Leadership Council Meeting
January 10, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Present: Joel Scherling, Brian Halstead, Roger Breed, Scott Swisher, Pat Roscheewski, Marilyn Peterson, Melody Hobson, Freida Lange, Sharon Katt, Betty VanDeventer, Donlynn Rice, Mark Schultz, Margaret Worth, Mary Ann Losh, Russ Inbody, Mike Kozak. Absent: Carol Fichter, Doug Willman

1. Updates
Legislation: Brian Halstead provided a list of LB one-liners for LBs introduced so far this year; Monday and Tuesday are Education Committee Hearings beginning January 24. Legislative Appropriations hearing for the Department budget is February 22 at 1:30 p.m.

2. Board Follow-Up (Roger Breed)
The three new Board members began service: Molly O’Holleran, Lynn Cronk and John Sieler. Jim Scheer was elected President; Robert Evnen was elected Vice President. Handout: Committee Assignments

The State Board Legislative Retreat will begin at 8:30 a.m. on January 24. The State Board Accountability Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. If necessary, the Legislative Retreat will reconvene after the Accountability Committee.

3. 2011-13 Budget Discussion (Roger Breed)
Dr. Breed reviewed the status of the Department budget and the need to keep vacancies unfilled until NDE has a better picture of the budget for 2011-13.

4. Administrator Days
Administrator Days will be held in the new Conference Center in Kearney August 3-5, 2011. It is time to begin to think about what our message will be and how to conduct and prepare for the day. Dr. Swisher will again lead the organization of Administrator Days. Some potential topics might include: Accountability- now and down the road; NeSA data, teacher-student; teacher principal standards; input sessions; learning supports for student achievement (MAL); State Aid (Russ); Meeting rooms for Teacher Certification, Grants Management, Finance; Effective Educator 2020 report out (Sharon Katt); Educator Effectiveness (Rice); comprehensive statewide development plan; Striving Readers Literacy Plan; Superintendent endorsement – internship

5. All Staff Meeting
Topics for the All Staff Meeting will include an update on the Department budget, the Department weather policy; Protocol and procedures for Senator and State Board contact; Update on Board Leadership and Committees, Recognition of Gary Sherman’s Heritage Award.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.
The Standing Committees provide advice and recommendations to the Board. However, when advice and recommendations are needed by the Commissioner to act on the Board’s behalf, the Chair and Co-Chair of the appropriate Standing Committee and the President and Vice President of the Board shall act as an ad hoc committee to provide such advice. When the Commissioner is so advised, the Board president or the Commissioner shall inform the Board.

Policy Committee for Legislation

- Recommend positions to the Board on proposed legislation, state and federal
- Recommends legislation proposals to the Board for action

  Mark Quandahl, Chair          Roger Breed
  Jim Scheer                  Brian Halstead
  Rebecca Valdez            Molly O'Holleran

Policy Committee for Board Planning & Operations

- Recommends revisions or new policies and/or bylaws governing Board operations
- Recommends process and procedure for Board strategies planning and priority setting
- Recommends budget for Department Trust Funds
- Recommends activities and process for Board development

  Pat Timm, Chair               Margaret Worth
  Robert Evnen                 Scott Swisher
  Lynn Cronk                  John Sieler

Evaluation Committee

- Recommends policies and procedures for review of the performance of the Board, Department, and/or Commissioner

  Jim Scheer, Chair               Roger Breed
  Pat Timm, Vice Chair
  Molly O'Holleran

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  Robert Evnen
  Patricia Timm (alternate)
Ad Hoc Committees
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Standards
Robert Evnen
Patricia Timm
Lynn Cronk

Accountability
Robert Evnen (Chair)
Rebecca Valdez
Mark Quandahl
Molly O'Holleran

Commissioner's Appraisal Committee
Lynn Cronk
Jim Scheer
Bob Evnen
Rebecca Valdez