

## State Board of Education Special Session

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SESSION, Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 9:00 AM.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – President Maureen Nickels called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

##### 1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

John Witzel

Rachel Wise

Patsy Koch Johns

Maureen Nickels

Deborah Neary

Lisa Fricke

Patricia Timm

Robin Stevens

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

##### 1.2 President Nickels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### 1.3 President Nickels announced that information regarding the Open Meetings Act is linked on the June Board Agenda in Sparq, the electronic meeting software and the Open Meetings Act is also posted on the State Board of Education's website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/stateboard/>.

#### 2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Blomstedt thanked the Board for their efforts with regard to the Rule 62 petition and provided background information.

In early May, the NDE received the petition and the Board discussed the purposes. The approach put the NDE in position of what the next steps in the process are to chart a course forward for all schools rather than answering questions individually. At the June Board Meeting, the Board received the petition draft to review in their unique, quasi-judicial role in preparing a declaratory order. The Board has had a chance to deliberate on the order, but desired to be intentional to take action at a public meeting.

The content of the declaratory order itself highlights the key points from the petition. The Commissioner recommends the board approve the declaratory order.

### 3. BUSINESS

- 3.1. Adopt the Commissioner's Recommended Declaratory Order under NDE Rule 62 in Response to THE MATTER OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, NDE Case No. 20-06, submitted by Dr. Kraig Lofquist, Executive Director of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Commissioner passed with a motion by Patsy Koch Johns, second by Patricia Timm

Lisa Fricke:	Yea
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yea
Deborah Neary:	Yea
Maureen Nickels:	Yea
Robin Stevens:	Yea
Patricia Timm:	Yea
Rachel Wise:	Yea
John Witzel:	Yea

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

President Nickels adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, August 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. A work session will be held as needed on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at a time to be determined at the Nebraska State Office building, Nebraska Department of Education, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.