

State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Annual Meeting

Nebraska Department of Education
State Office Building, 6th floor, Conference Room B
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 26, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Nebraska State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children held its annual meeting on September 26, 2013. Publicized notice of the meeting was given by posting notice on the Department's website on the Internet, which gave the date, time and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Scott Swisher, Council Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Frank Harwood, Superintendent, Bellevue Public Schools; Lt. Colonel Charles Kuhl, U.S.A.F., 55th Wing Mission Support Group Commander, Offutt Air Force Base; and, Margaret Worth, General Counsel and Military Family Education Liaison, NDE. Senator Kate Sullivan was absent. Sen. Sullivan's General Counsel, LaMont Rainey, observed the meeting.

Dr. Swisher announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Frank Harwood, second by Worth: To approve the minutes of the September 28, 2012, State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children meeting.

Voting Yes: Swisher, Harwood, Kuhl, and Worth

The motion passed.

4. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON ACTIVITY OR ISSUES

Dr. Swisher reported that NDE has paid the annual dues for participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, approximately \$4,000 (approximately \$1 for each student). Dr. Swisher indicated that the Nebraska Legislature received \$10,000 annually to fund the dues as well as attendance at the Annual meeting of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commissioner (MIC3), which Dr. Swisher will attend this year.

Margaret Worth reported that during the past year NDE has not received any calls or concerns regarding the Compact. Ms. Worth also indicated that NDE's website now has information about MIC3:

http://www.education.ne.gov/COMMISH/Military_Children_Compact.html

Ms. Worth offered to members an updated Notebook which includes the most recent rules MIC3; reference material from the National MIC3 website; state statutes that cover the Council's responsibilities; and other pertinent information for members.

Dr. Harwood reported that their administration works closely with Offutt Air Force Base school liaison. Bellevue's issues have been typical parent issues at the school level and they have not had to use the Compact to solve these issues. Dr. Harwood did note that at last year's Annual Meeting the Commission voted to change a rule of the Compact related to kindergarten enrollment, which aligns with Nebraska state law.

Dr. Harwood reported that the Military Impacted School Association (MISA) has been offering training across the country for school counselors. Bellevue Public Schools will pursue this opportunity to have their school counselors attend this training.

Lt. Col. Kuhl reported that Offutt's school liaison has not reported any concerns/issues from any school districts including Bellevue, Papillion and Plattsmouth, that have warranted anything higher than local level resolution.

No Council member had any concerns or issues for Dr. Swisher to bring to the upcoming annual meeting of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Dr. Swisher adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

*****Support Materials for this meeting are available for inspection in the NDE's General Counsel's Office**