

**Minutes  
State Board of Education  
November 15, 2023**

Brooke Axiotis  
Vice President  
Des Moines

Cindy Dietz  
Cedar Rapids

Cassandra Halls  
Carlisle

Brian J. Kane  
Dubuque

Mike May  
Spirit Lake

Mary Meisterling  
Cedar Rapids

Nathan Peterson  
Iowa City

John Robbins  
President  
Iowa Falls

Sophia Van Houten  
Student Member  
Ida Grove

McKenzie Snow  
Director and  
Executive Officer

The State Board of Education (State Board) meeting was held on November 15, 2023, in person at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

State Board members present were John Robbins, Brooke Axiotis, Cindy Dietz, Cassandra Halls, Brian Kane, Mike May, and Nathan Peterson.

Iowa Department of Education (Department) staff members present were: McKenzie Snow, Eric St Clair, Heather Doe, Shan Seivert, Kim Buryanek, Tina Wahlert, Jeremy Varner, Earl Whipple, Thomas Mayes, Kimberly Villotti, Janet Boyd, Maryam Rod Szabo, Amy Gieseke, Kassandra Cline, Holli Marolf and Jeremy Anzevino.

**State Board Business Meeting**

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of meeting.

**Motion:** Nathan Peterson made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the agenda.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Communication**

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

*Public Comment*

No public comment was made.

*Director's Report*

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Brian Kane seconded To approve the consent agenda.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 25 - Pathways for Academic Career and Employment**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 25 - Pathways for Academic Career and Employment.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 27 - Training and Economic Development Funds**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 27 - Training and Economic Development Funds.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 32 - High School Equivalency Diploma**

**Motion:** Mike May made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 32 - High School Equivalency Diploma.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 35 - Standards for Children's Residential Facilities**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 35 - Standards for Children's Residential Facilities.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 36 - Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Nathan Peterson seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 36 - Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 37 - Extracurricular Athletic Activity Conference**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 37 - Extracurricular Athletic Activity Conference.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 48 and 49 - Rescind and reserve Chapter 48 and rescind and replace Chapter 49**

**Motion:** Mike May made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to give notice of intent to rescind and reserve Chapter 48 and rescind and replace Chapter 49.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 61 - Iowa Reading Research Center**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 61 - Iowa Reading Research Center.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 77 and 79 - Rescind and reserve Chapter 77 and rescind and replace Chapter 79**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to give notice of intent to rescind and reserve Chapter 77 and rescind and replace Chapter 79.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 80 - Standards for Paraeducator Preparation**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 80 - Standards for Paraeducator Preparation.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 83 - Teacher Administrator Quality Programs**

**Motion:** Brooke Axiotis made a motion and Mike Mays seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 83 - Teacher Administrator Quality Programs.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Rules: Chapter 12 - General Accreditation Standards**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Mike May seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 12 - General Accreditation Standards.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Charter and Innovation Zone Schools in Iowa Legislative Report**

**Motion:** Nathan Peterson made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the submission of the Charter and Innovation Zone Schools Legislative Report to the Iowa Legislature in accordance with Iowa Code section 256F.10.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Charter Schools Program Findings and Recommendations Legislative Report**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Nathan Peterson seconded to approve the submission of the Charter School Legislative Report to the Iowa Legislature in accordance with Iowa Code section 256E.12.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**School Administration Manager (SAM) Authorization Preparation Program Approval**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to award full approval to National SAM Innovation Project to offer its SAM authorization preparation program in Iowa until the next State Board review in academic year 2029-30.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

President of the Board announced lunch at 11:25. Reconvene at 11:55 a.m.

**Heartland Area Education Agency (AEA) Paraeducator Preparation Program Approval**

**Motion:** Mike May made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the Heartland Area Education Agency (AEA) Paraeducator Preparation Program through the next review scheduled for the 2030-31 academic year.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

**Grant Wood Area Education Agency (AEA) Paraeducator Preparation Program Approval**

**Motion:** Cindy Dietz made a motion and Mike May seconded to approve the Grant Wood Area Education Agency (AEA) Paraeducator Preparation Program through the next review scheduled for the 2030-31 academic year.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

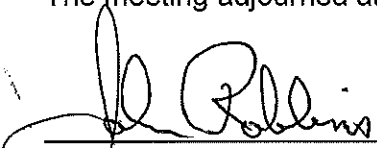
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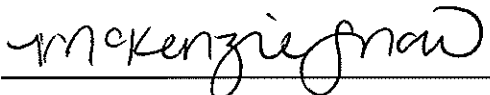
**School Budget Review Committee Update**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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John Robbins  
President



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McKenzie Snow  
Director