Leadership Council Meeting  
April 11, 2012

Present: Roger Breed, Scott Swisher, Brian Halstead, Joel Scherling, Betty VanDeventer, Melody Hobson, Donlynn Rice, Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Russ Inbody, Diane Stuehmer, Sharon Katt, Freida Lange, Margaret Worth, Mike Kozak

Absent: Pat Roschewski, Sameano Porchea, Mark Schultz

11. Additional Items:
   Budgeting Process – Russ Inbody
   In light of the retirement of Henry Rodriguez, budgeting questions may be directed to Russ Inbody.

1. Legislative Update – Brian Halstead

   The Legislature will extend the session to April 18, 2012. Brian Halstead provided an update on the status of several bills.

2. Board Meeting Follow Up – Roger Breed

   Commissioner Breed discussed the Agenda for the April Board meeting. The topics for the meeting are Rule 10 changes regarding the Pledge of Allegiance, the Commissioner’s annual appraisal; Rules 55, 91 and 92 and others.

3. 2012-13 External Visits – NDE Input and Participation – Frieda Lange

   Freida Lange encouraged NDE staff to become more involved in accreditation school visits. Freida provided a list of schools scheduled for visits and encouraged any input about the schools. Freida indicated that training for the visits will be provided and it is a goal of hers to have everyone involved in the school visits. Additional details regarding training and visits will follow.
4. Uploading Outlook Calendars to Smart Phones – Diane Stuehmer

Additional information on the use of smart phones for calendaring purposes will be provided.

5. Board Goals – Roger Breed

Commissioner Breed will provide the Board goals for purposes of LC members identifying which goals their teams could contribute information for purposes of developing an action plan for each subgoal.

6. Update on Teacher/Principal Evaluation – Donlynn Rice

Donlynn Rice updated the status of the evaluation model development for districts to adopt/adapt. A Leadership team was formed and will meet April 18-19. Laura Goe, an expert on teacher evaluation will be the guest speaker on April 19. Please let Donlynn know if you are interested in attending.

REL Central has designated John Meyer to assist in facilitating the work with the teacher/principal leadership team. Jim Havelka is also a Co Chair of this leadership team.

7. Social Studies Standards – Donlynn Rice

The social studies standards review group continues with revisions. Citizen panels will seek input from parents and communities. They are halfway through the process.

8. ESU Staff Development Affiliate Meeting – May 3, Kearney ESU 10 (Freida Lange, Roger Breed)

If you have anything for consideration by ESUs, please contact Freida Lange. The meeting is scheduled for May 2-3.

Rule 84 carries the requirement of at least two meetings between NDE and ESUCC to discuss collaborating priorities and initiatives.
9. **Getting the Good News Out About Nebraska Schools – Betty VanDeventer**

Betty VanDeventer explained the purpose of a new link on the Department website. This is a place for stories about the successes Nebraska public schools are achieving with regard to awards, and initiatives. Please contact Betty for more information.

10. **Topics for Super Day Meetings**

Topics for Super Day meetings were discussed. Dr. Breed will begin planning dates for upcoming months. Some topics considered are:

- Accreditation External Visits process
- Board Goals
- Teacher Principal Evaluations
- ESUs
- Update on Learning Community – Ted Stilwell
- Using Data (Matt Hastings)
- Responding to Press Calls
- Avenue Scholars
- NeSA Data and Using It

11. **Other**

Mike Kozak provided the link to several Data Conference presentations that were video-streamed and available for viewing. Check out: 


The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.