

State Board of Education Business Meeting.

Thursday September 3, 2026

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

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION, Thursday, September 3, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary (absent)

Elizabeth Tegtmeier

Kirk Penner (absent)

Kristin Christensen

Lisa Schonhoff

Liz Renner

Maggie Douglas

Sherry Jones

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. Nebraska's Multi-tiered System of Support (NeMTSS) Presentation

NDE Representative, Amy Rhone and MTSS representatives, Scott Eckman and Brooke Kahl, presented on the Nebraska's Multi-tiered System of Support (NeMTSS).

NeMTSS Impact Report handed out to State Board of Education members. The report is also linked in Sparq.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, September 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska Department of Education Office Building for a regular business meeting at the Nebraska Department of Education Office Building, State Board Room, 500 S 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, September 4, 2026, 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	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kirk Penner (arrived 9:25 a.m.)
Kristin Christensen	Lisa Schonhoff	Liz Renner
Maggie Douglas	Sherry Jones	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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

No agenda 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 in public comment: Doug Kagan, Allison Kinney-Walker, Abbey Uhlenhopp, Brooke Crumb, T. Michael Williams, and Linda Duckworth.

5.2. Written Public Comment

There were forty-four Written Public Comments submitted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	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. Action item: Approve the 2027-2029 Biennial Legislative Priorities.

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Kristin Christensen to approve the 2027-2029 Biennial Legislative Priorities.

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

The motion passed.

7.1.B. Discussion Item: Approve Revisions to Agency Management Policies

There was no further discussion on the item.

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 the item.

7.2.B. Action Item: Contract for Nebraska Career Connections 2026-2027 Statewide License

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to authorize the Commissioner to contract for Nebraska Career Connections 2026-2027 statewide license.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.C. Action Item: Approve Comprehensive English Language Proficiency Assessment

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to authorize the Commissioner to approve the contract for a Comprehensive English Language Proficiency Assessment.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Approve the 2027-2029 Biennial Budget Request Submission

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to authorize the Commissioner to approve the 2027-2029 Biennial Budget Request.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.E. Action Item: Approve Strategic Initiatives Grant Opportunities

NDE Representative, Deputy Commissioner Foor provided information regarding Agency Management Policies and additional information regarding strategic initiatives grant opportunities, awarding funds, and the board approval process for grants.

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to authorize the Commissioner to accept the grant notification from federal grantors.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.F. Discussion Item: Subaward to Carry Out the Federal IDEA Part D SPDG Grant Activities

There was no further discussion on the item.

7.2.G. Discussion Item: 2026-27 Deficit Budget Request

There was no further discussion on the item.

7.2.H. Discussion Item: Approve Issuance of the Mental Health Training Grant

There was no further discussion on the item.

7.2.I. Discussion Item: Approve New Strategic Initiatives Grant Opportunities

There was no further discussion on the item.

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

7.3.A. Action Item: Approve Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility Special Purpose Agreement Proposal

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Kristin Christensen to approve the proposed Special Purpose Agreement for the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.B. Action Item: Approve Plan(s) of Corrections for Rule 10, 14, and 18 School Systems and Interim Program Schools

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Lisa Schonhoff to approve the Plans of Corrections for Rule 10, 14, and 18 School Systems and Interim Program Schools.

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

The motion passed.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 10:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

7.3.C. Action Item: Approve the Revised 2026 Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Social Studies

NDE Representatives, Deputy Commissioner Stavem, Sydney Kobza, and Commissioner Maher provided additional information regarding the Revised 2026 Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Social Studies.

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Sherry Jones to approve the revised 2026 Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for Social Studies.

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

The motion failed.

7.3.D. Action Item: Approve Priority School Progress Plan for Bayard Secondary School in Bayard Public Schools

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Kristin Christensen to approve Priority School Progress Plan for Bayard Secondary School in Bayard Public Schools.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.E. Action Item: Approve Priority School Progress Plan for Scribner-Snyder Secondary School in Scribner-Snyder Public Schools

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Kristin Christensen to approve Priority School Progress Plan for Scribner-Snyder Secondary School in Scribner-Snyder Public Schools.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.F. Action Item: Approve Priority School Progress Plan for Northwest High School in Omaha Public Schools

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Sherry Jones to approve Priority School Progress Plan for Northwest High School in Omaha Public Schools.

Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes

Kristin Christensen	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	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

President Tegtmeier noted the October State Board Meeting will be in Scottsbluff.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

The next meetings of the State Board of Education are scheduled for October 1-2, 2026, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.