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

ACTION REPORT
June 1, 2012

Stavan Corbett, President
James Guthrie, Superintendent of Public Instruction

On Friday, June 1, 2012, the State Board of Education met at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada and the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada, for presentations and discussion at their regular Board meeting. The meeting was video conferenced

The meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by President Stavan Corbett.

There was no public comment. President Corbett introduced the new student Board Representative, Aquilla Ossian. Aquilla provided a brief background about herself and the election process to become the student representative for the State Board.

Nancy Saitta, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court stated she attended a conference with President Corbett, titled Keeping Kids in School and Out of the Courts Summit. She provided information about the "School to Prison Pipeline" and how zero tolerance brings students from the school into the court system. She stated she would like to convene a summit of education stakeholders to collaborate and initiate further dialog on keeping kids in school and out of the courts.

President Corbett introduced Shane Chesney, Senior Deputy Attorney General and Carrie Parker, Deputy Attorney General recently assigned to assist the State Board of Education. He informed the Board that he met with Superintendent Guthrie to discuss the direction of the Board and future board meeting dates. President Corbett stated that he has been participating with an English Language Learners (ELL) Clark County Task Force over the past six months.

Rorie Fitzpatrick, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided the Superintendent's report. She reported Superintendent Guthrie is creating a set of written priorities and is developing a set of legislative agenda items he would like to move forward in collaboration with the Governor's office during the 2013 Legislative Session. School Services of California has been selected to conduct an organizational study at the Department of Education to learn about the work performed as well as the roles and relationships of the 140 employees. Ms. Fitzpatrick informed the Board about the personnel changes at the senior level at Department of Education (NDE).

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

The Board approved the minutes from the February 22-24, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting.

Mike Raponi, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education provided information regarding a new procedure for approving state standards for Career and Technical Education. The integrity of the standards would remain in place; however the work load would be reduced.

The Board held a **Public Hearing** and adopted Proposed Amendments to R061-12: New subsection for 389.800 General requirements for a program of career and technical education.

The Board held a **Public Hearing** and adopted R024-12, adding a new section in NAC 389 for Graphic Communication and Production Standards and repeal NAC 389.604 Graphic Arts and Printing.

The Board held **Public Hearing** on proposed changes to R037-12, NAC 389.061 - Specific Norm-Referenced and Criterion-Referenced Examinations Required; NAC 389.083 - Maintenance of Results of Examinations and List of Names and Scores; NAC 389.655 - Passage of Proficiency Examinations; NAC

389.659 - Units Required for Promotion to Next Higher Grade Level; Waiver of Certain Requirements; NAC 389. 661 - Enrollment in Remedial Study Required for Failure of Proficiency Examinations Two or More Times; NAC 389.664 - Units Required to Receive Standard Diploma; NAC 389.666 - Units applicable toward graduation; NAC 389.445 Required Units of Credit (Dr. Richard Vineyard, Assistant Director and Carol Mason, Test Security. The Board requested a second Public Hearing for further discussion.

The Board held a **Workshop** to Solicit Comments on proposed changes to NAC 389.657 – Alternative Method to demonstrate proficiency in writing.

The Board held a **Workshop** to Solicit Comments on proposed changes to NAC 389.543 for new standards for Accounting and Finance; NAC 389.5495 for new standards for Business Management; NAC 389.624 for revised standards for Marketing.

The Board held a **Workshop** to Solicit Comments on proposed changes to NAC 389, Elective Courses of Study to include standards for Emergency Medical Technician, Law Enforcement and Fire Science.

The Board held a **Workshop** to Solicit Comments on proposed changes to NAC 389, Elective Courses of Study to include standards for Baking and Pastry.

The Board reviewed the policies and procedures that only elected State Board members may be officers of the Board. Shane Chesney, Senior Deputy Attorney General suggested submitting the requested language to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) as a new regulation.

The Board held a discussion and approved forming a Subcommittee on school discipline. The Subcommittee would be comprised of board members as well as community stakeholders across the state.

Eric Sbar, MFA, Account Executive conducted a presentation about the MIND Research Institute. The Mind Research Institute is a non-profit education group that works with approximately 1500 schools across the country, and about 30-35 schools in Clark County School District. The group offers math software that is geared toward elementary students and remedial middle school students.

Frank Selvaggio, Director of Graduation and Re-Engagement and Principal, Washoe Innovations High School and Michael Doering, Director, Alternative Programs WCSD conducted a PowerPoint presentation about the Re-Engagement Center whose mission is to provide youth with a learning climate that is safe, responsive and caring. A discussion was held about how to re-engage students and keep them in school until they graduate.

Donnell Barton, Director, Child Nutrition, Department of Education provided the Board with an overview of the seven Child Nutrition Programs funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) available in Nevada schools.

Pam Salazar, Chair, Teachers and Leaders Council and Rorie Fitzpatrick, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Research and Evaluative Services updated the Board on the work of the Teachers and Leaders Council (TLC) and discussed their recommendations for a state wide performance evaluation system for teachers and administrators. The Board approved moving forward with the recommendations.

Future Agenda Items were discussed.

There was no board or public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.