

## **State Board of Education Annual Orientation and Business Meeting;**

Thursday-Friday, January 7-8, 2021

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### **STATE BOARD ANNUAL ORIENTATION, Thursday, January 7, 2021, 1:00 PM.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER** – President Maureen Nickels called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

##### 1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Maureen Nickels

Patti Gubbels

Deborah Neary

Robin Stevens

Patsy Koch Johns

Lisa Fricke

Jacquelyn Morrison

Patricia Timm

Commissioner Blomstedt was also in attendance.

##### 1.2 President Nickels announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

##### 1.3 COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, shared information on the COVID-19 Meeting Protocol.

#### **2. ANNUAL BOARD ORIENTATION**

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, facilitated the orientation discussion.

Ryan Foor and Commissioner Blomstedt provided an overview of the State Board of Education.

Scott Summers, Department of Education representative, reviewed the Board's legal responsibilities related to Contested Cases, Executive Sessions, and Records Retention. Board members are encouraged to contact Mr. Summers with questions about these topics.

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, reviewed the parliamentary procedures, consent agenda process, public comment protocol and staff presentations for meetings, and the agenda structure.

#### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

President Nickels adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

The regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will reconvene on Friday, January 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, January 8, 2021, 1:00 PM.

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Maureen Nickels called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

#### 1.1. Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Maureen Nickels	Patti Gubbels	Deborah Neary
Robin Stevens	Patsy Koch Johns	Lisa Fricke
Jacquelyn Morrison	Patricia Timm	

Commissioner Blomstedt was also in attendance.

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

#### 1.3. President Nickels announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

#### 1.4. COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

Ryan Foor, Department of Education representative, shared information on the COVID-9 Meeting Protocol.

### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

#### 2.1. Request for 10-Minute Special Appearance

There were no requests for 10-minute Special Appearance

#### 2.2. Public Comment (5 Minutes)

There were no requests for Public Comment.

### 3. **2021 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### 3.1. Election Process and Procedures

A four part motion indicating that the Commissioner, as Secretary of the State Board, will preside over the nomination and election process; that secret ballots will be used during the election; that the results of each round of voting will be announced by the Teller and recorded in the minutes after which the Commissioner, will declare the result; and that the ballots and tally sheets will be placed in the custody of the Commissioner, who will keep them under seal until the time period for a recount expires and then destroy them passed with a motion by Patti Gubbels and a second by Patricia Timm.

Commissioner Blomstedt appointed Scott Summers and Lora Sypal as Tellers to disseminate and count the ballots.

Commissioner Blomstedt opened nominations for President of the State Board of Education.

3.2. Election of Board President

Patricia Timm nominated Maureen Nickels. There being no further nominations, the Commissioner closed the nominations.

Reporting Teller, Scott Summers, read the vote results and delivered the tally to the Commissioner who announced the results of 8 votes for Maureen Nickels as president.

3.3. Election of Board Vice President

Commissioner Blomstedt opened nominations for Vice President of the State Board of Education.

Robin Stevens nominated Patsy Koch Johns. There being no further nominations, the Commissioner closed the nominations.

Reporting Teller, Scott Summers, read the vote results and delivered the tally to the Commissioner who announced the results of the 8 votes for Patsy Koch Johns as vice president.

President Nickels and Vice President Koch Johns offered words of appreciation to the Board members for their trust and confidence in their abilities to lead the Board.

3.4. Discuss Board Committee Membership

President Nickels reminded Board Members to fill out the committee sheet and hand it in.

**5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

5.1. Agenda Overview and Consent Agenda Process

Commissioner Blomstedt reviewed the process for consent agenda items.

5.1.A. Commissioner's Recommendations and items to be removed from the consent agenda.

No agenda items were requested for removal.

5.2. Report on Rules

Commissioner Blomstedt stated that all rules that were sent for approval, have been approved.

5.3. Strategic Plan Report

Commissioner Blomstedt reflected on the efforts of 2020 and talked of the direction for 2021. Discussed the strategic priorities and reviewing what the NDE wants to accomplish in 2021. He noted the work of the Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee through 2020. The delaying of the two-year review is an opportunity for the new committee coming in, to review what wasn't completed and the impacts of the pandemic.

5.4. Board Priorities and Policy Research

Nothing to report.

5.5. Legislative Priorities

Brian Halstead, Deputy Commissioner, provided a review of the Board's Regulatory and Legislative Priorities for the 107<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Hearings on the legislative bills begin January 13, 2021.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Patricia Timm, second by Patti Gubbels.

Lisa Fricke:	Yea
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yea
Deborah Neary:	Yea
Maureen Nickels:	Yea
Robin Stevens:	Yea
Patricia Timm:	Yea
Patti Gubbels:	Yea
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yea

**7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

7.1. Authorize the Commissioner to contract with Student1 for technology services supporting the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) project passed with a motion by Robin Stevens, second by Patricia Timm.

Lisa Fricke:	Yea
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yea
Deborah Neary:	Yea
Maureen Nickels:	Yea
Robin Stevens:	Yea
Patricia Timm:	Yea
Patti Gubbels:	Yea
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yea

7.2. Authorize the Commissioner to contract with LVL Consulting for the purpose of the development and implementation of the vision, mission, and goals and accompanying instructional system for the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Standards passed with a motion by Deborah Neary, second by Lisa Fricke.

Lisa Fricke:	Yea
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yea
Deborah Neary:	Yea
Maureen Nickels:	Yea
Robin Stevens:	Yea
Patricia Timm:	Yea
Patti Gubbels:	Yea
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yea

7.3. Authorize the Commissioner to fund the ESU #1 Pyramid Model and Early Learning Coach Consultant passed with a motion by Lisa Fricke, second by Patsy Koch Johns.

Lisa Fricke:	Yea
Patsy Koch Johns:	Yea
Deborah Neary:	Yea
Maureen Nickels:	Yea
Robin Stevens:	Yea
Patricia Timm:	Yea
Patti Gubbels:	Yea
Jacquelyn Morrison:	Yea

## **8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

None

## **9. BOARD REPORTS, DATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9.1. President Nickels referred Board Members to review reports.

At 10:34 a.m., President Nickels called for a break. At 10:47 a.m., President Nickels called the meeting back to order.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

10.1. President Nickels referred Board Members to review information items.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Nickels adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at a time and location to be determined. A work session will be held as needed on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at a time and location to be determined.