

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Thursday-Friday March 7-8, 2024

Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Room, 500 S 84th 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, March 7, 2024, 2:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke

Patsy Koch Johns

Elizabeth Tegtmeier

Deborah Neary

Sherry Jones

Patti Gubbels

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Kirk Penner and Jacquelyn Morrison

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. BUSINESS

2.1. Commissioner Report on Goals

Commissioner Maher reported on the performance expectations and goals set by the board.

2.2. Statewide Assessment Information

Trudy Clark, NDE Representative, provided statewide assessment information.

2.3. Accountability System for Public Schools and School Districts

Derek Ippensen, NDE Representative, presented on the accountability system for public schools and school districts.

Board Members discussed public comment for March 8, 2024.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, March 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Room, 500 S 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, February 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

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

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Special Presentation and Resolution to Proclaim April 2024 as the Month of the military Child and April 15, 2024, as “Purple Up! For Military Kids Day.”

Derek Ippensen, NDE Representative, introduced Major General Craig Strong, Nebraska National Guard, State Command Chief Jeff Horne, State Command Sargent Major Dennis Krecklow, and Cara Loken, wife of Lt. Col. John Loken who each shared a thank for taking the time to commemorate the event and the importance of the resources provided to schools to better serve military-connected students.

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Patsy Koch Johns to proclaim April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child and April 14, 2023, as “Purple Up! For Military Kids Day” and to adopt the resolution

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.

3. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

3.1. Agenda Overview and Consent Agenda Process

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

No items were requested for removal.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner’s report.

3.2. Update on the Teacher of the Year Program

David Jespersen, NDE Representative and Teacher of the Year Coordinator, provided an update on the Teacher of the Year Program.

3.3. Information on the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (Summer EBT)

Kayte Partch, NDE Representative, provided information on the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (Summer EBT) and answered Board Members questions.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Tegtmeier delivered the President’s Report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to reduce the amount of individual time allotted to three minutes for all speakers

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Lisa Fricke to amend the motion by striking three minutes and insert four minutes.

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 amendment passed.

Board Members voted on the motion as amended by reducing the amount of individual time allotted to four minutes for all speakers.

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.

The following members of the public spoke in favor of the changes proposed to Rule 10:

Amber Parker, Brooke Ritter, Cheryl Wegner, Darcy Svoboda, Dennis Schleis, Doug Kagan, Heather Hall, Jeanne Greiser, Jenna Derr, Judy Derr, Kathy Faucher, Katie McClemens, Marilyn Asher, Marni Hodgen, Merlyn Bartels, Robbie Adams, Scott Thomas, Steve Davies, Sue Greenwald, Ted Lewiston, Terri Cunningham-Swanson, Tony Tangwall.

The following members of the public spoke against the changes proposed to Rule 10:

Chris Haeffner, Jamie Bonkiewicz, Jessie McGrath, Judy Weyman, Kevin Abourezk, Lou Braatz III, Mary Reiman, Nancy Packard, Sara Mitchell

Patsy Koch Johns and Kirk Penner left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 11:19 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:25 a.m.

5.2. Written Public Comment

Submitted written public comments are linked through Sparq in Board Agenda item 5.2.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to approve the Consent Agenda.

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 Tegtmeier called for a recess at 12:02 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:35 p.m.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

7.1.A. Report on Rules

The report on rules is linked through Sparq in Board Agenda item 7.4.A.

7.1.B. Action Item: Proposal for future revisions to Rule 10

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patti Gubbels to direct the Commissioner to propose revisions to Rule 10 related to the content of library, media, and technology resources, and the required number of library, media, and technology resources, after the current revisions are adopted by the Governor.

Board Member Penner presented on the proposed revisions to Rule 10. Board Members discussed the revisions.

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

The motion is lost.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 1:54 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:07 p.m.

7.2. **Planning and Evaluation Committee Report** – Sherry Jones, Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.2.A. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions to Position Statement S3 Foundational Literacy

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to adopt proposed revisions to Position Statement S3 Foundational Literacy.

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.

7.2.B. Discussion Item: Approve Nonpublic schools for the 2024-2025 school year

There was no additional discussion.

7.3. **Budget and Finance Committee** – Patsy Koch Johns, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

Kirk Penner left at 2:16 p.m.

7.3.A. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

There was no further discussion on this item.

Kirk Penner returned at 2:19 p.m.

7.3.B. Action Item: Approve the reappropriation of ESSER statewide set aside funds for specific projects

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Patti Gubbels to approve the reappropriation of ESSER statewide set aside funds for specific projects.

Lane Carr, NDE Representative, provided information of the reappropriation of the ESSER Statewide Set aside funds.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve a contract renewal for the implementation of a cohort of the PreK-Grade 3 Leadership Academy

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to approve a contract renewal for the implementation of a cohort of the PreK-Grade 3 Leadership Academy.

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.

- 7.3.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for video creation and production for early childhood education

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patti Gubbels to contract for video creation and production for early childhood education.

Melody Hobson, NDE Representative, provided information that these videos would be available more broadly and could be used in multiple ways.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3.E. Discussion Item: Accept the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Audit

Board Members discussed the report.

- 7.4. **Executive Committee** – Elizabeth Tegtmeier, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

Kirk Penner left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

7.4.A. Action Item: Review 2024 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to adopt the legislative positions as recommended by the Executive Committee.

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.

7.4.B. Action Item: Request for Separate Consideration of Board Position on LB 1398: Change provisions relating to reimbursements for special education programs and support services relating to option students .

The Executive Committee recommended no action on item 7.4.B.

7.4.C. Action item: Request for Separate Consideration of Board Position on LB 1013: Create the Family Engagement Grant Program for certain schools

The Executive Committee recommended no action on item 7.4.C.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Board Members discussed the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association conference, and the upcoming Commissioner's Appraisal

9. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Information items and reports are linked through Sparq under Board Agenda item 9.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Patti Gubbels reported that she presented on Nebraska's work with high-quality instructional materials at the request of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln, NE.