

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Thursday-Friday February 1-2, 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, February 1, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke

Patti Gubbels

Jacquelyn Morrison (arrived at 3:17 p.m.)

Patsy Koch Johns

Elizabeth Tegtmeier

Deborah Neary

Sherry Jones

Kirk Penner

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. BUSINESS

2.1. Review 2024 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

The Executive Committee presented its recommendations on the legislative bills related to the work of the State Board and to the Commissioner of Education.

Deputy Commissioner Halstead, Board Legal Counsel, and NDE Representatives provided additional information on legislative bills the Committee has been discussing.

2. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, February 2, 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 – Vice President Deborah Neary called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Sherry Jones
Lisa Fricke
Kirk Penner

Patti Gubbels
Deborah Neary

Patsy Koch Johns
Jacquelyn Morrison

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Elizabeth Tegtmeier

1.2. Vice President Neary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Vice President Neary announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2.1. CTE Month Recognition

Katie Graham, Administrator of the Office of Career and Technical Education, recognized February as National CTE Month and introduced the following guests:

Dr. Jim Sutfin, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber partnership with the NDE, specifically related to CTE.

Caleb Most, Ogallala FFA, spoke about his experiences with FFA extemporaneous speaking.

Jesse Zweep, Industrial Technology Teacher, Louisville Public Schools, spoke about the Revision grant that the school applied for and how the process worked.

Vice President Neary called for a break at 9:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

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. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Christine Haeffner and Dana Fontaine spoke with regard to agenda item 7.4.B.

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 Sherry Jones to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion passed.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. **Executive Committee** – Deborah Neary, Vice Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.1.A. Review 2024 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patti Gubbels to adopt the legislative positions as recommended by the Executive Committee with the exception of LB1052.

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

The motion passed.

7.1.B. Action Item: Request for Separate Consideration of Board Position on LB 1052: Allow a Teacher Employed at an Approved or Accredited Public, Denominational, or Parochial School to Receive Reimbursement for School Supplies

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Lisa Fricke that the State Board of Education become a proponent to LB 1052 and direct the Commissioner to immediately send an email and letter of support to members of the Legislature's Education Committee communicating the change in the NDE's position from neutral to proponent.

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

The motion passed.

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

7.2.A. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

There was no further discussion on this item.

7.2.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for the Nebraska Early Childhood Data System (ECIDS).

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Patti Gubbels to contract for the Nebraska Early Childhood Data System (ECIDS)

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

The motion passed.

7.2.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts for the NDE Portal replacement and other associated projects.

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patti Gubbels to enter into contracts for the NDE Portal replacement and other associated projects

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

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to enter into new contracts to meet project management, procurement, and application development needs.

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patti Gubbels to enter into new contracts to meet project management, procurement, and application development needs

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

The motion passed.

- 7.2.E. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts for the NDE to provide technical, application-specific and regulator/compliance training sessions and materials.

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patti Gubbels to enter into contracts for the NDE to provide technical, application-specific, and regulatory/compliance training sessions and materials.

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

The motion passed.

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

- 7.3.A. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to submit the Nebraska’s revised Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan.

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Patti Gubbels to submit the Nebraska’s revised Every Student Succeeds Act plan.

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

The motion passed.

Kirk Penner left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

- 7.3.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract with NWEA for statewide assessment services.

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Sherry Jones to contract with NWEA for statewide assessment services

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract with DRC for statewide assessment services.

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patti Gubbels to contract with DRC for statewide assessment services

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

The motion passed.

Kirk Penner Returned at 11:29 a.m.

- 7.3.D. Action Item: Approve Rule 11 teacher waiver request for Franklin Public Schools

Motion by Patti Gubbels, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to approve Rule 11 teacher waiver request for Franklin Public Schools

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3.E. Action Item: Approve the Computer Science and Technology Standards

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to approve the Computer Science and Technology Standards

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

The motion passed.

7.3.F. Discussion Item: Revised draft of the proposed revision of the State Board of Education Position Statement S3 on Early Literacy.

Board Members discussed the proposed revisions to the position statement.

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

7.4.A. Report on Rules

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

7.4.B. Discussion Item: Proposal for future revisions to Rule 10.

Board Member Penner proposed revisions to Rule 10 related to Section 6 Library Media Technology.

Board Members discussed the proposal.

Patsy Koch Johns left meeting at 12:19 p.m. Returned 12:23 p.m.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

(NONE)

9. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

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

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(NONE)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Neary adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln, NE.