

1 Resolution 2022-03

Transparency in Public Education

- 2 **Subject:** Cass County Republican Party call for legislation for Transparency in Public Education.
- 3 **WHEREAS:** The state of Nebraska provides free instruction in common schools that is funded largely by the citizens of Nebraska.
- 4 **WHEREAS:** The ability of the Nebraska public to oversee the educational materials is essential to educating the children of Nebraska.
- 5 **WHEREAS:** The State Department of Education and the State Board of Education in charge of the materials being taught are elected positions and the public should be able to review their decisions regarding materials being taught in publicly funded schools.
- 6 **WHEREAS:** This would include any early education materials through 12th grade.
- 7 **WHEREAS:** Nebraska's elected officials in public funded learning institutions have not been forthcoming in the materials that they have been approving. While the elected officials are elected, their decisions on education materials have not been made public.
- 8 **WHEREAS:** Recently, the State Board of Education has not been directed by the State Legislature to adopt new Health Standards and went "rogue" without approval to adopt new standards.
- 9 **WHEREAS:** Nebraska Constitution Article VII, Section 14(1-3) provides for the adoption of new standards and roles and mission of the Nebraska public schools and the State Board of Education has acted outside of their authority; now therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED:** All educational materials including, but not limited to, all textbooks and oral presentations and visiting lectures are to be made public via a website per learning institution. Such that any taxpayer can use that interface can read and review the educational materials being presented in all classrooms or in other public sponsored speakers or events.
- 11 **RESOLVED:** These materials can be made available via alternative to website from the learning district in hard copy at a reasonable price if the taxpayer cannot use the website or simply prefers to have hard copies. This material must be made available at the cost only of the materials being provided.

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