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MINUTES OF MEETING
State Board of Education
July 31-August 1, 2008

The July meeting of the State Board of Education was held in Sioux City, Iowa at the Clarion Hotel and Western Iowa Tech Community College in conjunction with the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Annual meeting. The following Board members were present: Rosie Hussey, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Valorie Kruse, LaMetta Wynn, Kameron Dodge, Max Phillips and Charlie Edwards. Absent were: Brian Gentry, Joan Jaimes and Wayne Kobberdahl. Director Judy Jeffrey and Department staff Gail Sullivan, Kevin Fangman, Elaine Watkins-Miller, Jeremy Varner, Colleen Hunt and Beverlee Adams were present. Also in attendance were Iowa Governor Chester Culver and staff; Steve Clark, Siouxland Community Christian School; Dr. Penelope H. Wills, President and Ken Reimer, Board of Trustees, Northeast Iowa Community College.

WORK SESSION: Update on Core Curriculum

A State Board work session was held at 11:00 a.m. to provide information on implementation of the Iowa Core Curriculum.

State Board Business Meeting

President Rosie Hussey called the meeting to order. Max Phillips moved approval of the agenda as presented. Sister Jude Fitzpatrick seconded.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director Report

Director Judy Jeffrey provided information on the following topics:

- Judy Jeffrey provided a current report on the State of Iowa Disaster.
- Jeffrey attended the 21st Century Skills Meeting in Wisconsin.
- A Data Warehouse update was provided by Jeffrey.
- Career and Technical Task Force projects are as follows:
  Gear-Up Grant CHOICES
  Tracking 7th grade through postsecondary students
- Director Judy Jeffrey announced that Dr. Janice Friedel, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation retired.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

The minutes of the May 14, 2008 State Board of Education meeting were approved.

Rules

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 56, "Entrepreneurs with Disabilities", amendments were approved for adoption.

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 21, "Community Colleges" and Chapter 24, "Community College Accreditation" rule amendments were approved for notice of intended action.

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 84, "National Board Certification", amendments were approved for notice of intended action.

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 17, "Open Enrollment", amendments were approved for notice of intended action.

Request for General Accreditation Status—Siouxland Community Christian School

Approval was granted for general accreditation status to Siouxland Community Christian School, located in Sioux City, Iowa, for grades K-6.

Request for General Accreditation Status—Willowwind School

Approval was granted for general accreditation status to Willowwind School, located in Iowa City, Iowa, for grades K-6.

Northeast Iowa Community College Accreditation Report

Colleen Hunt, Consultant, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, was joined by Dr. Penelope Wills, President and Ken Reimer, Chair, Northeast Iowa Community College, to provide information on the accreditation visit conducted in April, 2008.

Ms. Hunt indicated that the scope of the 2008 accreditation visit showed that Northeast Iowa Community College is following the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQUIP) model for accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association. With AQUIP, an institution demonstrates it meets accreditation standards and expectations through sequences of events that align with those ongoing activities that characterize organizations striving to improve their performance.

Colleen Hunt reviewed the institutional strengths cited and also outlined the opportunities for improvement suggested during the visit. The Department of Education recommends continued accreditation for Northeast Iowa Community College.

Board members expressed concern about professor course loads and providing quality instruction to students. Dr. Wills provided clarification for these questions and concerns.

> **Motion:** Max Phillips moved and Sister Jude Fitzpatrick seconded approval that continued accreditation be granted to Northeast Iowa Community College through 2014-2015. An interim accreditation visit will be held in 2011-2012.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

What Other States Are Doing Related to School Reorganization

Administrator Kevin Fangman, Division of PK-12 Education, presented an overview of reorganization efforts from other states and Iowa's history with reorganization. He provided a sampling of consolidation efforts from the following states: Nebraska, Arizona, Maine, District of Columbia, New Jersey, and Delaware. Fangman shared information on school sharing and efficiencies and indicated there are financial

pressures on districts to find efficiencies due to declining enrollment in some areas of the state. He also addressed enrollment and instructional costs. Other issues discussed were emphasis on quality programs and innovative delivery mechanisms and centralized support help for struggling districts.

Board Reports

Sister Jude Fitzpatrick provided a strategic plan progress report for the Statewide System for Vision Services in Iowa.

La Metta Wynn – No report.

Max Phillips provided an update on work being done by the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce.

Valorie Kruse – No report.

Kameron Dodge said he was a co-presenter at the Iowa Governor's Conference on Advanced Placement on July 24.

Charlie Edwards – No report.

Rosie Hussey indicated she had attended an Iowa Association of School Board meeting at which an Iowa Core Curriculum roundtable discussion was held. She also attended a local empowerment board meeting and facilitated the Iowa Governor Centennial Foundation Board meeting.

Discussion with Governor Culver

The State Board met with Governor Culver to talk about the state's education priorities. The Iowa Core Curriculum was discussed and it was noted that the Department of Education is working collaboratively with the area education agencies to assist Iowa's public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools implement the Core Curriculum. Other topics talked about were the tornado/flood disaster damage reports in schools and available assistance, and the ongoing success of the 4-year-old preschool program.

The proposed topics for the September State Board meeting were handed out.

Rosie Hussey declared the meeting adjourned.

JOINT MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND IOWA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Participants in this meeting were the members of the State Board, officers and directors of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT), and officers and members of the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP). This meeting was held at Western Iowa Tech Community College on Friday, August 1, 2008.

Rosie Hussey, President, Iowa State Board of Education and Connie Hornbeck, Board Chair, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees asked their respective boards to introduce themselves and welcomed all guests.

Three students shared personal stories of how their community college experiences contributed to successful changes in their lives. Following is a list of the student speakers:

Mike Worden – Carpentry
Tonia Woehler – Sociology/Social Work
Beth Klein – Bio Tech

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