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MINUTES OF MEETING
State Board of Education
September 11, 2008

The September meeting of the State Board of Education was held in the State Board Room, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines. The following Board members were present: Rosie Hussey, Charlie Edwards, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Joan Jaimes, Valorie Kruse, Max Phillips, LaMetta Wynn, and Kameron Dodge. Members absent were: Brian Gentry and Wayne Kobberdahl. Director Judy Jeffrey and Department staff Gail Sullivan, Jeff Berger, Carol Greta, Kent Farver, Kevin Fangman, Elaine Watkins-Miller, Jim Addy, Del Hoover, Tom Cooley, Sharon Hawthorne, Roger Utman, Thomas Mayes, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Arlie Willems, Vladimir Bassis, Jeremy Varner, Tom Schenk, Beverlee Adams and Jody Crane were present. Also in attendance were Bridget Godes, Legislative Staff; Joe Crozier, Great Prairie Area Education Agency; Connie Maxson and David Van Horne, Green Valley Area Education Agency; Diana Gonzalez, Iowa Board of Regents; Laura Doering, Iowa State University; Margaret Buckton, Iowa Association of School Boards; Robin Madison, Legislative Service Agency; Becky Hill and Dan Hanson, Waldorf College; Chris Jones and Mish Morris, Maharishi University; Staci Hupp, *Des Moines Register;* Rod Boshart, *Cedar Rapids Gazette*; Lynn Campbell, Iowa Politics; and Jeneane Beck, Iowa Public Radio.

President Rosie Hussey opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of 9/11 victims and families.

State Board Business Meeting

Hussey called the meeting to order. Valorie Kruse moved approval of the agenda as presented. Charlie Edwards seconded.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director Report

Director Judy Jeffrey provided information on the following items:

- Jeanette Thomas, Department of Education Consultant, is the contact for a new Anti-Violence Campaign initiated as the result of a partnership between a state agency, the Commission on the Status of African Americans, and faith-based institutions in Iowa. This joint initiative will focus on issues such as crime prevention, outreach and gang prevention, and mentoring for at-risk juveniles. Although the campaign will be unveiled in Davenport, programming will be put into action in Des Moines, Waterloo, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and other urban areas struggling with youth violence.

- The First Lady of Iowa, Mari Culver, and Director Jeffrey recently launched GED on Demand. It is a partnership among the Department of Education, Iowa's community college adult literacy programs, Mediacom, and IPTV. This vehicle will provide a needed support for those adult students who cannot spend all their preparation time in a classroom due to transportation, work schedule, or childcare needs. This effort will also help the community colleges in rural areas that are challenged because of a limited number of instructors or class offerings. In Iowa, the distance learning option would combine seat time and the use of programs broadcast to assist learners to work towards their GED and to meet workplace expectations.

- The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (U.S. Center) and the Iowa Department of Education have formed a partnership to help Iowa students attain global awareness and understanding. The U.S. Center and the Department will work together to identify essential concepts and skills for K-12 students to be successful global citizens. The Global Literacy skills and concepts will be a voluntary component of the Iowa Core Curriculum 21st Century Skills.

- The Director provided an update on Iowa education to the Iowa Business Council at their meeting in Muscatine. She also represented the Chief State School Officers on a panel in Atlanta focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. She presented the case for high quality teachers, the shortages being faced, and the need for increased student achievement. She attended a Research and Development meeting focused on the resources needed to help all students become proficient in algebra. Discussions were held on the need to rethink standards, curriculum, and instruction.

- Discussions have also been held between the Director and the representatives from the Chinese delegation located in Iowa to begin a teacher exchange partnership. Conversations are continuing.

- The University of Northern Iowa president, Ben Allen, and Director Jeffrey have selected the members for the subcommittees to complete a legislative report regarding the creation of a Research and Development K-12 school for the state of Iowa. The subcommittees will provide a report by January 15 regarding the financing options and the implementation strategies for program and transition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

The minutes of the July 31-August 1, 2008, State Board of Education meeting were approved.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Rules: Chapter 31, Competent Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment

Carol Greta, Legal Counsel, provided an overview of Chapter 31, Competent Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment rules. She indicated that no changes had been made to this chapter since 1996. The Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators (NICHE) had provided input and the Department undertook a thorough review of these rules. Greta discussed the proposed substantive changes. She recommended approval of these Chapter 31 rule amendments.

> **Motion:** It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Max Phillips to approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 31, Competent Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment for notice of intended action.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Rules: Chapter 103, Corporal Punishment

Consultant Thomas Mayes, Bureau of Student and Family Support Services, reviewed the recommended changes to the Chapter 103, Corporal Punishment rules. He discussed the written and oral comments

made at the public hearing. Several rule changes were proposed following the suggested concerns.

Mayes indicated the proposed amendments offer more detail than is presently in the current rule regarding allowable parameters when a student is physically confined or detained. Board member questions were addressed and the following action took place.

> **Motion:** It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by Valorie Kruse to approve the adoption of the proposed amendments to Chapter 103.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

State Board Legislative Agenda for 2009

Jeff Berger, Legislative and Policy Liaison, outlined the proposed State Board legislative priority platform for the upcoming legislative session. The platform is used to communicate funding and policy priorities to legislators, the general public and a variety of stakeholders. Board members reviewed the platform and requested changes. It was agreed the changes would be made and sent to the Board for their review.

> **Motion:** It was moved by Sister Jude and seconded by Valorie Kruse that the proposed legislative priorities for 2009 be approved with recommended changes and a revised copy be sent to the Board for perusual.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

AEA Accreditation Reports (Green Valley and Great Prairie)

Tom Cooley, School Improvement Consultant and Sharon Hawthorne, Special Education Consultant, Co-leaders of the AEA Site Visit Team, presented information for Green Valley Area Education Agency and Great Prairie Area Education Agency accreditation visits. Demographic information, the site visit process, and the make-up of the accreditation site visit team were shared.

Cooley and Hawthorne reviewed the strengths and areas of improvement found in the site visits for each of these agencies.

Hawthorne shared that because of the new requirements for IDEA 2004, the Department is trying to integrate more special education monitoring into the accreditation process.

Cooley stated that the accreditation work will continue to try to provide AEAs with clear expectations regarding the nine AEA standards that are outlined in Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 72.

> **Motion:** It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by Charles Edwards to approve continuing accreditation for Green Valley Area Education Agency and Great Prairie Area Education Agency.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Regents Articulation Website

Diana Gonzalez, Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents; and Laura Doering, Director of Transfer Relations, Iowa State University; provided a demonstration of the articulation website (TransferInIowa.org). The website was developed as a result of a 2007 legislative directive. The website was designed to assist community college students determine how the courses they have taken, or would like to take, might apply to a four-year degree at one of the Regent universities. This concept will facilitate the Senior Year Plus program by helping high school students who take courses at an Iowa community college determine which postsecondary courses will transfer.

Offers for FY10

Jeff Berger, Legislative and Policy Liaison; and Kent Farver, Chief, Office of Internal Administrative Services; presented a summary of the draft offers and reviewed the Offers process. All state agencies are required by the Iowa Code to submit to the Governor's Office and the Department of Management an appropriations request for the following fiscal year no later than October 1.

Information was presented on the following offers: 1) Educator Quality; 2) Four-Year-Old Preschool; 3) Early Childhood/Shared Visions; 4) State Aid to School Districts; 5) Community College State Aid; 6) Department of Education Functions and Duties and Data Warehouse; 7) State Support for Special Education Service Birth to Three; 8) State Aid to Nonpublic Schools; 9) Child Nutrition; 10) Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates; 11) Vocational Education Secondary; 12) Before and After School Grants; 13) Empowerment Funds; 14) State Library: Sustaining a State of Learners; 15) Library Service Areas; 16) State Library: Enrich Iowa; 17) ICN Part III Leases; 18) Senior Year Plus; 19) Core Curriculum; and 20) Community College Infrastructure.

Board members and staff discussed these offers.

Waldorf College's Practitioner Preparation Program

Arlie Willems, Administrative Consultant, Practitioner Preparation; introduced Dan Hansen, and Rebecca Hill, from Waldorf College. Willems indicated that this was the first full visit to Waldorf College after their initial visit. Waldorf started out as a three-year, year-round program. They are now a four-year program. This has been a result of their evaluation and assessment. The number of teachers they recommend for licensure has grown steadily since 2005 (2005-14 teachers, 2006-17 teachers, 2007-24 teachers).

Willems indicated that the visit was conducted on February 3-6, 2008. The team examined six standard areas: Governance and Resources, Diversity, Faculty, Clinical, Candidate Assessment, and Program Assessment. Dr. Willems identified the strengths and concerns in each of these standard areas.

Following a discussion of the concerns, Willems indicated that all items noted for attention in the report have been satisfactorily addressed and she recommended the Waldorf College practitioner preparation program for full approval.

> **Motion** It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Max Phillips that the Waldorf College practitioner preparation program be granted full approval through the next state visit cycle scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Maharishi University of Management Practitioner Preparation Program

Arlie Willems, Administrative Consultant, Practitioner Preparation; introduced Chris Jones, and Mish Morris from Maharishi University. Willems indicated that this is a small and very unique program.

Willems indicated that the visit was conducted on October 29-31, 2007, and student teachers were visited in the spring of 2008.

The team examined six standard areas: Governance and Resources, Diversity, Faculty, Clinical, Candidate Assessment, and Program Assessment. Dr. Willems identified the strengths and concerns in each of these standard areas.

> **Motion** It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by LaMetta Wynn that the Maharishi University practitioner preparation

program be granted full approval through the next state visit cycle scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Community College Performance Indicators Report

Roger Utman, Administrator, and Vladimir Bassis, Consultant, shared information on the Iowa Community College Performance Indicators Report. Roger Utman explained that the last time there was a five-year state plan for community colleges was in 2001 and that that was the original plan. There were four goals developed at that time and a fifth goal was added two years later. The report has been redesigned from being narrative to look more at data.

Vladimir Bassis reviewed the performance indicators related to the five goals. The goals are as follows: Goal #1: The community colleges of Iowa will provide high quality comprehensive educational programs and services accessible to all Iowans. Goal #2: The community colleges of Iowa will develop high-skilled workers to meet the demands of Iowa's economy. Goal #3: The community colleges of Iowa will maximize financial and human resources to assure provision of comprehensive community college services to Iowans and to allow Iowa to compete on a national and international level. Goal #4: The community colleges of Iowa will demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency for achieving the system mission and goals. Goal #5: The community colleges of Iowa will recruit, enroll, retain to completion or graduation persons of underrepresented groups in all programs. Recruit and retain persons from minority racial/ethical groups in faculty and administrative roles.

A comment was made that the presented report is a big improvement. Also, discussion occurred on how the report will be disseminated and a board member suggested that a few bullet points might be added to offer analysis.

2008-09 Academic Year, Iowa Community Colleges Tuition and Fees Report

Roger Utman, Administrator; Jeremy Varner, Consultant; and Tom Schenk, Consultant; shared information on the 2008-09 Academic Year, Iowa Community Colleges Tuition and Fees Report. Schenk presented an overview of tuition and fees at community colleges. Varner provided a regional and national comparison of community colleges.

Board Reports

Sister Jude Fitzpatrick has a Coordinating Council for Hearing Services meeting coming up at the end of the month.

LaMetta Wynn attended an ICN meeting at the Department.

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

Valorie Kruse indicated that she has a meeting in two weeks for the Wallace foundation.

Kameron Dodge will be providing a State Board welcome at the upcoming High School Summit and will also participate.

Joan Jaimes attended an orientation to the Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates board.

Rosie Hussey attended a local legislative forum and will be attending the NASBE annual meeting.

Rosie Hussey declared the meeting adjourned.

Rosie Hussey President	Judy A. Jeffrey, Director and Executive Officer