The State Board of Education held a telephonic meeting on March 8, 2007. The following Board members participated: Gene Vincent, Rosie Hussey, Jackie Dout, Charles Edwards, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Brian Gentry, John Jessen, and Wayne Kobberdahl. Participating from the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, were Department Director Judy Jeffrey and Department staff members Gail Sullivan, Pam Pfitzenmaier, Janice Friedel, Elaine Watkins-Miller, Roger Utman, Jim Fliehler, Roger Foelske, Mike Barth, Shawn Limback, Jeremy Varner, Linda Berg, and Beverlee Adams. Staff members participating telephonically were Rita Martens and Chris Evans. Also in attendance telephonically was Lynn Campbell, Des Moines Register.

President Vincent called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Rosie Hussey moved and Brian Gentry seconded to approve the agenda as written.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Appeal Decision

Carol Greta, Administrative Law Judge, reviewed the proposed decision In re Travis Childs. She indicated that Travis Childs, Appellant, was seeking reversal of the November 13, 2006 decision of the local board of directors of the North Scott Community School District of the administration’s punishment of him under the District’s good conduct policy.

After a discussion regarding if court guidelines were available that schools may use in making their good conduct policies, it was
determined that no court has interfered with discipline school good conduct cases. The following action was taken:

**Motion:** It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Wayne Kobberdahl to approve the decision *In re Travis Childs* as proposed.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Rules: Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards”**

Legal Counsel, Carol Greta, reported that the 2006 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1182 (sections 2 and 3) amended accreditation statutes to require that each school district have a qualified (licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners) teacher librarian. The new legislation also required that the State Board establish in rule a definition of and standards for an articulated sequential kindergarten through grade twelve media program. These rules would be in compliance with the new Iowa Code Section 256.11 (9) and amended Section 256.11A.

Following several questions and clarification of the definition of the term “teacher librarian” and the licensing of the teacher librarian, the State Board took the action below:

**Motion:** It was moved by Brian Gentry and seconded by Rosie Hussey to approve the amendments for the Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code, as recommended for Notice of Intended Action.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Carl Perkins Transition Plan**

Janice Friedel, Administrator and Jim Fliehler, Educational Program Consultant, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation reviewed the development of the Perkins transition plan. Friedel said that the transition plan requirements included program administration, special populations, accountability and evaluation, tech prep programs, financial requirements and EDGAR certification and assurances.

Dr. Friedel highlighted the plan requirements and how each of the requirements would be met. There was a discussion of the Perkins basic grant allocation and the allocation of funds. Mr. Fliehler discussed the changes in the plan and indicated that the tech prep allocations had not changed from FY 2004 to FY 2008.
Wayne Kobberdahl, member of the Community College Council, said that the Council had discussed the transition plan and was recommending it to the State Board as presented.

Questions were raised regarding the distribution of funds, the match dollars that are required, and implementing the transition plan with no additional dollars.

**Motion:** It was moved by Wayne Kobberdahl and seconded by Charlie Edwards that the Carl D. Perkins Transition Plan be approved as recommended.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Vincent, President, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

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Gene E. Vincent   Judy A. Jeffrey, Director and  
President       Executive Officer