



NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

OCTOBER 2017

State Board of Education

President

Patricia

Timm

District 5

Vice President

John

Witzel

District 4

Patsy

Koch Johns

District 1

Lisa Fricke

District 2

Rachel

Wise

District 3

Maureen

Nickels

District 6

Molly

O'Holleran

District 7

Patrick

McPherson

District 8

VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION

The October board meeting began with the reading of a resolution honoring veterans by State Board member Lisa Fricke. Nebraska Department of Education staff who are veterans were recognized and the resolution was presented to the Director and Assistant Director of the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Day Resolution

2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Amber Vlasnik presented to the board during the October work session on her busy year and experiences as Nebraska Teacher of the Year. One of her highlights was a trip to Finland and Italy to learn about the education systems in other countries. Vlasnik also had a chance to attend Space Camp in Alabama and said it was a fulfillment of a childhood dream. As her year wraps up she said she plans to use her experiences to empower teachers to try new things so students will be more engaged.

DIGITAL EDUCATION

The board approved a position statement that defines digital education as teaching and learning through technology, supports the development and implementation of state systems, and supports quality infrastructure including broadband access and security for all students.

DIGITAL EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENT

EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Nebraska State Board of Education believes that in order to help prepare future generations of Nebraska youth for success in life, Nebraska's schools, families and communities must work together to provide multiple opportunities for healthy growth, development and academic success. Those opportunities don't always fit into a traditional school calendar. For those reasons the board adopted a position statement supporting quality Expanded Learning Opportunities across the state.

EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES POSITION STATEMENT

STEP UP TO QUALITY CURRICULUM

The board granted the Commissioner the authority to approve the purchase of curriculum for center-based and family child care home programs participating in Step Up to Quality. Curriculum use is an indicator of quality early childhood education. High quality curriculum is often an expense that licensed childcare providers cannot afford. Childcare providers participating in Step Up to Quality will be encouraged to complete a Federal grant application to receive early childhood curriculum and training for its use.

STEP UP TO QUALITY CURRICULUM

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html.



<https://www.facebook.com/NDEGOV/>



@NDE_GOV
@NDE_News