

## **EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Wednesday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. CT

Host Location:

Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5906 O Street, Lincoln, NE

### **MINUTES**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska (Alt. for Bret Blackman)

Ms. Cassandra Joseph, (Alt. for Burke Brown, Palmyra District)

Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools

Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02; Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools

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Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

**LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Non-Voting):** Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education; and Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media

**MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT:** Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University; Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College; Leonard Kwapnioski, Columbus Public Schools; Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School; Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Dr. Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; and Ed Toner, OCIO

#### **CALL TO ORDER, ELECTRONIC POSTING, LOCATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW DOCUMENTS, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS**

The Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were 6 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. Meeting Notice Posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) October 14, 2022. The meeting agenda was posted to the [NITC Web site](#) on October 14, 2022.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING\***

No quorum was present to conduct official business. Co-Chair Needham informed the Council that the eduroam meeting will be moved up in the agenda after Public Comment.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2022 AND AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETINGS\***

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **EDUROAM PRESENTATION**

Brett Bieber, Assistance Vice President, IT Client Services, Information Technology Services, University of Nebraska. provided an eduroam status report. Mr. Bieber entertained questions from the Council members.

## **CAUCUS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION Co-Chair**

The Higher Education sector nominated Dr. Paul Turman as the Co-Chair representing higher education. Dr. Turman accepted the nomination. There was no quorum present to approve the nomination. This will be on the December meeting agenda. After the Council approves the nomination, it will need to be approved the NITC.

## **DISTANCE EDUCATION UPDATE**

Mr. Needham commented that eduroam is assisting with the digital equity in higher education. ESUs are still working though some technical issues before implementation.

## **NETWORK NEBRASKA UPDATES**

Mr. Needham distributed the current makeup of the Network Nebraska Governance Structure draft document. Asked members to review it. NOC asked for this information.

**Network Nebraska Fee Structure Collaboration\***. Ron Cone, ESU 10, is Co-chair of NNAG (Network Nebraska Advisory Group). NNAG is in the process of reviewing Network Nebraska fees and would like the Education Council's input and participation with the review. The Network Nebraska membership has grown from 93 to over 200 participants – libraries and museums have joined. The question has been raised as to where the fee was appropriate for all schools - larger school's costs versus smaller or rural school's cost. If not, how would the tiers be developed or determined, etc. The time involved would be 2 to 4 one-hour meetings a month between now and February. NAWG will be making fee decisions at the March or May meeting. Trent Kelly (K12) and Dr. Turman (Higher Education) volunteered. It was suggested to look at a consumption-based fee or a base rate fee. Ms. Kingery noted that there is also the "quarter" option that has not been used or needs clarification.

**Marketing Plan Volunteer.** Ms. Struebing, NDE, has been working on some documents. She volunteered to develop a Marketing Plan. Members were asked to send her ideas. Volunteers are welcome.

**2022 RFP Update.** Ms. Kingery reported that the smaller RFP for 10 schools and a few libraries is almost ready for release. Hopefully, more providers will compete. The larger

RFL for 250 circuits will be expiring. Planning, preparation and discussions for the 2023 RFP will need to begin soon.

**CISA Grant Liaison.** FEMA has received a CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) FEMA Cybersecurity grant. The committee would like to have one Education Council volunteer to assist the project, and, to provide status updates to the Council. Ms. Sherry Polenski, CIO for State College Systems, is already part of the discussions, and will serve as the EC representative.

### **TASK GROUP REORGANIZATION** (Continued)

Last month, it was proposed to have task group for each action items. Most members agreed that too many task groups would be too time consuming. Between now and the December meeting, the new co-chairs will discuss the reorganization of the Task Groups and bring recommendations to the group.

Dr. Turman left the meeting.

### **SUBSECTOR REPORTS** (if time permits)

University of Nebraska. Mr. Buker reported that UNL is preparing to release RFP for 400g internet.

Public K-12 and ESUs. Ms. Kingery provide the GEAR funding contact for questions regarding notification of applications. Mr. DeTurk informed the Council that ESU 2 is in an Interlocal agreement regarding Cyber Security to work on the coordination of efforts. GEAR funds have been used to upgrade Network Nebraska equipment and is currently being deployed.

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Dr. Fimple updated the Council on SARA's (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) national requirements which may make it harder for states to comply and implement. The national office is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. The Nebraska Indian College is wanting to participate in SARA

Nebraska Department of Education. Ms. Stuebing reported that she attended a national conference and met other E-Rate Coordinators. They were able to meet and discuss concerns and issues with FCC and USC reps.

There were no reports from the Nebraska State Colleges, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Private/Denominational K-12, and Nebraska Public Media.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no other business or announcements.

## **CONSIDER DATE(S), LOCATION(S) AND AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Education Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in Lincoln. Agenda items will include:

- Election of Co-Chair, representing Higher Education
- Task Groups

Members were asked to send the co-chairs other agenda items they may want to discuss.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further minutes, the Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Becca Kingery of the Office of the CIO/NITC.