

State Board of Education Meeting
Thursday-Friday, February 1-2, 2018
State Board Meeting Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – WORK SESSION, Thursday, February 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER – President John Witzel called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Lisa Fricke:	Present
Patsy Koch Johns:	Present
Patrick McPherson:	Present
Maureen Nickels:	Absent (arrived at 2:05 p.m.)
Molly O'Holleran:	Present
Patricia Timm:	Present
Rachel Wise:	Present
John Witzel:	Present
Commissioner Blomstedt:	Present

1.2 President John Witzel made the announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

2.1 Consent Agenda process

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for Consent Agenda items.

2.2 Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the status list of Rules as provided to the Board.

2.3 There was no report on Board Priorities and Policy Research

3.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

3.1.A College, Career, and Civic Ready

3.1.A.1 Discussion Item: Discuss the definition of "civic-readiness"

Maureen Nickels, Chair, reported on the discussion of the Committee. The Committee wanted to insure that various discussions with stakeholders about civic readiness have been reviewed. Discussion will continue with an update at the March Board meeting.

3.1.B. Educator Effectiveness

3.1.B.1. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions to Rule 24, (92 NAC 24), "Regulations for Certificate Endorsements"

Pat Madsen, Department of Education representative, reviewed the proposed changes to Rule 24. The Committee, recommends approval of the proposed changes.

3.1.B.2. Action Item: Adopt proposed revisions with one non-substantive change to Rule 21, (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools"

Kevin Peters, Department of Education representative, provided a summary of the proposed changes to the rule regarding teaching permits for military spouses. The Committee recommends approval of the proposed changes.

3.2. AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

3.2.A. Educational Opportunities and Access

Molly O'Holleran, Chair, reported on discussions of the Committee on the following items.

3.2.A.1 Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign the contract with the state Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

Sharon Davis, Department of Education representative, provided an overview of the grant. The Committee recommends granting the Commissioner authority to sign the contract.

3.2.A.2 Action Item: Approve Federal Discretionary Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State General Funded Grants/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Greg Prochazka and Steve Milliken, Department of Education representatives, responded to questions about the grants.

The Committee recommends approval of the grants and MOU.

3.3. Policy Committee

3.3.A. Discussion Item: Four-year review of State Board Bylaw B18, Political Activity/Use of Resources/Accountability and Disclosure

Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the discussion of the Committee. The Committee recommended no change to Bylaw B18.

3.3.B. Discussion Item: Resolution for Secretary of State John Gale in recognition of his service to education

The Committee recommends the Board adopt a resolution recognizing the service of John Gale as Secretary of State and present it to him at the March State Board meeting.

3.4. Legislative Committee

3.4.A. Action Item: Review 2018 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

Rachel Wise, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee. Details of the discussions will be shared during the Legislative Retreat scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2018 on proposed positions on 2018 legislation.

3.4.B. Discussion Item: Biennium Budget Impacts for NDE

The Committee discussed the Biennium Budget impacts for the Department of Education. The Commissioner updated the Board on the Department's hearing scheduled for February 6 before the Appropriations Committee. President Witzel also reported on discussions held in the Finance Committee.

3.5 Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee

3.5.A. Action Item: Designate a priority school per Nebraska Revised Statute Sec. 79-760.06

Patricia Timm, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee. Deputy Commissioner Deborah Frison, provided information on the process and selection of Schuyler Central High School.

Following discussion, the Committee recommends designating Schuyler Central High School as a priority school.

3.5.B. Discussion Item: Discuss the ESSA plan re-submission process, and alignment with the Strategic Vision and Direction and AQuESTT

Commissioner Blomstedt reported on the progress and process regarding Nebraska's ESSA plan submission and the three significant points clarified. He also noted the timelines and ties to the Board's strategic plan.

3.6 Budget and Finance Committee

John Witzel, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee. The Committee reviewed LB 944, the budget deficit bill.

At 3:35 p.m., President Witzel called for a break. The meeting resumed at 3:40 p.m.

4. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

4.1 Meeting participation and joint meetings with policy partners

Board Members shared information from meetings, workshops, and other events they participated in since the January meeting.

4.2 Discuss requests for meetings that took place in the past and were not previously approved - None

4.3 Board members discussed requests for future meeting attendance.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Witzel adjourned the work session at 4:09 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018 9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Witzel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call

Lisa Fricke:	Present
Patsy Koch Johns:	Present
Patrick McPherson:	Present
Maureen Nickels:	Present
Molly O'Holleran:	Present
Patricia Timm:	Present
Rachel Wise:	Present
John Witzel:	Present
Commissioner Blomstedt	Present

1.2 President Witzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 President Witzel announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act information.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the minutes of the January 5, 2018 State Board of Education meeting as published passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Motion by Patrick McPherson, second by Patricia Timm: To approve the Agenda as published passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes

Patricia Timm: Yes
Rachel Wise: Yes
John Witzel: Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4.1 Henry Burke, spoke to Nebraska and the 2017 ACT Test Results

4.2 Other Public Comment

- Jay Sears, Nebraska State Education Association, speaking in support of Rules 21 and 24 and the presentation on priority school named based on demographically changing data
- Jeff Cole, parent of LPS student; speaking to high quality education in Lincoln Public Schools and acknowledging Lincoln High School being named a school of opportunity by the Colorado University at Boulder

5. HEARINGS (None)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (None)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 AQuESTT - Teaching and Learning Domain Committee

7.1.A. Educator Effectiveness

7.1.A.1. Motion by Maureen Nickels, second by Lisa Fricke: To adopt proposed revisions to Rule 24, (92 NAC 24), "Regulations for Certificate Endorsements" passed.

Lisa Fricke: Yes
Patsy Koch Johns: Yes
Patrick McPherson: Yes
Maureen Nickels: Yes
Molly O'Holleran: Yes
Patricia Timm: Yes
Rachel Wise: Yes
John Witzel: Yes

7.1.A.2. Motion by Maureen Nickels, second by Patricia Timm: To adopt proposed revisions with one non-substantive change to Rule 21, (92 NAC 21), "Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools" passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

7.2. AQuESTT - Student Success and Access Domain Committee

7.2.A. Educational Opportunities and Access

7.2.A.1. Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patsy Koch Johns: To grant the Commissioner the authority to sign the contract with the State Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for contract staff through June 2018, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

7.2.A.2. Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patrick McPherson: To approve Federal Discretionary Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State General Funded Grants/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

7.3. Strategic Planning, Performance, and Improvement Committee

- 7.3.A. Motion by Patricia Timm, second by Rachel Wise: To designate Schuyler Central High School a priority school per Nebraska Revised Statute Sec. 79-760.06, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.2. Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Lisa Fricke: To approve the Consent Agenda as published, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (None)

10. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1. Meetings that took place in the past and were not previously approved - None

- 10.2. Motion by Molly O'Holleran, second by Patricia Timm: To approve future meeting participation as published, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

12. RECESS

President Witzel called for a recess at 9:35 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

13. LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

13.1 Legislative Committee

13.2 Discussion Item: Draft Plan for State Board Legislative Committee Activities in 2018

Rachel Wise, Chair, announced changes in the process for considering and recommending action on Legislative bills. The bills were reviewed by the Committee during several meetings to provide recommendations to the full board. The recommendations will be discussed and action taken on the bills.

13.3 Review 2018 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

LB 651, *Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act*

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patrick McPherson: To support the amendment 1590 to LB 651 with the additional caveats as discussed and confirm the original opposition to LB 651, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 803, *Change provisions related to kindergarten, early childhood education, and the Step Up to Quality Childcare Act*

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patricia Timm: To support for LB 803, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1052, Require instruction and teacher education related to dyslexia

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To support LB 1052, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1069, Change provisions related to the Committee on Americanism

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To support LB 1069 with the caveats regarding assessment and leave the assessments with the State Board and not in statute, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1070, Change an election requirement for school districts with fewer than twenty-five students in high school grades

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To support LB 1070, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1081, Change education provisions regarding reporting, penalties, residency, boundaries, priority schools, subpoena authority, poverty, and limited English proficiency

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patricia Timm: To support LB 1081 as introduced, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1110, Require annual reporting of school performance scores and classifications

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patricia Timm: To support LB 1110, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

President Witzel called for a break at 10:51 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

LB 1116. Create the Quality Education Accountability Commission and the Quality Education Accountability Office

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Molly O'Holleran: To oppose LB 1116, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LB 1135. Adopt the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patsy Koch Johns: To oppose LB1135 with caveats discussed and changes approved for Rule 21. The Board to continue looking at options and alternatives in Rule 21, passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

LR 285CA, Constitutional amendment to eliminate the State Board of Education

Motion by Rachel Wise, second by Patricia Timm: To oppose LR 285(2A), passed.

Lisa Fricke:	Yes
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yes
Patrick McPherson:	Yes
Maureen Nickels:	Yes
Molly O'Holleran:	Yes
Patricia Timm:	Yes
Rachel Wise:	Yes
John Witzel:	Yes

Rachel Wise, Chair of the Committee, expressed gratitude for the work of the Department on the bill analysis.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Witzel adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m. A work session will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. and a Board meeting held on Friday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m. at the same location.