

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

**ACTION REPORT
December 9-10, 2010**

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

On **Thursday, December 9, 2010**, the Subcommittee on Charter schools met at the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada and 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 meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Jan Biggerstaff, Chair.

Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools conducted a PowerPoint overview of the State Board sponsored Charter Schools, the charter applications processed this year and an update on the Office of Charter Schools within the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). Dr. Canavero also discussed the Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizers, published by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA).

Dr. Canavero discussed the possible approval of Summerlin Preparatory Academy Subsection 7 Charter, in Las Vegas. The school will serve grades K-5. The Subcommittee on Charter Schools approved the recommendation for a Subsection 7 Charter for Summerlin Preparatory Academy.

Board comment was taken. There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Dale Erquiaga, Assistant Transition Director, Governor Elect Sandoval, stated Governor Sandoval plans to continue his commitment to Education Reform during the 2011 Legislative Session and a number of Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) related to education will be brought forth. Governor Elect Sandoval pledged that as they work through budgetary issues, he would be in contact with Superintendent, Dr. Keith Rheault, and the State Board of Education.

President Wallace reported on the last Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meeting. Many recommendations regarding governance and reform came from the BRTF, and they will be brought forth to the 2011 Legislative session.

Member Ferry reported on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference he attended in Salt Lake City. In addition, he reported on a WestEd meeting he attended in San Diego.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, gave an update on the State Board budget, including travel expenses. Dr. Rheault reported that he addressed K-12 education at an orientation meeting with new Legislators and attended a meeting with School Superintendents and Governor Elect Sandoval.

President Wallace requested Item 3E, Special Education Discretionary Unit, be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion and action.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes, October 7-8, 2010, Regular Board Meeting
- B. Nevada Public Education Foundation (NPEF) Nomination for NPEF Board of Directors: Debra W. Struhsacker
- C. Nominees to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners, per Section 1902 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, to advise the State on Title I issues:
 - Tearra Bobula - Teacher
 - Bettie Carter - Pupil Services Personnel
 - Rabbi Moishe Rodman - Private Schools
 - Patsi Saas - Local Education Agency
- D. Relicensing of the following Las Vegas private School for four years: Trinity International and the following Henderson Private School for four years: Kids R Rids, as well as the following Las Vegas private school for two years: McCarran/Bright Horizon

- E. Recommendation to disapprove the awarding of a special education discretionary unit to Imagine School in the Valle Charter School for the 2010-2011 academic years.
- F. Proposed changes to the State of Nevada 2010 School Bus Standards Manual
- G. Creating two additional seats on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
 - Representative, OSEP Funded State Parent Training Information Center (currently Nevada PEP)
 - Representative, Office of Protection and Advocacy Agency (currently Nevada Disability Advocacy Law Center)

Regarding previous consent item 3E, Rorie Fitzpatrick, Director, Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and School Improvement, stated that an error was made relative to the NDE recommendation on the support document for approval of awarding a special education discretionary unit for the Imagine School in the Valle. After further discussion, the Board approved the discretionary unit.

The Board approved the recommendation from the Subcommittee on Charter Schools for Summerlin Preparatory Academy's Subsection 7 Charter.

Dr. Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools, reported on the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) who publishes the Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing. He further discussed the Principles and Standards that serve as a guide to formative development for Charter School authorizes.

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the possible adoption of the final version of Regulations for Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Common Core Standards for Mathematics. The Board approved the New Regulations for the Common Core Standards.

The Board approved the 2010 Nevada State Improvement Plan (STIP) presented by Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services

Student Representative, Zhan Okuda-Lim, presented the Youth Legislature's education related Senate Bill (SB 14) for the 2011 Legislative Session.

The Board approved the request for Dual Credit Courses for Clark County School District.

Melissa Scott, Consultant, Social Studies, conducted a PowerPoint presentation on Financial Literacy Instruction in Nevada High Schools and discussed alignment with current academic standards in Economics. Stephanie Hartman, Consultant, Social Studies, assisted with the presentation and responded to board questions.

The Board held a discussion regarding the possibility of adding an ex-officio position to the State Board of Education designated as a Nevada Board of Regents representative.

The Board approved Tuesday and Wednesday, January 25-26, 2011 for the new member orientation, the Subcommittee on Charter Schools and the regular board meeting.

Board Member comment was taken.

Dotty Merrill, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) informed the State Board about an upcoming NASB conference in Reno, on January 20-21, 2011.

As a Future agenda item, Member Biggerstaff requested a regulation requiring an aid on all school buses for safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.