

**Nevada State Board of Education
Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education**

**ACTION REPORT
MARCH 18-19, 2010**

**Chris Wallace, President
Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction**

On **Thursday, March 18, 2010 and Friday March 19, 2010**, the State Board met at the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada and at the Department of Education, 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada for presentations and discussions at their regular Board meeting. The meeting was video conferenced.

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 3:19 p.m. by President Wallace.

President Wallace gave a brief summary of the Special Legislative Session along with the Legislative Interim Committee for Governance and Oversight of System of K-12 Public Education (ACR 2), that he attended. President Wallace announced that he and Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, were recently appointed to the Governor's Education Reform Blue Ribbon Task Force

Superintendent Rheault gave an update of the following:

- Third annual Connect the Dots Parent Involvement Summit
- Governor's Executive Order regarding a 4 day/10 hour work week
- Press conference in Carson City where the Governor signed an Executive Order forming the Blue Ribbon Task Force to guide and oversee Nevada's Race to the Top application
- Vacant positions that need to be filled in the Department of Education

Jeremy Hauser, Academic Manager, Clark County School District, Superintendent's Schools, gave the Board a presentation and overview of Empowerment Schools in the Clark County School District.

Stacy Woodbury, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, reported on the Blue Ribbon Task Force that Dr. Rheault and President Wallace have been appointed to.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the January 22, 2010 State Board Meeting
- B. Nominees to fill current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) - Sheila Allred, Parent of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities, Davie Coffey, Parent of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities and Dorothy Pomin, Foster Care, Statewide
- C. Awarding of 1.0 gifted and talented discretionary units to the Elko County School District

President Wallace called for a meeting recess at 4:40 p.m. with the meeting to resume on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, March 19, 2010 President Wallace re-called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Student Representative Zhan Okuda-Lim spoke in his capacity as a state officer on the State Board of the Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC) regarding their position to amend the NASC constitution to make the position of the Student Representative appointed rather than elected.

The Board approved the request for a Dual Credit course, Douglas County School District.

Dr. Rheault gave the Board a presentation on the Race To The Top and the Common Core Standards. He also spoke about his recent meeting with the two co-chairs of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force and their positive discussion.

Carol Crothers, Director, Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum reported on the Process for Determining Cut Scores on Statewide Assessments giving the Board an understanding on how the process works.

The Board approved the Testing Contract with Measured Progress presented by Carol Crothers and Tom MacDiarmid, Program Manager.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to Solicit Comments for new regulations for College Readiness Standards, Definitions and Criteria.

The Board discussed the revocation of Imagine School at Las Vegas' Subsection 7 Charter. The Board tabled their decision until the June 17-18, 2010 board meeting with the stipulation that the Governing Board of Imagine School at Las Vegas present their corrected action plan at the May 14, 2010 Board meeting.

The Board approved the renewal of Nevada State High School Charter sponsored by the Nevada State Board of Education.

Members of the public made Public Comment regarding Imagine School at Las Vegas.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to Solicit Comments on proposed Amendments to NAC 388.300 - Parental consent; notice to parents of proposed or refused action; statement of parental rights.

Dr. Rheault introduced the 2010 teacher of the year, Kathleen Schaeffer, a Mathematics teacher at Bob Miller Middle School in Henderson, Nevada. Kathleen is the second teacher to receive the teacher of the year award from Bob Miller Middle School.

Dr. Rheault and the Board recognized the 2010 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award Recipients. There were two recipients this year, Michael Patterson, Advanced Technologies Academy in Las Vegas and Jeremy Gregersen, The Meadows School in Las Vegas.

Dr. Rheault gave an update on the Non Regulatory Guidance for Charter Schools. In an effort to be consistent, the guidance was put in writing for new charter schools or new staff regarding the process to administer the statutes and the regulations dealing with charter schools.

Approval was given by the Board for the 2010 Subcommittee on Charter Schools and Task Force Assignments, Advisory Council Appointments, and Appointments to Organizations.

Revisions to the 2010 Board meetings and the August Board retreat were discussed. The Board approved an additional meeting for the afternoon of May 12, 2010 to discuss their final recommendation to the

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ACR 2 Committee. The Board approved Carson City as the location for the Board Retreat, August 11-12, 2010.

Board Members made comments including suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

Public Comment was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.