

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

**ACTION REPORT
MAY 14, 2010**

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

On **Friday May 14, 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 8:33 a.m. by President Wallace.

President Wallace reported on his meeting with Member Biggerstaff, Member Chaney and candidate for governor, Rory Reid. They discussed Mr. Reid's plans for education should he be elected Governor of Nevada and Mr. Reid said he would like further meetings with President Wallace to share ideas on education in Nevada.

President Wallace gave an update on the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meetings regarding the Race To The Top (RTTT) application, which is about 98% completed. It is due to the Governor's office on May 21, 2010 and to the federal government on June 1, 2010. President Wallace discussed the work session proposals for the 2011 Legislative Session that came from the last meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee on Governance and Oversight of the System of K-12 Public Education (ACR 2) on May 13, 2010.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Education gave an update of the following:

- RTTT and the Common Core Standards
- School Improvement Grants and Longitudinal Data Phase II

The Board approved the following consent Agenda Items:

- Approval of Minutes from the March 18-19, 2010 State Board Meeting
- Approval of relicensing for Citibank Family Center in Las Vegas and approval of private school license for Treasure Chest Learning Center in Las Vegas and approval of private school license for Treasure Chest Learning Center in Reno
- Approval of State Board Member Travel for President Wallace to attend the C.L.A.S.S. conference, July 2010.
- Award Special Education Discretionary Units FY10
- Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Entrepreneurial-Technical and Engineering Charter High School (ETECHS) to a full charter was not heard and will be rescheduled for the June 17-18 State Board Meeting.

Kimberly Rushton, Attorney, Cooper Levenson, appeared on behalf of the governing board of Imagine School at Las Vegas. Ms. Rushton stated that Imagine School at Las Vegas has surrendered its Subsection 7 provisional approval for a charter school in Nevada as they were unable to identify a suitable location

for a school site and they are continuing to have problems with the composition of their governing board. The governing board would like to move forward with an application at a future date.

Jim Wells, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Fiscal Services, stated the Department of Education recommends the State Board find that grounds exist for revocation of the Silver State Charter School pursuant to NRS 386.535. Silver State School will have an opportunity to correct the deficiencies and return to the June board meeting. If the State Board is satisfied with the corrective actions provided by the school, they can grant the renewal at that time. A motion was made and carried not to renew the charter for Silver State Charter School at this meeting.

Mr. Wells and Dr. Rheault discussed four Bill Draft Requests (BDR) that the Department sent to the budget office. The BDR's are used to correct technical differences in statutes that need to be revised.

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** to revoke the Nevada Teacher's License for Johnny Diaz, Case#10-01. A motion was made and carried.

President Wallace opened a discussion regarding the Board Retreat, August 11-13, 2010. The Board approved a two-day retreat prior to the regular meeting with topics to include the Board's vision and mission statement as well as the goals, benchmarks and the structure of the Department of Education.

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** to approve the Proposed New Regulations for College Readiness Standards, Definition and Criteria Prescribing Standards for College. A motion was made and carried.

Stacy Woodbury, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, reported on the progress with RTTT. She informed the Board that the Governor has scheduled a signing ceremony for the application on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Capitol and she extended an invitation to the Board and the Department.

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** to adopt the revisions to NAC 388.300, Parental Consent; Notice to Parents of Proposed or Refused Actions; Statement of Parental Rights. A motion was made and carried.

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** to adopt the Proposed Amendments to R008-10; New Sections for Technology and Computer Standards and Delete NAC 389.289 – Technology Computers; NAC 389.2948 – Technology and Computers; NAC 389-3905 – Technology and Computers; NAC 389.505. A motion was made and carried.

Carol Crothers, Director, Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum introduced Dr. Anne Davidson, who conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the new cut scores in CRT Math and Science for Grades 3-8 & HSPE, Alternate cut scores in Math, Science, Reading and Writing for grades 3-8 & 11. A motion was made and carried to adopt the new cut scores.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to solicit Comments for NAC 387.345 Hold Harmless Affect on Calculating Basic Support.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to Solicit Comments for NAC 386 regarding Charter Schools limiting enrollment in certain instances; information for initial enrollment of a New Charter School; conversion of a Charter issued pursuant to Subsection 7 of NRS 386.527 to a Charter issued pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 386.537; amending Written Charters terms of Educational Management Organization (EMO) contracts; Evaluations and Reports of EMO's

Vernon Law, Vice President of the Board, Imagine in the Valle Charter School and Connie Jordan, Principal, Imagine in the Valle Charter School updated the board regarding their progress locating a school facility.

Public comment was taken relating to Imagine in the Valle Charter School.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to Solicit Comments for Common Core Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts.

Mike Raponi, Acting Director, Office of Career, Technical & Adult Education explained the revisions to the Statewide Tech Prep Policy Statement. A motion was made and carried to approve the revisions to the Statewide Tech Prep Policy Statement.

Dr. Rheault discussed the Draft RTTT Proposal that was distributed to the Board members. Dr. Rheault stated he recommends the Board approve the draft and authorize President Wallace to sign off on it. A motion was made and carried to approve the RTTT grant application signature by the State Board President, Chris Wallace.

Board Member Comments were given.

The Board heard Public Comments.

As a Future Agenda item, Member Biggerstaff requested a Subcommittee meeting on Charter Schools prior to the regular meeting in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education will be held Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18, 2010, at the Department of Education, at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City and the Department of Education, 9890 South Maryland, Second floor Conference Room, Las Vegas Nevada. The meeting will be video conferenced.