

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

**ACTION REPORT**  
**January 25-26, 2010**

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

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On **Tuesday, January 25 and Wednesday, January 26, 2011** The State Board met at the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, and the Department of Education, 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada for presentations and discussions at the Subcommittee on Charter School meeting and their Regular Board Meeting. The meetings were video conferenced.

On **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, the four newly elected board members were sworn in at the Nevada Supreme Court by Chief Justice Hardesty. New Board Member Orientation was held following the swearing-in ceremonies. The Orientation consisted of an Overview of the Department of Education, Method of Operations, Open Meeting Laws, Nevada Law, State Board Policy, Governor's Office/Legislative/Budget and State Board Travel.

On **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, the Subcommittee on Charter schools was called to order at 3:11 p.m. by Dr. Cliff Ferry, Chair.

The Subcommittee on Charter Schools recommended the Board approve the Subsection 7 Charter application for Discovery Charter School, Oasis Academy Charter School, Renaissance Academy Charter School, Somerset Academy Charter School and Willie H. Brooks SOAR Academy Charter School.

The Subcommittee on Charter Schools recommended the Board deny the Subsection 7 Charter application for Coral Academy of Sciences, Carson City.

The Subcommittee on Charter Schools recommended the Board discuss the application for a Subsection 7 Charter for Imagine School at Mountain View at the regular board meeting on Wednesday.

Public Comment was heard. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday, January 26, 2011**, the regular meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by President Chris Wallace.

Election of the 2011 State Board of Education Officers was held. Christopher Wallace was approved as President, Dave Cook was approved as Vice President and Craig Wilkinson was approved as Clerk.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

- A. December 9-10, 2010 Regular Meeting
- B. WestEd Appointments
  - Dwight Jones (to replace Walt Rulffes, thru 5/31/12)
  - Dr. Cliff Ferry (to replace Jan Biggerstaff, thru 5/31/11)
- C. Appointments to the Title I Committee of Practitioners
  - Karen Barreras - Private Schools
  - Brian Mello - Vocational Educator
- D. Appointment of the following Nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
  - Karen Taycher - OSEP Funded State Parent Training Information Center (currently Nevada PEP)
  - Yvonne Brueggert - Office of Protection and Advocacy Agency (currently Nevada Disability Advocacy Law Center)

- E. Awarding of the remaining .2 of a gifted and talented discretionary unit to the Washoe County School District
- F. The 2011-2018 Elementary and Secondary Textbook adoption list adding Carson City School District Elementary Science Textbooks.

Heidi Gansert, Chief of Staff, Governor Sandoval's Office reported on the Governor's reform agenda that he spoke about during his State-of-the-State address.

The Board approved the requests for variance from Class Size Reduction Requirements, 2010-2011 school year.

Dr. MaryAnn Demchak, Vice-Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) reported on fiscal year 2010. The SEAC committee, mandated by federal law and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), serves as an advisory group to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and the State Board of Education.

The Subcommittee on Charter Schools recommended the Board approve a Subsection 7 Charter for Discovery Charter School, Oasis Academy Charter School, Renaissance Academy Charter School, Somerset Academy Charter School, and Willie H Brooks SOAR Academy charter School. The Board approved a Subsection 7 Charter for these schools.

The Subcommittee on Charter Schools recommended the Board deny a Subsection 7 Charter School for Coral Academy of Science Charter School. The Board denied the Subsection 7 Charter for Coral Academy.

The Board discussed the application for a Subsection 7 Charter for Imagine School at Mountain View Charter School. The Board approved a Subsection 7 Charter for Imagine School at Mountain View Charter School.

The 2011 State Board of Education meeting dates were approved. All meetings will be video conferenced and board members will be available in both Carson City and Las Vegas. The dates are March 17-18, May 12-13, June 23-24, August 10-13, October 6-7 and December 8-9.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, reported on recent budget related meetings and cabinet meetings he attended with Governor Sandoval. Dr. Rheault reviewed some 2011 Legislative Session Education Bills.

The Board approved the Board Strategies, Engagement/Tactics and Policy/Tactics presented by Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services.

The Board approved moving forward with discussions to consider a non-voting, ex-officio/liaison position to the State Board of Education designated for a Nevada Board of Regents Representative, and for the State Board to reciprocate with a State Board ex-officio/liaison for seamless K-20 communication.

As a Future Agenda item, Member Bonaventura requested an overview of the Special Education Department. Member Okuda-Lim requested the Board formally adopt a position on Senate Bill 14. Member Corbett suggested inviting Governor Sandoval, the Majority and Minority Leaders and the Education Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Committees to speak at the March board meeting.

Public comment was heard from Steve Knight, Executive Director, Silver State Charter Schools regarding charter schools in Carson City.

Board Member Comment was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.