

**State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.**

Thursday-Friday October 2-3, 2025

Fremont Public Schools District Office, Board Room, 130 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont, NE 68025

[Link to Agenda and Attachments](#)

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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, October 2, 2025, 2:16 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary

Elizabeth Tegtmeier

Kristin Christensen

Lisa Schonhoff

Liz Renner

Maggie Douglas

Sherry Jones

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. BUSINESS**

2.1. Information on Statewide Accountability System

NDE Representative, Derek Ippensen, provided information on the statewide Accountability System.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, October 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Fremont Public Schools District Office, Board Room, 130 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, October 3, 2025, 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:

Deborah Neary (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kristin Christensen
Lisa Schonhoff	Liz Renner	Maggie Douglas
Sherry Jones		

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**

2.1. Adopt the Resolution to Recognize October as Dyslexia Awareness Month

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Lisa Schonhoff to adopt the Resolution to recognize October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	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 to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner's report.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

There was no President's Report.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

5.1. Public Comment

The following individuals spoke with regard to theater endorsement requirements: Dan Hays, Averi Hogue, Jenna Pool, Elliot Brummond, Alexxus Taavda, Rusty Ruth.

5.2. Written Public Comment

There were five Written Public Comments submitted.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Lisa Schonhoff to approve the Consent Agenda.

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

## 7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

7.1.A. Discussion Item: Strategic Plan

There was discussion regarding the strategic plan draft and input offered by board members for consideration. The Executive Committee plans to meet before the December meeting to review feedback and propose a final draft to the Board for consideration.

7.1.B. Discussion Item: Board Bylaw and Policy Revisions

There was no further discussion.

7.2. **Budget and Finance Committee** – Kristin Christensen, 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 Submit the 2025-26 Deficit Budget Request

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to submit the 2025-26 Deficit Budget Request.

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

7.2.C. Action Item: Contract for a Program Quality Anchor for Results Matter and Step Up to Quality

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Liz Renner to approve Program Quality Anchor for Results Matter and Step Up to Quality.

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Contract for Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Liz Renner to authorize the Commissioner to contract for Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS).

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	No
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

7.3. **Planning and Evaluation Committee Report** – Lisa Schonhoff, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.3.A. Action Item: Subject Area Examinations and Passing Scores for Temporary Certificates

Motion by Maggie Douglas, second by Kristin Christensen to approve Subject Area Examinations and Passing Scores for Temporary Certificates.

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Absent
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

7.4. **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Maggie Douglas, 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**

(NONE)

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

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

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Sherry Jones reported she is attending the ExcelinEd conference in New Orleans, LA, November 17-19, 2025 .

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The next meetings of the State Board of Education are scheduled for December 4-5, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska.