

ESUCC

Legislative Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 2:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting Educational Service Unit No. 3 6949 So. 110th Street LaVista,
NE 68128, 6949 South 110th Street, LaVista, NE 68128

Attendance Taken at 2:00 PM.

Beatty ESU 16:	Present
Bell ESU 10:	Absent
Jeff West (NE):	Absent
Dr Kraig Lofquist:	Present
Standish ESU 18:	Present
Dan Schnoes (ESU 03):	Present
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Present

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Item

3.1. 2016 Legislative Session

3.1.1. Bromm and Associates Update

3.1.2. LB 958 - Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land,
and levy limitations (Gloor)

3.1.3. LB 959 - Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets,
and levy authority (Sullivan)

3.1.4. LB 1067 - Change provisions relating to learning communities (Sullivan)

3.1.5. LB 1002 - Permit educational service unit boards to pay membership dues to
associations of school boards (Baker)

3.2. Legislative Planning Committee

3.3. Long Term Legislative Goals

3.4. ESUCC Legislative Process

4. Next Meetings Agenda Items

5. Executive Session

6. Adjournment

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Bills (LB)	Introducer	Status	Description	Committee	Schools Interest
26	Krist	Withdrawn	Adopt the Choice for the Advancement of Nebraska Children in Education Act and provide for tax credits	Revenue	Withdrawn
59	Scheer	Withdrawn	Redefine state aid value for purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	Withdrawn
18	Krist - Krist Priority	Cloture Failed	Change provisions relating to immunizations for students	Education	X
28	Krist	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act	HHS	X
29	McCoy	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to school health inspections	Education	X
54	Scheer	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to postsecondary education statewide transfer-of-credit policies	Education	X
58	Scheer	Carryover Bill	Provide for calculation and distribution of funds to certain schools as prescribed	Education	X
64	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Provide an income tax deduction for the income earned from second jobs	Revenue	X
66	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability	Judiciary	X
67	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority	Bank Comm Ins	X
71	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Property Tax Credit Act	Revenue	X
73	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Modern Tax Act	Revenue	X

74	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	X
75	Schumacher	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program	Revenue	X
83	Cook - Priority Cook	Approved by Gov	Provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure	Business & Labor	X
101	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to statewide assessment of student learning and reporting	Education	X
102	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program	Education	X
103	Kintner	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to participation in extracurricular activities as prescribed	Education	X
144	Davis	Carryover Bill	Reduce levy authority of community colleges and increase state aid to community colleges	Education	X
153	Morfeld	Carryover Bill	Exempt college textbooks from sales and use taxes	Revenue	X
182	Haar	Carryover Bill	Create the School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee	Education	X
185	Bolz	Carryover Bill	Appropriate funds to implement the Master Teacher Program Act	Appropriations	X
186	Bolz	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	X
211	Kolowski	Carryover Bill	Authorize chiropractors to provide school entrance physical examinations and visual evaluations	HHS	X
225	Schnoor	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school	Judiciary	X
227	Hansen	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to educational bridge programs	Education	X

239	Haar	Carryover Bill	Provide for a Coordinator for Educator Effectiveness and educator evaluation	Education	X
248	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Prohibit use of interactive wireless devices by school bus drivers as prescribed	Transport & Telecom	X
274	Hansen	Carryover Bill	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education for mentor teacher programs	Appropriations	X
280	Davis	Carryover Bill	Authorize a school-funding surtax and reduce the levy authority of school districts and learning communities	Revenue	X
281	Kolowski	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Child Support for College Savings Act	Judiciary	X
303	Bloomfield	Carryover Bill	Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy	Education	X
309	Davis	Carryover Bill	Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	X
323	Davis	Carryover Bill	Create the School Financing Review Commission	Education	X
343	Kolowski	Carryover Bill	Provide funding for schools offering certain programs and courses as prescribed	Education	X
345	Kolowski	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	X
362	Krist	Carryover Bill	Change eminent domain provisions relating to school sites	Judiciary	X
364	Watermeier	Carryover Bill	Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations	Appropriations	X
371	Sullivan - Priority Bolz	Failed to Adv to E&RI	Create and provide duties for the Nebraska Council for Educational Success	Education	X

373	Hilkemann	Carryover Bill	Change provisions regarding school bus safety	Transport & Telecom	X
387	Schnoor	Carryover Bill	Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	X
398	Harr	Carryover Bill	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	Revenue	X
402	Baker	Carryover Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to distance education incentives	Education	X
448	Nordquist	Carryover Bill	Make current and new Class V school employees members of the School Employees Retirement	Retirement	X
478	Baker	Carryover Bill	Provide bonding authority for educational service units	Education	X
521	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Provide, eliminate, and change provisions relating to property tax levies and credits and state aid to schools and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	X
522	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Provide for apportionment funds and student support aid relating to state aid to education	Education	X
523	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Change income tax rates and state intent relating to funding public education	Revenue	X
524	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Change provisions documenting eligibility relating to free and reduced-price school meals	Education	X
526	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Define a term related to teachers' and administrators' certificates	Education	X

528	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to learning communities	Education	X
530	Sullivan	Carryover Bill	Provide a duty for the student achievement coordinator	Education	X
534	Groene	Carryover Bill	Provide for limitations on General Fund expenditures for state aid to education	Education	X
565	Kuehn	Carryover Bill	State intent relating to appropriations for education and training in high-need fields	Appropriations	X
572	Davis	Carryover Bill	Provide duties for the state school security director relating to cyberbullying and digital citizenship issues	Education	X
576	Murante	Carryover Bill	Change election and membership provisions for learning community coordinating councils	Gov Mil Vet	X
590	Friesen	Carryover Bill	Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	X
595	Davis	Carryover Bill	Create the Task Force on School Construction Assistance	Education	X
599	Ebke	Carryover Bill	Provide a minimum wage for certain young student workers	Business and Labor	X
601	Bloomfield	Carryover Bill	Prohibit a school board member and an immediate family member from being employed with the school	Education	X
617	Larson	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Working to Improve Schools Act	Education	X
645	Nordquist	Carryover Bill	Adopt the Early Childhood Workforce Development Opportunity Act and provide tax credits	Revenue	X

668	Krist	Hearing 2-09	Change certain federal references and provisions relating to provisional operator's permit restrictions, use of interactive wireless communication devices, and occupant protection system enforcement	Transport & Telecom	X
669	Krist	Hearing 2-09	Update certain federal references and change from a secondary to primary offense certain occupant protection system enforcement requirements	Transport & Telecom	X
671	Krist	Indef Postponed	Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change the distribution of sales tax revenue	Revenue	X
688	Bloomfield	Hearing 2-23	Require all examinations and test of applicants under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act be in English		X
691	Morfeld	Hearing 1-25	Adopt the Teacher Education and Health Care Professions Student Grant Program Act	Education	X
692	Morfeld	Gen File - AM1883 filed	Adopt the Student Online Personal Protection Act	Education	X
693	Morfeld	Hearing 1-28	Change limitation of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Judiciary	X
710	Hughes - Priority Hughes	Approved by Gov	Change provisions relating to hazing	Judiciary	X
717	Groene - Priority Groene	Hearing 2-04	Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property	Revenue	X
726	Sullivan	Presented to Gov	Require information relating to federal student loans as prescribed	Education	X
734	Watermeier	Approved by Gov	Change residency provisions relating to Nebraska National Guard members for college tuition purposes	Education	X

739	Smith	Hearing 2-22	Eliminate certain taxing authority of learning communities	Education	X
743	Hansen	Indef Postponed	Clarify compensation for shoulder injuries under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business & Labor	X
752	Crawford	Hearing 1-25	Create the Adult Career Pathways Task Force	Education	X
769	Garrett	Hearing 3-03	Change provisions relating to firearms	Judiciary	X
773	Stinner	Hearing 1-19	Create the Early Childhood Workforce Development Task Force	Education	X
781	Schumacher	Hearing 1-26	Require school districts to prepare for closure of nonpublic schools	Education	X
790	Kolterman	Presented to Gov	To alphabetize defined terms under various retirement statutes	Retirement	X
801	Bolz	Indef Postponed	Require educational material and a report relating to long-term care insurance	Bank Comm Ins	X
809	Davis	Hearing 2-04	Appropriate funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	X
814	Friesen	Presented to Gov	Change a requirement for issuance of a school permit	Transport & Telecom	X
821	Larson - Priority Larson	E&R	Adopt the Workplace Privacy Act	Business & Labor	X
826	Davis	Hearing 1-26	Change provisions relating to reimbursement under the Special Education Act	Education	X
830	Harr - Priority Committee	Final Reading	Change provisions relating to vacation leave for state employees	Business & Labor	X

838	Bolz	Hearing 2-09	State intent relating to an appropriation to the State Department of Education for an educational specialist	Appropriations	X
850	Crawford	Indef Postponed	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act	Business & Labor	X
855	Ebke	Gen File - AM2063 filed	Require rounding a certain dollar amount in the Employment Security Law to the nearest whole dollar amount	Business & Labor	X
868	Krist	Hearing 2-16	Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation	Education	X
874	Murante - Priority Committee	Final Reading	Change procedures for filling vacancies on school boards	Gov, Mil & Vet	X
876	Murante	Approved by Gov	Authorize electronic voting devices for public bodies in public meetings	Gov, Mil & Vet	X
882	Scheer	Hearing 2-09	Change provisions relating to school budgeting	Education	X
883	Scheer - Priority Scheer	Indef Postponed	Provide for foundation aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	X
903	Baker	Hearing 2-22	Change and eliminate provisions relating to learning communities	Education	X
904	Baker	Hearing 2-22	Provide for school districts to opt out of a learning community	Education	X
906	Lindstrom - Priority Murante	Approved by Gov	Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers	Education	X
922	Kolterman	Hearing 2-05	Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed	Retirement	X

930	Scheer - Priority Speaker	E&R	Change provisions relating to statewide assessments and college admission testing as prescribed	Education	X
940	Johnson	Hearing 2-04	Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act	Revenue	X
958	Gloor - Priority Committee	E&R	Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations	Revenue	X
959	Sullivan - Priority Committee	E&R	Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	X
967	Kintner	Hearing 2-22	Change learning community provisions relating to enrollment and levies	Education	X
986	Retirement	Hearing 2-05	Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study	Retirement	X
1002	Baker	Presented to Gov	Permit educational service unit boards to pay membership dues to associations of school boards	Education	X
1004	Cook	Hearing 2-08	Change provisions relating to the Community Eligibility Provision and provide duties for the State Department of Education	Education	X
1026	Morfeld	Hearing 2-01	Change provisions relating to education technology	Education	X

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1002

Approved by the Governor April 07, 2016

Introduced by Baker, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to educational service units; to amend section 79-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize educational service unit boards to pay membership dues in associations of school boards as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 79-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1204 (1) The role and mission of the educational service units is to serve as educational service providers in the state's system of elementary and secondary education.

(2) Educational service units shall:

(a) Act primarily as service agencies in providing core services and services identified and requested by member school districts;

(b) Provide for economy, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in the cooperative delivery of educational services;

(c) Provide educational services through leadership, research, and development in elementary and secondary education;

(d) Act in a cooperative and supportive role with the State Department of Education and school districts in development and implementation of long-range plans, strategies, and goals for the enhancement of educational opportunities in elementary and secondary education; and

(e) Serve, when appropriate and as funds become available, as a repository, clearinghouse, and administrator of federal, state, and private funds on behalf of school districts which choose to participate in special programs, projects, or grants in order to enhance the quality of education in Nebraska schools.

(3) Core services shall be provided by educational service units to all member school districts. Core services shall be defined by each educational service unit as follows:

(a) Core services shall be within the following service areas in order of priority: (i) Staff development which shall include access to staff development related to improving the achievement of students in poverty and students with diverse backgrounds; (ii) technology, including distance education services; and (iii) instructional materials services;

(b) Core services shall improve teaching and student learning by focusing on enhancing school improvement efforts, meeting statewide requirements, and achieving statewide goals in the state's system of elementary and secondary education;

(c) Core services shall provide schools with access to services that:

(i) The educational service unit and its member school districts have identified as necessary services;

(ii) Are difficult, if not impossible, for most individual school districts to effectively and efficiently provide with their own personnel and financial resources;

(iii) Can be efficiently provided by each educational service unit to its member school districts; and

(iv) Can be adequately funded to ensure that the service is provided equitably to the state's public school districts;

(d) Core services shall be designed so that the effectiveness and efficiency of the service can be evaluated on a statewide basis; and

(e) Core services shall be provided by the educational service unit in a manner that minimizes the costs of administration or service delivery to member school districts.

(4) Educational service units shall meet minimum accreditation standards set by the State Board of Education that will:

(a) Provide for accountability to taxpayers;

(b) Assure that educational service units are assisting and cooperating with school districts to provide for equitable and adequate educational opportunities statewide; and

(c) Assure a level of quality in educational programs and services provided to school districts by the educational service units.

(5) Educational service units may contract to provide services to:

(a) Nonmember public school districts;

(b) Nonpublic school systems;

(c) Other educational service units; and

(d) Other public agencies, under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Joint Public Agency Act.

(6) Educational service units shall not regulate school districts unless specifically provided pursuant to another section of law.

(7) The board of any educational service unit in this state may pay from its funds an amount to be determined by the board for membership dues in associations of school boards or boards of education.

Sec. 2. Original section 79-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is repealed.

ESU 1 and 8 Superintendent Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2015
Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk
9:00-3:00

9:00-10:30 Welcome

Purpose for the Day

- ESU 1 and 8 Legislative Committee
 - Why are we here?
 - How will we know we are successful?
- Introduction of Guests
 - Rachael Wise, NE State Board President
 - Mike Dulaney, NCSA Director
 - Dave Ludwig, ESUCC Director

Activity 1:

Identify Major Educational Themes

- Consensus Process

10:30-10:45 **BREAK**

10:45-12:00 Activity 2:

Create Shared Vision/Message for Major Educational Themes

12:00-12:45 **LUNCH**

12:45-1:45 Activity 3:

Sharing our Message with State Senators

- What's it like at the Legislature? An Administrator's Perspective
- Contextualize the Message when meeting with State Senators
- Superintendent Mini-work Session

1:45-2:00 **BREAK**

2:00-3:00 Activity 4:

Large Group Wrap-Up

- Superintendent Work Session Report Out
- Next Steps
- Final Thoughts/Thank You to Participants
 - *The Charge to Carry the Work Forward*

EDUCATION IS IN OUR HANDS

Promotion of Leadership and Public Education

The 45 superintendents and ESU administrators representing northeast Nebraska promote equitable learning experiences for all of Nebraska's children.

In collaboration with ESUs 1 and 8, the Nebraska Council of School Administra-

tors (NCSA), the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), and the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) — and through a strategic process — we have identified five major themes that impact each of our school districts.



The five major themes are:

- Increasing Opportunities from Birth to Kindergarten
- College & Career Readiness
- Mental Health & Behavior
- Changing Demographics
- Infrastructure

We recognize the diversity that exists among our school districts and among the children who attend each of our schools.

Working together for the greater good of the state's children, the 45 representatives of northeast Nebraska are willing and ready to collaborate with Senators to develop sound policy that supports learning experiences for all Nebraska students.

Changing Demographics

- All changing — diverse needs
- Family dynamics lead to higher needs (poverty, SPED, behavior, social services)
- Aging community/population
- Pride ourselves on meeting individual needs

Mental Health & Behavior

- Impact on student achievement
- Deterioration of society/family structure
- Availability of quality supports

Infrastructure

- We request that the legislature consider a funding mechanism outside of instructional resources for safety/security, maintenance and improvements of infrastructure
- IMPORTANT: We recognize work already being done by NDE (Safety)

Increasing Opportunities from Birth to Kindergarten

- Strong research base
- Community need (universal, regardless of size)
- Not all Early Childhood experiences are of equal quality
- Levels the playing field for children of diverse needs
- Providing these quality services requires additional funding
- Research shows this is the most cost effective investment we can make — there's a HUGE return on investment!

College & Career Readiness

- Support CTE reVISION process
- Chronic labor shortage in education (financial incentives)
- Expand career and technical education offerings (Concerns: space; finding and retaining quality staff)
- Support and simplify dual-credit acceptance
- Embed 21st-century soft skills into K-12 curriculum
- Allow for educational innovation



Wakefield Community School

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Wakefield is located ten miles east of Wayne, NE, along Highway 35. Community population is 1,450 people. Wakefield Community School demographics reflect 457 students of which 50% Caucasian and 50% Hispanic. Free and reduced lunch is 57%. Wakefield, economically, is heavily agricultural, including agricultural production and agribusiness such as Michael Foods, which our largest employer. Michael Foods is the largest egg business in Nebraska. Dairying is another large agribusiness and includes two large dairy farms in the community. Wakefield is the smallest school in the state with 50% mix of Hispanic and White population. Graduation rate was 88% in 2014-15. AQuESTT school rating is "Great" for the elementary and high school.

Developed 12-17-2015

Changing Demographics

- Free Reduced Lunch is slowly increasing — FY 2011: 50%, FY 2012: 54%, FY 2013: 52%, FY 2014: 48%, FY 2015: 57% based on Sept. 30 count.
- Poverty level is decreasing among Caucasian families. Poverty level is increasing among Hispanic families, while demographic mix remains the same at 50% White/Hispanic.
- 90%+ of preschool students are Free Reduced Lunch.
- Increase in newcomer students four years ago: 1 or 2 students, FY 2014: 12, FY 2015: 18 students preK-12.
- Special education seeing more diverse population of exceptionalities. Zero autistic students five years ago, six students this year. Students with Russell-Silvers Syndrome and Williams Syndrome.
- The median income for all household in Wakefield for 2015 is \$38,732. State median income for 2014 is \$52,686. The 20-to-34 age group and 55-to-64 age group experienced the largest increase in population from 2000 to 2010.
- Wakefield has a housing shortage of adequate rental, beginning starter homes, higher income homes and transition homes. Wakefield is projected to have a 2% population growth by 2025.
- School district is moving to a non-equalized district, state aid from FY 2012-13: \$1,536,392 to FY 2015-16: \$437,929.

College & Career Readiness

- Career & Technical Education offerings in Industrial Technical Education (ITE), Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) and Business Education.
- Student Microsoft Certification in Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Reorganized FCS program in 2013-14 into three career clusters: Food & Nutritional Sciences, Health Sciences, and Education & Training.
- FCS students offered Certified Nurse Aide and Medication Aide pathways. Added Culinary Foods to Nutritional Sciences.
- Business Education added Web Design course.
- Students take on-line coursework from NECC, UNL, UNK, UNL-Curtis.
- Dual Credit from NECC in Literature and Speech.
- Collaborative agreement with Allen Consolidated Schools for agriculture courses and FFA.

Infrastructure

- Completed \$1.9 million energy conservation for elementary and high school in 2014.
- Nearing compliance for Energy Star Rating (top 25% of schools nationally) at Wakefield High and Elementary. Energy and maintenance savings approximately \$45,000 to \$50,000 annually.

Mental Health & Behavior

- Mental health services are limited locally to Wayne (one therapist) or South Sioux City at Heartland Counseling. No regular mental counseling available in Wakefield or Wakefield Community School.
- Student and family needs difficult to determine, typically three or four families request help. Many individuals and families are under served. A family of four moved out of state due to at-risk behaviors.
- Educational Service Unit #1 provides behavior support through Tower School; however, the service has a five-to-six student waiting list.
- Based on Nebraska Risky Behaviors Survey, 27 students at the high school level would need mental health services, including suicide prevention, which is steady at 8%. Fifteen students would need mental health assistance. Services largely occur through the local school counselors.

Increasing Opportunities from Birth to Kindergarten

- Wakefield serves all local students within the district in the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs.
- Provide special education to all eligible special education students birth to five.
- Primary focus of half-day 3-year-old program is language development, behavior and social development. This is a unique program to Wakefield.
- Focus of 4-year-old preschool is academic and language development
- 80% speak a language other than English in 3- and 4-year-old program.
- Based on Brigance Assessment, 80% of preschool students entering kindergarten are meeting grade level expectations in all subcategories.
- Preschool program is Nebraska State Accredited with three certified preschool educators, masters level teachers and ELL & Special Ed endorsements.
- Low percentage of ELL students (4%) transition to middle school.
- Only preschool in the district; all other programs are day care.