

**NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION**  
**Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education**

**NCTE GENERAL MEETING**

Friday June 8, 2018

Country Inn and Suites – Lincoln, NE

**Present:**            HED – T. Anderson; P. Barnes; P. Blundell; S. Byers; T. Cook; S. Feinstein; E. Kunkel; P. Peal; S. Skretta;  
                                 P. Spethman; K. Wheeler  
NASB – J. Vlach; D. Blakely  
NCCA – P. Illich  
NCSA – M. Adler; D. Bird; C. Dumas; M. Lenihan; B. McCann; S. Smith; D. Wiseman  
TSB – E. Truemper  
NSEA – A. Bone; S. Brown; D. Casey; T. Coe; M. Edquist; P. Ludeke; L. Mihm; D. Moss; S. Ptacek; C. Rice;  
                                 J. Sears; S. Stake; M. Tebbe; J. Zbylut-Birky  
NDE – K. Peters, P. Madsen

**Guests:**  
HED – J. Jansky; D. King; P. Adams; D. Galusha; J. Powell  
NSEA – C. Copich; S. Loney; J. Pickinpaugh  
NDE – M. Beiermann; B. Dirksen  
OTHER – D. Havlovic; D. Phillips

**Absent Without Alternate Replacement:**  
HED – S. Evanich; L. Forester; K. Rempp; E. DeHart  
NCAPE – M. Heibel  
NCSA – B. Habrock; D. Ludwig; K. Mathews  
TSB – D. Freese

<u>HED</u> - Higher Education	<u>NCSA</u> -NE Council of School Administrators
<u>NCCA</u> -NE Community College Association	<u>TSB</u> – Teachers State Board Appointed
<u>NASB</u> -NE Association of School Boards	<u>NSEA</u> - NE State Education Association
<u>NCAPE</u> -NE Council on American Private Education	<u>NDE</u> – NE Dept. of Education

**FIRST GENERAL SESSION** –President Spethman presiding.

**Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act:** Stated by P. Spethman at 9: 30 a.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of March 9, 2018 General Session Meeting Minutes:** Motion by D. Moss to approve the minutes; second by J. Vlach. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

**Report of April 19, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting** – P. Spethman reviewed the minutes from the April 20, 2018 meeting.

**Retirees from NCTE** – P. Spethman - read letter from Sue Alford and Michelle Lundgren, Grace University thanking NCTE for their work and support. Grace University closed May 31, 2018. NCTE retirees were recognized: Alternate Members: Mary Haun-State Board Approved Teachers, Casey Hurner and Barbara Sunderman – Higher Ed, Holly Kruger – NCAPE. Voting Members: Matt Heibel- NCAPE, Alan Bone, Anna Gay, Linda Mihm, and Jay Sears—NSEA. Jay Sears was given a special thank you for his many years of service to NCTE.

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#### Stakeholder Updates –

**Nebraska Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (NACTE)** – P. Blundell; NACTE met the new NDE Adult Program Services/Accreditation administrator - Brad Dirksen, had presentations from 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School programs, Educators Rising, and Stephanie Call, NDE World Language Curriculum Specialist concerning second language acquisition. In addition, several NACTE members met with Commissioner Blomstedt and discussed a variety of issues, including the communication, cooperation, and collaboration between NDE, NACTE, and P-12 districts.

**Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA)** – P. Illich; Community colleges are trying to be proactive with their programs when working with the state legislators; a fact sheet has been developed on the importance of community colleges. Student success continues to be a priority. Articulation with higher ed institutions is also continuing.

**Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)** – J. Vlach; NASB is dealing with teacher certification issues, especially early education issues in some parts of the state. Trying to help students with mental health issues is an important project the NASB is working on. The NASB is also involved with the Whole Child program. Teenage employment is an important NASB topic, as there is a need to reinstate or secure some programs in schools and districts to help teens with future employment.

**Nebraska Council on School Administrators (NCSA)** - M. Adler; Adler will be new chair of NCSA group. NCSA is concentrating their work in public advocacy to promote public education, and education in general. Invested heavily in mentoring new administration—leadership tenet is important. Also continuing work with legislative issues focusing on education.

**Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)** – J. Sears; New NCTE members from NSEA include Susan Loney (OPS) and Jon Pickenpaugh-Omaha Nation Principal (formerly at South Sioux); C. Copich discussed a 3-year grant from NEA with focus on teacher retention, particularly in rural communities, and providing professional support to new educators, keying on rural areas in the state. Will provide virtual mentoring, virtual coaching, and professional development to these educators. ESUs also have programs available on professional development. Institutions using swivel cams can order them through C. Dumas.

**Legislative Update** – J. Sears; Two bills passed—LB1052 which requires instruction and teacher education related to dyslexia. Schools with students showing dyslexia characteristics are required to provide necessary instructional methods and interventions to enable proper learning. LB1081, the Reading Improvement Act, was passed which deals with utilizing reading assessments; LR 452, dealing with alternative teacher certification programs did not get out of committee, but there will be alternative certification bills proposed in the future. LR 434 and 438 concerning funding of public education, as well as LR 428 concerning the potential of micro-credentialing in NE did not make it out of committee.

**Health Sciences Presentation** – DeLayne Havlovic, OPS Health Sciences Supervisor and CTE administrator; and Dan Phillips, Grand Island Public Schools Career Pathways Institute Director stressed the necessity for a Health Sciences field endorsement. Enrollment has greatly increased in these courses as well as other courses in the Career Academies. Great demand for Health Sciences teachers, as they are hard to find and difficult to retain.

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There is a great need for health care workers in NE. UNMC/OPS partnership brings students to UNMC to study health sciences career areas. Grand Island HS has been working with UNMC as well on developing programs for outstate districts. Need to find a way to have professionals earn the education pedagogy necessary to be high quality instructors in the Health Sciences areas. Described how CTE organizations (Educators Rising, HOSA, FBLA, etc.) work to bring the Health Sciences areas in to their schools and help retain these teachers.

**Learning Forward Nebraska Presentation** - Chad Dumas; Learning Forward Nebraska (formerly National Staff Development Council); Learning Forward Nebraska advocates standards for professional learning that improve teacher effectiveness that enhance learning. 7 key areas: Learning Communities - Leadership – Resources – Data – Learning Designs – Implementation – Outcomes—that affect professional learning and teacher effectiveness. Learning Forward Nebraska received a \$10,000 grant, used to incorporate the Executive Leadership Program which has 30 hours of intense development geared toward (1) change, (2) standards of professional learning and applying the change information and (3) standards of professional learning implemented to their practice. Currently have approximately 150 people across the state who have become part of Learning Forward Nebraska.

**Introduction of Brad Dirksen** – New Administrator of Accountability, Accreditation, and Educator Preparation at NDE.

**Rule Status Reports** – P. Madsen, NDE; K. Peters, NDE Director of Teacher Certification

- Rule 24 Update – Approved by Attorney General’s Office; awaiting Governor’s signature
- Rule 23 Update – K. Peters, NDE Director of Teacher Certification ; Approved by Attorney General’s Office; awaiting Governor’s signature; looking at retention and recruitment, and various ways to enable candidates to meet the basic skills requirement.

**NDE Updates:** NDE Staff

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher Employer and Completer Surveys; Employer response rate was 56%; First year Teachers response was 51%, which is close to 10% lower than previous years.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Teacher Employer Survey – new in 2018; Response rate was 72%; will add 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Teacher Completer Survey in 2019.
- Clinical Practice Rubric Update – All materials now posted on NDE Educator Preparation Website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/educatoprep/information-for-instructions/ihe-clinicalprac/>
- Content Testing Review – during Standing Committee Meetings; handouts are on clipboards; World Language Spanish content test is still very low as compared to other content test pass rates. ETS does provide resources when trying to pass content tests or basic skills tests. NSEA also has resources available for the CORE basic skills tests.

**Old and New Business** – P. Spethman

- Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019
  - Friday, October 12, 2018 @ The Cornhusker
    - Spring and Summer Meeting Dates? (AACTE dates – February 22-24, 2019)
    - Would Monday/Tuesday meetings work better than Thursday/Friday meetings?
- Possible meeting locations? Further discussion during Standing Committee meetings.

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#### Program Approval – Pat Madsen, NDE

- Doane University and Concordia University Folio Review – June 26, 2018; all electronic
- UNK State Approval On-Site Visit – January 28-30, 2018
- UNL State Approval On-Site Visit – March 11-18, 2018
- Hastings College State Approval On-Site Visit – April 8-10, 2018
- Creighton University State Approval On-Site Visit – April 15-17, 2018
- Bellevue University – Committee recommendation to grant Provisional Approval for a third year (2018-2019)
- York College – On-Site Visit Dec 2-4, 2-18
- Doane University and Concordia University On-Site Visits - April, 2019

#### Rule 24 Endorsements / Ad Hoc Updates – P. Madsen, NDE

- Proposed Health Sciences (field) - Committee A will discuss at Standing Committee meeting
- Superintendent endorsement – language in endorsement needs some revision
- Social Sciences Ad Hoc – will probably be reviewed in 2019 after State Standards are finalized.
- UNL has requested changing the test for Early Childhood Special Education—needs to be added to Standing Committee discussions

#### Announcements and Standing Committee Agenda Review – P. Spethman

**11:45 A.M. Working Lunch:** Table discussions on topics and themes to be addressed by NCTE in 2018-2019

**12:30 P.M. Standing Committee Meetings**

Committee 'A' – Board Room (Upper Level)

Committee 'B' – Omaha Room

Committee 'C' – Capital Room (Lower Level)

#### SECOND GENERAL SESSION – P. Spethman reconvened the second general session at 2:02 p.m.

##### Standing Committee Reports:

##### **Committee 'A'** – D. Casey

- Health Sciences discussion questions—move the endorsement to first reading and keep supplemental endorsement. What is the marketability of field endorsement, especially in small districts?
- The content test problem— Only World Language Spanish has a low pass rate. (Below 80%) Need to look at 85% pass rate.
- Can ACT count in place of Praxis CORE? Correlation issue.
- Meeting dates—March 1 - OK; Friday, June 7, 2019 is OK
- Topics for next year – timing for tests? Goals and strategies dealing with the NDE Strategic Plan
- Officers elected for upcoming year: Chair—Diana Casey, Vice Chair—Paul Barnes, Secretary—Katie Matthews.

##### **Committee 'B'** – S. Smith

- Content Test Data—want to gather more data before setting a statewide pass rate
- Meeting dates – March 8, 2019 and June 7, 2019 are both OK
- Health Sciences Endorsement —need to keep the supplemental; will it be difficult for the higher ed institutions to offer a full field endorsement?

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- Topics for next year – Rule 23 Basic Skills issue; Recruitment of candidates issue - need to encourage students to become teachers
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#### **Committee 'C' – D. Moss**

- Spanish Praxis II assessment discussion
- Meeting dates—March 1 is OK; don't like Mon/Tues meeting dates — keep Thursday/Friday dates. Is there value with having meetings outside of Lincoln?
- Topics in future – Early childhood content test should measure Birth-8; is the correct test being taken? (Note: Early Childhood Special Education is a Birth through K endorsement.)
- Had discussion on dyslexia issues
- Innovative programming –possibly do a full year of student teaching?
- Health sciences endorsement needs to retain the supplemental endorsement, along with the new field endorsement.
- Officers elected for upcoming year: Chair—Mark Lenihan, Vice Chair—Paula Peal, Secretary—Chad Dumas.

#### **Full Council Action:**

- **Proposed Health Sciences Field Endorsement** – Committee A moves to maintain supplemental Health Sciences endorsement and move Health Sciences Field endorsement to Final reading at October meeting. Seconded by E. Truemper. Roll call vote taken –motion approved.
- **Program Approval** – NCTE State Program Approval recommendation(s) to the Commissioner for:
  - University of Nebraska-Kearney
  - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - Hastings College
  - Creighton UniversityMotion by D. Moss; second by T. Coe. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

NOTE: Test reviews for World Language Spanish and Early Childhood Special Education (B-K) content tests will be conducted by ETS the last week in September, 2019—date and location to be determined.