

State Board of Education Business Meeting.

Friday, August 2, 2024

Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Room, 500 S 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Lisa Fricke
Patti Gubbels
Sherry Jones

Patsy Koch Johns
Deborah Neary

Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Jacquelyn Morrison (arrived 9:10 a.m.)

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Kirk Penner

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

NONE

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

Agenda items 6.2.A., 6.3.D. and 6.4.C. were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner's report.

3.2. Nebraska Literacy Project

NDE Representatives, Allyson DenBeste, and Amy Rhone, presented on the Nebraska Literacy Project.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tegtmeier spoke on attending the National Association of State School Boards New Member Institute with Board Member Jones.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Public Comment

Richard (Dick) Vautravers spoke on Position Statement 1 and support of non-discrimination and equitable educational opportunities in schools.

Eileen Vautravers spoke on implementing science of reading and structured literacy reading instruction in teacher training programs.

Cora Njuguna spoke on the implementation of the model dress code policy.

5.2. Written Public Comment

No Written Public Comment was submitted.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Jacquelyn Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda without agenda items 6.2.A., 6.3.D. and 6.4.C.

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. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

7.1.A. Action Item: Adopt the State Board's Legislative Priorities for 2025-27

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Patti Gubbels to adopt the State Board's Legislative Priorities for 2025-27.

NDE Staff Allyson DenBeste discussed the difference between evidence-based reading instruction and science of reading.

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.

7.1.B. BOP 1.06 Action Item: Adopt Proposed Amendments to Board Operating Policies

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patti Gubbels to adopt revised proposed amendments to Board Operating Policy 1.06.

NDE Staff, Brian Halstead, provided that the change for public comment was reasonable.

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.

7.1.B. BOP 1.10 Action Item: Adopt Proposed Amendments to Board Operating Policies

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patsy Koch Johns to adopt revised proposed amendments to Board Operating Policy 1.10.

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.

7.1.C. Action Item: Adopt list of Hearing Officers for Contested Cases

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Deborah Neary to adopt the list of Hearing Officers for Contested Cases.

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.

7.2. **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 amend a contract to support the Child Care Resource Network

Motion by Patti Gubbels, second by Sherry Jones to amend a contract to support the Child Care Resource Network.

NDE Representative, Melody Hobson, provided additional information for the amended 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	Absent

The motion passed.

7.2.C. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for a Step-Up-To-Quality public engagement campaign

Patti Gubbels left the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Returned at 11:48 a.m.

Jacquelyn Morrison left the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Returned at 11:50 a.m.

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to contract for a Step-Up-To-Quality public engagement campaign.

NDE Representative, Melody Hobson, provided the benefit of the Step-Up-To-Quality Public Engagement Campaign.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to grant funds to eligible provider(s) to administer the College Pathway Program Act

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Deborah Neary to grant funds to eligible provider(s) to administer the College Pathway Program Act.

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.

- 7.2.E. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract for the costs of services to work with youth and young adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patti Gubbels to contract for the costs of services to work with youth and young adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

NDE Representative, Ann Carmoney, provided additional information on the services being contracted.

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.

- 7.2.F. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to accept funding from the US Department of Education Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) and enter into contracts and subawards

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to accept funding from the US Department of Education Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) and enter into contracts and subawards.

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.

- 7.2.G. Action Item: Authorize the Commissioner to contract to administer the textbook loan program

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patti Gubbels to contract to administer the textbook loan program.

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

Jacquelyn Morrison:	No
Kirk Penner	Absent

The motion passed.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 12:05 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:48 p.m.

7.2.H. Discuss Item: 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request Review

NDE Representatives, Jen Utemark and Brian Halstead, discussed the 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request Review.

7.3. **Planning and Evaluation Committee Report** – Patti Gubbels, Vice Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.3.A. Action Item: Continue the approval of educator preparation programs for the 2024-2025 academic year

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patti Gubbels to continue the approval of educator preparation programs for the 2024-2025 academic year.

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.

7.3.B. Action Item: Approve the Pilot Process for conducting clinical observations virtually for Nebraska State Colleges

The Committee recommends no action at this time.

7.3.C. Action Item: Approve the Pilot Process for faculty load requirements for Nebraska State Colleges

Motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patti Gubbels to approve the Pilot Process for faculty load requirements for Nebraska State Colleges.

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.

7.3.D. Action Item: Approve criteria for the Innovative Learning Platform Grant

Motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patti Gubbels to approve criteria for the Innovative Learning Platform Grant.

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.

7.3.E. Action Item: Adopt recommendations from Statewide Assessment Standard Setting Results

Motion by Patti Gubbels, second by Patsy Koch Johns to adopt recommendations from Statewide Assessment Standard Setting Results.

NDE Representative, Trudy Clark, provided additional information on the Statewide Assessment Standard Setting 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	Absent

The motion passed.

7.3.F. Action Item: Approve Rule 11 teacher waiver request from Fairbury Public Schools

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patti Gubbels to approve Rule 11 teacher waiver request from Fairbury Public Schools.

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.

7.3.G. Action Item: Adopt the revised proposed Model Policy for the Dress Code and Grooming for schools

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patti Gubbels to adopt the revised proposed Model Policy for the Dress Code and Grooming for schools.

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

The motion passed.

- 7.3.H. Discussion Item: Approve Rule 11 teacher waiver request for Dundy County Stratton schools

No additional discussion.

- 7.3.I. Discussion Item: Statewide Assessment Contract Process

No additional discussion.

- 7.3.J. Discussion Item: Nebraska College and Career Ready (CCR) Standards for Science Final Draft

Board Members discussed the revisions and suggestions for the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Science and the process the draft followed.

Jacquelyn Morrison left the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

- 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.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 6.2.A. Authorize the Commissioner to approve the 2024-2025 Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) Membership Roster

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Lisa Fricke to approve the 2024-2025 Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) Membership Roster.

Jacquelyn Morrison returned at 2:09 p.m.

NDE Representative, Brad Dirksen, provided information on how the membership roster is determined and additional information on the NCTE Organizational Policy.

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.

- 6.3.D. Authorize the Commissioner to amend the contract for services for the statewide learning acceleration series and leader development cohort.

Motion by Jacquelyn Morrison, second by Patti Gubbels to amend the contract for services for the statewide learning acceleration series and leader development cohort.

NDE Representative, Shirley Vargas, provided the additional funds request are to expand the services provided to schools.

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.

- 6.4.C. Issue Subgrants for the purposes of funding the Promoting Engagement and Knowledge Projects (PEAK)

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Patsy Koch Johns to issue subgrants for the purposes of funding the Promoting Engagement and Knowledge Projects (PEAK).

NDE Representative, Amy Rhone, provided additional information on the improvements shown with student performance because of this funding.

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.

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 Fricke provided handouts from Administrator Days about literacy and leadership.

Board Member Jones shared that President Tegtmeier was named NASBE's New Member Representative to the Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Nebraska City, NE.