

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

**ACTION REPORT  
August 10-12, 2011**

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

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On **Wednesday, August 10, 2011**, the State Board of Education met at the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City Nevada for their annual Retreat.

The meeting was called to order by President Wallace at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Board held an informal discussion regarding the following six 2011 legislative bills requiring work the Board will need to complete by December 2012.

- **AB113** The required development of a five-year strategic plan.
- **AB222** Adoption of regulations establishing a statewide performance evaluation system for teachers and school administrators.
- **AB230** Evaluation of Alternative Route to Licensure program providers.
- **SB14** Development of a model curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics
- **SB197** Revisions to state school improvement plan to include clearly defined goals and benchmarks for improving pupil achievement and development of an annual report of accountability for K-12 public education and transitioning to a new superintendent.
- **SB212** Transition plan for charter school sponsorship from the State Board to the State Public Charter School Authority.

Dale Erquiaga, Senior Advisor Office of the Governor provided input on new K-12 legislation required by the Board. He added Governor Sandoval was happy to appoint Dr. Steve Canavero as the director of the new Charter Authority office. The charter authority governing board will be appointed by the end of the calendar year. In addition, the Teachers and Leaders Council nominations have been received by the Governor and the goal is to appoint the nominees by September 2011.

Donnell Barton, Interim Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview and highlights of the Nevada State Improvement Plan (STIP). The STIP will be a key piece in developing the required five-year strategic work plan by the Board. Dr. Rheault discussed the data in the 2009-2010 State Accountability Summary Report. The Board continued discussion regarding legislative mandates. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The Board Retreat was recalled to order on **Thursday, August 11, 2011** 8:30 a.m. Dr. Rheault reported the Board selected the following five areas for further discussion, however formal action will not be taken until a later date.

- The superintendent selection process
- The five year strategic plan
- Teacher performance evaluation system
- Transfer of the Charter Authority
- College and Career Readiness

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

On **Friday, August 12, 2011**, the regular meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order by President Chris Wallace at 8:30 a.m.

President Wallace reported on the board retreat held during the last two days. He commented there is much work to be done in the next 16 months transitioning to the new board and the new charter authority.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, reminded the Board that the Nevada Report Card would be released on Monday, Aug 15, 2011 and access to the data will be available on the NDE website.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda Items.

Mike Raponi, Director, Office of Career, Technical & Adult Education requested the Board nominate a State Board of Education member to the new Council for Career & Technical Education that will be formed in the fall. Member Corbett expressed interest and the Board approved his nomination to the council.

The Board approved the conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Imagine at Mountain View Charter School to a full charter.

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As a Future Agenda item, the Board decided to hold a special board meeting on Sept 7, 2011 at 3:30 pm. The Board also decided to schedule a joint meeting with the Commission on Professional Standards in December.

The Board recognized Cheryl Macy, the recipient of the Nevada 2011 Teacher of the Year award.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to solicit comments on proposed regulation NAC 387.193, Pupil Enrolled in Program of Distance Education. The regulation was adopted by the Board during the 2010 temporary regulation period, and must be heard again for permanent adoption.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to solicit comments on the regulation for Common Core Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The regulation was adopted by the Board during the 2010 temporary regulation period, and must be heard again for permanent adoption.

Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools, requested to update the Board regarding Silver State Charter Schools response to the noncompliant items noted at the June 24, 2011 meeting of the State Board of Education rather than take action today. He reported they have moved forward by resolving the non-compliant issues and the last step is to have Silver State submit a finalized promissory note and security interest when a lender has been selected. At that time, the item will be brought back to the Board for approval.

The Board held a **WORKSHOP** to solicit comments on the proposed revision of NAC 387.193 to amend criteria that districts may use for students to be granted credits for specific courses of study without having attended the regularly scheduled classes in the course. The revision significantly expands the existing regulation for credit recovery for students who have failed sections of a course. It would allow students to take a test developed at the school site to recover credit without retaking the entire course.

Dr. Canavero recommended not to approve the conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Willie H. Brooks Soar Academy to a full charter based on fiscal concerns as the result of not being able to meet their student enrollment expectations. The Board tabled the item, which will allow Soar Academy to keep their Subsection 7 for another year, recruit additional students and become fiscally viable.

Public Comment and Board Comment was heard. The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.