

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

**ACTION REPORT  
June 23-24, 2011**

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

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On **Thursday, June 23, 2011** and **Friday, June 24, 2011**, the State Board of Education met at the Department of Education 9890 South Maryland, Las Vegas, NV and The Department of Education, 700 East fifth Street, Carson City Nevada for presentations and discussion at their regular Board meeting. The meeting was video conferenced

On **Thursday, June 23, 2011**, the regular meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Chris Wallace. President Wallace informed the Board that the NASBE Common Core conference in Las Vegas during August conflicts with the Board retreat and regular meeting dates. Dr. Keith Rheault stated the NDE has developed an implementation and phase in plan for the Common Core and there would be no value in moving the Board retreat and meeting for the NASBE conference.

Dr. Rheault informed the Board that he appointed Donnell Barton as Interim Deputy Superintendent for the summer. Ms. Barton has been the Director at the Office of Nutrition and Health. She has agreed to help until August 30 but she is not interested in the position permanently. This allows for time to find a permanent replacement for Gloria Dopf who has retired.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda items with the provision Member Ferry's comments regarding board member participation in setting cut scores are entered into the minutes. In addition, Dr. Rheault pointed out a technical name correction regarding the appointment to the Title I Committee of Practitioners; the name should be John Mayer rather than Robert Mayer.

- A. Minutes of May 13, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Licensing of a new Reno School - Kindergarten @ The Goddard School, Somersett for a two year period.  
Approval of Relicensing for the two Reno Blue Kangaroo Kindergartens for a two-year period.  
Approval of Relicensing of the following Las Vegas Schools: Kids R Kids #5 and Kids' Co-op for four-year periods.
- C. 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.
  - Kara Maddox - Local Education Agency
  - Robert Mayer - School Board Member
- D. Appoint the following nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee  
(See support document for list of names)

The Board approved the request for Dual Credit courses for Nevada State High School with the exception of a few remedial courses that need to be removed.

The Board approved the conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Renaissance Academy Charter School to a full charter.

The Board approved the conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of Discovery Charter School to a full charter.

The Approval of Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Willie H Brooks Soar Academy to a full charter was pulled and will be heard at the August board meeting.

The Board approved the conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Oasis Charter School to a full charter.

Dr. Rheault reviewed K-12 related bills passed during the 2011 Legislative Session including AB 222, AB 224, AB 230, AB 233, AB 257, AB 579, SB 14, SB 197, SB 212, and SB 229.

President Wallace recommended the Board use their retreat in August to discuss the transitions required by SB197 and SB 212 with the goal of making the additional responsibilities and the transitions as smooth and seamless as possible.

The meeting was recessed at 4:49 p.m.

On **Friday, June 24, 2011**, the regular meeting of the State Board of Education was recalled to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Chris Wallace.

Karen Taycher, Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) presented the SEAC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011. She informed that under the Federal Special Education Law, SEAC is required to advise the NDE and the State Board on special education issues in Nevada.

Carol Crothers, Director of the Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum (APAC) presented a general overview of APAC. She described the primary functions of the office including academic standards, adoption and implementation of the standards, the development and administration of assessments, and the reporting of assessments and accountability.

Ms. Crothers updated the Board on the Nevada Growth Model of Achievement (NGMA). She encouraged questions from the Board and advised they are anticipating putting a link on the NDE website Report Card that will show the growth model reporting. The report is expected in August 2011.

Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools provided the Board with background on Education Management Organizations (EMOs). He gave an update on Imagine School in the Valle charter school. The school's governing body has been in negotiations with Imagine Schools Inc. regarding the school's Education Management Organization (EMO) contract and lease agreement. The result is Imagine Inc. will no longer have an education services contract with Imagine School in the Valle and the school is finalizing a lease agreement with School House Finance for two years. The governing body of Imagine School in the Valle will be amending their charter to change their name.

Steve Knight, Executive Director, Silver State Charter School and Alan Staggs, Principal, Silver State Charter School were under oath as they presented the proposed purchase of real property for Silver State Charter School to the Board. In response to a request from the May 18, 2011 board meeting, Mr. Knight presented details from a binder of documents requested by the Board. Dr. Canavero, under oath, presented department recommendations based on his report of compliant and non-compliant findings of each section of the document he reviewed. The Board approved a conditional approval of the proposed purchase with the provision all items on the noncompliant list are met. When Silver State Charter School updates the Board that all noted items are in compliance, they will be granted full approval.

Public Comment and Board Comment was heard. There were no future items. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.