

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

ACTION REPORT

March 18, 2011

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

On **Friday, March 18, 2011**, the State Board of Education 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 8:32 a.m. by President Chris Wallace.

President Wallace reported on recent meetings with Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Senator Majority Leader Horsford, Assemblyman Bobzien, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee and Senator Mo Denis, Chair of the Senate Education Committee. They discussed governance in education. President Wallace stated the legislators are supportive of the Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2 (ACR 2) recommendations, which is now Senate Bill 197 (SB197). He added further discussions with legislators regarding education bills would occur in the coming weeks.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction updated the board about the retirement of Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services, and the steps he will take to fill her position. He informed the Board about his recent legislative meetings.

The Board approved the following consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes, January 25-26, 2011
- B. Two Additional Douglas Secondary Textbooks, to the adoption list for the Adoption period, March 21, 2011-2018
- C. Relicensing of private school - Merryhill School, Green Valley and Kids R Kids, Reno, for two years.
- D. Appoint nominees to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners, per Section 1902 Of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2011, to advise the State on Title I issues.
 - Shawn Vogel - Parent
 - Janice Rudd - School Board

The Board approved the request for Dual Credit courses for Douglas County School District students.

President Wallace appointed board members to serve on the Subcommittee on Charter Schools, the Subcommittee on K-12 Governance, Task Forces, Advisory Councils, and various Organizations. The Board approved the appointments.

Dale Erquiaga, Senior Advisor to Governor Sandoval reported the governor declared March reading month. He visited elementary schools to read books to the students and stated he supports third grade reading proficiency. Mr. Erquiaga stated the governor has three bills for education that should be out next week. He added he is happy the Board and the governor's office are keeping the lines of communication open as they work together through these difficult times.

Rorie Fitzpatrick, Director, Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and School Improvement Programs conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the basic tenets of special education and related services for students with disabilities.

Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools and William Haft, President of Authorizer Development, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) presented the findings and recommendations from the Authorizer Evaluation report conducted by NACSA.

Stephanie Hartman, K-12 Social Studies Education Programs Professional, conducted a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the results of the financial literacy survey distributed to District Curriculum Directors in Nevada high schools, including charter schools.

Dr. Rheault reviewed various 2011 Legislative Bills affecting State Board responsibilities. The board discussed and approved their position on AB169, AB64, AB171, SJR1, SB14, SB116, SB197 and SB212.

Board member comment was taken. There was no public comment.

As a Future Agenda Items, Member Chaney asked for more information regarding the cost of implementing voucher programs in Nevada. Member Corbett requested an item to discuss high school dropouts as well as inviting the chairs of the Assembly and Senate education committees to the May board meeting. Member Cook requested further discussion regarding a graduation requirement to teach financial literacy in high school Math classes for .5 credit. Member Wilkinson requested a discussion regarding mandatory physical education classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.