

State Board of Education Business Meeting.

Friday, September 6, 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 OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, September 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke
Kirk Penner
Sherry Jones

Patsy Koch Johns
Deborah Neary

Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Jacquelyn Morrison (arrived 9:01 a.m.)

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Patti Gubbels

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. Adopt the Resolution to Recognize September Attendance Awareness Month and Commence the "Nebraska Every Day Counts" Campaign

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Kirk Penner to adopt the resolution to recognize September as attendance awareness month and commence the "Nebraska Every Day Counts!" Campaign.

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

The motion passed.

NDE Staff, Shirley Vargas, and Zainab Rida, introduced Executive Director for Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium (MOEC), Dr. Terry Haack, who provided information on the MOEC Attendance Improvement Cohorts and the Office of Health Disparities Administrator in the Division of Public Health for Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Echohawk Lefthand, who discussed the partnership with the NDE and the different agencies at the state level working collaboratively to address attendance concerns.

2.2. Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) Annual Report

Sara Skretta, President of NCTE and Tim Frey, Chair of Committee B for NCTE delivered the NCTE Annual Report.

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 consent agenda items were requested for removal.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner's report.

3.2. Nebraska Teacher of the Year Quarterly Report

Scott Phillips, 2024 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Math teacher, Aurora Middle School, Aurora, Nebraska, provided an update on the activities he has been involved with as Teacher of the Year.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tegtmeier did not have a report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

5.2. Written Public Comment

No Written Public Comment was submitted.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 10:38 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Deborah Neary to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion passed.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. **Executive Committee** – Elizabeth Tegtmeier, Chair, reported that there was no meeting of the Committee.

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 approve the 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request Submission

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Kirk Penner to approve the 2025-27 Biennial budget Request Submission.

NDE Representative, Bryce Wilson, provided that budget issues can still be adjusted if changes need to be made.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for the system used to administer the USDA Child Nutrition Programs

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Sherry Jones to contract for the system used to administer the USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Accept the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant Funds and authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts and subawards to carry out grant activities

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Lisa Fricke to accept the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant Funds and authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts and subawards to carry out grant activities.

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

Elizabeth Tegtmeier:	Yes
Patti Gubbels:	Absent
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes

The motion passed.

7.2.E. Discussion Item: Potential Deficit Budget Items for Fiscal Year 2024-25

There was no further discussion on this item.

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 approve the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Science 2024

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patsy Koch Johns to approve the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Science 2024.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.B. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve the Pilot Process for Conducting Clinical Observations Virtually for Nebraska State Colleges

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Lisa Fricke to approve the Pilot Process for Conducting Clinical Observations Virtually for Nebraska State Colleges.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to approve the Rule 11 Teacher Waiver request for Dundy County Stratton Schools

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Kirk Penner to approve the Rule 11 Teacher Waiver request for Dundy County Stratton Schools.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes

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

The motion passed.

7.3.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to Contract for the 2025-2026 Statewide Assessment

Motion by Jacqueline Morrison, second by Kirk Penner to contract for the 2025-2026 Statewide Assessment.

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

The motion passed.

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: Review Proposed Repeal of Rule 25

There was no further discussion.

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

Board Member Jones shared that the October Board Meeting is in Grand Island and encouraged the public to attend and invited fellow Board Members and NDE Representatives to join in school visits.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Grand Island, NE.