

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Thursday-Friday November 30-December 1, 2023

Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, Lancaster 4, 5, 6, 333 South 13th Street, 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, November 30, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gubbels called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke
Sherry Jones

Patti Gubbels
Kirk Penner

Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Patsy Koch Johns

Jacquelyn Morrison

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Deborah Neary

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. Engage in discussion and provide input on key policy issues surrounding Nebraska's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan

NDE Representative, Lane Carr, discussed key policy issues surrounding Nebraska's Every Student Succeeds ACT (ESSA) state plan.

Elizabeth Tegtmeier left at 3:41 p.m.

President Gubbels called for a break at 3:43 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:52 p.m.

2.2. Board Review of Commissioner's Informal Evaluation

President Gubbels began the discussion on Commissioner Maher's informal evaluation and Commissioner Maher discussed goals and strategies.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Gubbels adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, December 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, Lancaster 4, 5, 6, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

State Board of Education
Joint Meeting between State Board of Education and
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Friday, December 1, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION JOINT MEETING WITH THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, Friday, December 1, 2023, 7:30 a.m., Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, Arbor I and II, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

2. CALL TO ORDER

President Gubbels called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke	Patti Gubbels	Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Jacquelyn Morrison (arrived at 7:45 a.m.)		Sherry Jones

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Deborah Neary, Kirk Penner, Patsy Koch Johns

1.2. President Nickels announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. BUSINESS

2.1. Welcome from President of State Board of Education

Patti Gubbels, President of the State Board of Education provided welcome remarks and introductions of State Board Members.

2.3. Welcome from Chair of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Dr. Paul Von Behren, Chair of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) provided welcome remarks and introductions of Commission Members.

2.3. Message from the Commissioner of Education

Brian Maher, Commissioner of Education, spoke to the mission, vision, and projects of the Department of Education, noting the similarities and common work of both entities.

2.4. Message from the Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, spoke to the mission, vision, and projects of the Commission.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Gubbels adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, December 1, 2023, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Patti Gubbels called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke	Patti Gubbels	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Jacquelyn Morrison
Sherry Jones	Kirk Penner	Patsy Koch Johns (arrived at 11:31 a.m.)	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Deborah Neary

1.2. President Gubbels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Nebraska Schools eSports Association

Board member Morrison introduced Matt Hinkel, Digital Media Teacher, Grand Island Northwest, NSESA President; Kimberly Ingraham- Beck, Computer Science Teacher, Gretna Public Schools, NSESA Vice President; and Nate Simons, Director of Technology, Louisville Public Schools, NSESA Board Secretary discussing the Nebraska Schools eSports Association.

3. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

3.2. Renee Jones, 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, High School English, Lincoln High School, Final Report

The 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Renee Jones, English teacher, Lincoln High School provided her final report.

3.3. Report from Superintendent of Institutional Schools

Scott English, Superintendent of Institutional Schools, provided a report.

President Gubbels called for a break at 10:47 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:56 a.m.

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 5.3.A., 5.3.B., 5.4.A. and 5.4.C. were requested for removal

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Gubbels delivered the President’s Report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Elizabeth Tegtmeier to approve the Consent Agenda without agenda items 5.3.A., 5.3.B., 5.4.A. and 5.4.C.

Lisa Fricke: Yes

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

The motion passed.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

6.1.A. Discussion Item: Review proposed changes to the Board Bylaws and Policies

Board members provided feedback on two Board Policies and one Board Bylaw. Brian Halstead, Board Legal Counsel, provided clear information on electing board officers. Board members reached a consensus on the changes.

President Gubbels called for a break at 12:18 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:04 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

8.1. Liz Davids spoke with regard to forward thinking with AI and responsible contract negotiations
Tracee Baker spoke with regard to dyslexia test screening.
Kathy Faucher spoke with regard to student misbehavior in the classroom.
Eric Savaiano representing Nebraska Appleseed, spoke with regard to child nutrition security to adopt the Summer Child Nutrition EBT. (Similar to pandemic EBT program)

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 for ADVISER continued development

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patsy Koch Johns to contract for ADVISER continued development.

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

The motion passed.

6.2.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve the interagency agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Home, and Community Based Services

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Kirk Penner to approve the interagency agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Home, and Community Based Services.

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

The motion passed.

- 6.2.D. Action Item: Renew a contract with Teachstone Inc. to provide materials and training necessary to implement the Classroom Assessment Scoring System ® in early childhood education and care programs across Nebraska

Motion by Elizabeth Tegtmeier, second by Kirk Penner to renew a contract with Teachstone Inc. to provide materials and training necessary to implement the Classroom Assessment Scoring System ® in early childhood education and care programs across Nebraska.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Deborah Neary:	Absent
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** – Lisa Fricke, Vice Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

Sydney Kobza, Allyson DenBeste, and Dr. Deborah Frison, NDE Representatives, provided context for the updates of the Computer Science Standards.

- 6.3.A. Action Item: Adopt the annual plan for the Nebraska statewide assessment and reporting system for 2023-2024.

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to adopt the annual plan or the Nebraska statewide assessment and reporting system for 2023-2024.

Trudy Clark, NDE Representative, provided information on the Nebraska statewide assessment and reporting system development plan.

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

Kirk Penner Yes

The motion passed.

- 6.3.B. Action Item: Approve the accreditation of Lawrence-Nelson Public Schools and Sandy Creek Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year under Rule 10

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Sherry Jones to approve the accreditation of Lawrence-Nelson Public Schools and Sandy Creek Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year under Rule 10.

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

The motion passed.

- 6.3.C. Discussion Item: Discussion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan Development – Nebraska VR Portion

No discussion.

Lisa Fricke left at 2:17 p.m.

- 6.3.D. Discussion Item: Provide information on the Fall 2023 state and federal accountability processes (staff presentation)

NDE Representatives, Shirley Vargas, and Derek Ippensen, presented on the Fall 2023 state and federal accountability processes.

Kirk Penner left at 2:18 p.m. Returned at 2:27 p.m.

Jacquelyn Morrison left at 2:30 p.m.

- 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.

President Gubbels left at 2:44 p.m. Returned at 2:49 p.m.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 5.3.A. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to Amend the Contract with TNTP for services and support to Nebraska's Priority Schools

NDE Representatives, Amy Rhone, and Shirley Vargas, provided additional information on the amendment for the contract with TNTP for services and support to Nebraska's Priority Schools.

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patsy Koch Johns to amend the contract with TNTP for services and support to Nebraska's Priority Schools.

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

The motion passed.

- 5.3.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to enter into renewal contracts with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), contractors and other vendor partners in support of the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) and other data and system modernization efforts

NDE Representative, Kristin Yates, provided additional information on the renewal of contracts with Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Sherry Jones to enter into renewal contracts with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), contractors and other vendor partners in support of the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) and other data and system modernization efforts.

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

The motion passed.

- 5.4.A. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve a continuation grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to assist the School Safety and Security Program to build the capacity of Nebraska schools in the area of Emergency Management, violence prevention education and threat assessment

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Elizabeth Tegtmeier to approve a continuation grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to assist the School Safety and Security Program to build the capacity of Nebraska schools in the area of Emergency Management, violence prevention education and threat assessment.

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

The motion passed.

5.4.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to reallocate funds to federally funded expanded learning collaborative sites for summer school programming

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Elizabeth Tegtmeier to reallocate funds to federally funded expanded learning collaborative sites for summer school programming.

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

The motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, CON'T

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 3:07p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln, NE.