

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 3, 2010
MINUTES

Present: Brian Halstead, Pat Roschewski, Marilyn Peterson, Betty VanDeventer, Freida Lange, Sharon Katt, Russ Inbody, Margaret Worth, Donlynn Rice, Melody Hobson, Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed, Mike Kozak, Mark Schultz

1. Updates Roger Breed
• **Jobs Bill**

Governor Heineman applied for \$58.9 million for Nebraska. These funds will be distributed through State Aid formula by the end of the 10-11 school year to local education agencies. Governor Heineman indicated that these funds will be a part of 2011-12 State Aid. A portion of this money will be determined and set aside for administration of the funds. Receipt of the funds also calls for “monitoring” with no specifics outlined.

• **Department Budget**

The Department Budget was approved by the Board along with the modifications required by the Governor’s Budget Office. The budget will be put in final form and submitted. Work will then begin with Senator Hiedemann and the Education Committee on the negative impact of cuts from the modification list (e.g. VR). NDE will meet October 22 with the Governor's Budget Office, Fiscal Office, and Property Tax Administrator for the estimation of TEEOSA for 2011-12.

2. McREL, SSOS, and ELLScott Swisher

Dr. Swisher reviewed the status of the McREL Statewide System of Support initiative. The next steps of the initiative will be completed by the end of September and include a review of the Race to the Top proposal for coordination of efforts in providing services to PLAS and Native American schools. A roundtable group will be formed to coordinate the programs involving PLAS and Native American schools. Members of the roundtable include Mary Ann Losh, Marilyn Peterson, Gary Sherman, Melody Hobson, Mike Kozak and Brian Halstead.

3. Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Training Freida Lange
Nebraska QAR Training for Team Chair/Team Member

Freida Lange issued an invitation to NDE staff to participate in the QAR training on October 13-14. An invitation will be shared with all staff at the All Staff meeting.

4. Board Follow-Up and Board Planning Roger Breed

Dr. Breed reviewed the follow-up events of the State Board meeting.

- The Board will need to prepare for their presentation at the School Boards meeting in November (October Board work session)
- Board Policy Committee defined the process for reviewing board policies as follows:

- All policy questions will first come to the full Board and referred to the Policy Committee for further action
 - Teacher education preparation discussion (Sharon)
 - Elementary level teaching (math, reading, science) preparation
 - Committee composed of Pat Timm and Joe Higgins will meet in September
 - Presentation on virtual school opportunities and efforts in Nebraska (Mike)
 - Meet with Scott Swisher to discuss status and form issues
 - Data policy (Marilyn)
 - Stipulations for access and research
 - Data informed activities
 - Low Performing Schools (TBA)
 - SSOS conversations, issues, and who does what
 - How department responds
 - Needs with regard to the state in terms of support
- Reading First (Donlynn, Pat, Marilyn)
 - Reading First schools compare with NeSA
 - Similar situated schools with mobility, FRP lunch
- SOSR update for Board (Pat)
 - Plans for October release (date TBA)
- Science Standards for Adoption
- Action Item 7.12 (Marilyn)
- Multicultural Report – December
- PLAS/AYP – State of the Schools Report (Marilyn)
- Data Requests Process/Public Records Request

5. Items For All Staff Meeting @ 1:00 p.m. Roger Breed

- Topics for the All Staff meeting:
- Budget Modification process
 - Thanks for NeSA Release
 - Resolution and Letters
 - QAR Service Volunteers
 - No Super Day

The next Leader Council meeting will be Thursday, October 7, 2010.