSWERS).

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Deborah Neary: Yes
Sherry Jones: Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier: Yes
Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract with the National Center for Grow Your Own (NCGYO) to support implementation of the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program

NDE Staff provided additional information on the contract.

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Elizabeth Tegtmeier to contract with the National Center for Grow Your Own (NCGYO) to support implementation of the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Deborah Neary: Yes
Sherry Jones: Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier: Yes
Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.E. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to subaward with IDEA Part B – Discretionary Funding to provide support for the OSE Regional Secondary Transition Support Projects

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Kirk Penner to subaward with IDEA Part B – Discretionary Funding to provide support for the OSE Regional Secondary Transition Support Projects.

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Deborah Neary: Yes
Sherry Jones: Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier: Yes

Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.F. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to subaward funds to Educational Service Unit (ESU) #4 to operate the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Project to support schools who are experiencing personnel shortages in the area of Blind and Visual Impairment supports

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Lisa Fricke to subaward funds to Educational Service Unit (ESU) #4 to operate the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Project to support schools who are experiencing personnel shortages in the area of Blind and Visual Impairment supports.

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Deborah Neary: Yes
Sherry Jones: Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier: Yes
Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.G. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to continue to subaward to Educational Service Unit (ESU) #4 to operate the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Project designed to provide outreach services

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Kirk Penner to continue to subaward funds to Educational Service Unit (ESU) #4 to operate the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Project to support schools who are experiencing personnel shortages in the area of Blind and Visual Impairment supports.

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Deborah Neary: Yes
Sherry Jones: Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier: Yes
Patti Gubbels: Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison: Absent
Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

Jacquelyn Morrison returned at 11:01 a.m.

- 6.2.H. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to subaward funding for providing enhanced educational interpreter training and mentoring programs through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF)

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Sherry Jones to subaward funding for providing enhanced educational interpreter training and mentoring programs through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF).

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.2.I. Action item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for the remodel of leased office space (north side of first floor) at 500 S. 84th St., Lincoln, NE

Motion by Elizabeth Tegtmeier, second by Patsy Koch Johns to contract for the remodel of leased office space (north side of first floor) at 500 S. 84th St., Lincoln, NE.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

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

- 6.3.A. Action Item: Approve early childhood education programs operated by public school districts and educational service units

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Sherry Jones to approve early childhood education programs operated by public school districts and educational service units.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.3.B. Action Item: Approve College View Academy to operate for the 2023-2024 school year under Rule 14

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Deborah Neary to approve College View Academy to operate for the 2023-2024 school year under Rule 14.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Abstain

Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.3.C. Action Item: Approve cut scores for English Language Arts and Mathematics, and the Science Validation results

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patsy Koch Johns to approve cut scores for English Language Arts and Mathematics, and the Science Validation results.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.3.D. Discussion Item: Notice of intent to bring ALT ELPA cut scores to the September State Board meeting for Board approval (Staff Presentation)

NDE Representative, Allyson DenBeste, provided additional information on the ALT ELPA cut scores.

- 6.3.E. Discussion Item: Discuss approval of the Rule 11 teacher waiver request from Scottsbluff Public Schools (Staff Presentation)

NDE Representative, Melody Hobson, provided additional information on the Rule 11 teacher waiver request.

- 6.3.F. Discussion Item: Review draft Priority School Progress Plan for Isanti Elementary and High School with anticipated approval in September 2023 (Staff Presentation)

NDE Representative, Shirley Vargas, provided additional information priority school progress plan draft for Isanti Elementary and High School.

- 6.4. **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Elizabeth Tegtmeier, Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

- 6.4.A. Report on Rules

There is no action on rules.

- 6.4.B. Discussion Item: Discuss proposed revisions to Rule 59 for School Health and Safety

NDE Representative, Zainab Rida, provided a high-level overview of the changes made to Rule 59.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 5.2.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve the 2023-2024 Nebraska Council on Teacher Education Membership Roster

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Deborah Neary to approve the 2023-2024 Nebraska Council on Teacher Education Membership Roster.

NDE Representative, Brad Dirksen, provided additional information on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education Membership Roster and how the members are chosen.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	No
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	No
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

President Gubbels called for a break at 12:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 8.1. Reverend Dr. William Jackson spoke with regard to curriculum adjustment.

Linda Vermuuten spoke with regard to long-term impact of addiction to pornography and the books in school libraries.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS, Cont.

- 5.2.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to renew the contracts with partners for the School Mental Health Project to address mental health needs of students and staff across Nebraska

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Deborah Neary to approve the 2023-2024 Nebraska Council on Teacher Education Membership Roster.

NDE Representative, Zainab Rida, provided additional information on the contracts with partners for the school mental health project.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

- 5.3.E. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to renew a contract with Emspace+Lovegren

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Deborah Neary to renew a contract with Emspace+Lovegren to continue a public engagement campaign for Step-Up-To-Quality

NDE Representatives, Ryan Foor, Brian Halstead, and Melody Hobson, provided additional information on the renewal of the Emspace+Lovegren contract.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Yes
Sherry Jones:	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Yes
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, Cont.

8.2. Written Public Comment

(NONE)

9. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

President Gubbels referred Board Members to review information items and reports.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(NONE)

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Gubbels adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Aurora, NE.