

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Department of Education
Board Conference Room
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Carson City, Nevada

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
(Video Conferenced)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Ruggiero, President
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Vice President
Christopher Wallace, Clerk
Jan Biggerstaff, Member
Gloria Bonaventura, Member
Willia Chaney, Member
Dave Cook, Member
Charlotte Hill, Member
Craig Wilkinson, Member (arrived 2:55 p.m.)
Zhan Okuda-Lim, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken McKenna, Member (Excused)

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction
James Wells, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant to the State Board of Education
Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability, and Curriculum
Robinette Bacon, School Health Program Consultant, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Donnell Barton, Director, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Stephanie Hartman, K-12 Social Studies Consultant, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Katherine Rohrer, Program Officer III, Teacher Licensure

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. James E. Irvin, Sr. Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District

Dr. Bryn Lapenta, Washoe County School District

Patsi Johnson, Clark County School District

Carolyn Edwards, Vice President, Board of Trustees, Clark County School District

Craig Stevens, Nevada State Education Association (NSEA)

Karen Taycher, Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Bonnie Parnell, Assemblywoman

Mindy Martini, Legislative Research Division, Senior Research Analyst

Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Executive Director, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District

Jamie Kehrwald, Imagine School in Valle

Brad Waldron, Clark County School District

Patrick Painter, Clark County School District

Mary Pike, Clark County School District

David Miller, Clark County School District

Josi Loya, Clark County School District

Kim Boyle, Clark County School District

Diane Reitz, Clark County School District

Eric Johns, Clark County School District

Rose Paya, Educational Testing Service

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

President Ruggiero called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Roll call was heard with attendance as reflected above. Member Craig Wilkinson arrived at 2:55 p.m.

A motion was carried to approve a flexible agenda.

1. President's Report

Anthony Ruggiero gave a report about the presentation he attended, that was organized by Senator Reid at Valley High School in Clark County, regarding the new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). He said it was impressive that so many elected officials from the State of Nevada were in one place talking about education. The message was there will be funding available, however criteria must be met.

2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rheault gave a report of the federal compliance review of the Carl Perkins Grant. A team arrived in Nevada and visited the Department and some of the school districts for 3 days. He said the monitoring results were excellent addressing one or two minor findings. Overall it was a great report.

- Dr. Rheault gave a report on the compliance review of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program. He said this was also an excellent report. There was just one finding to address; adding some new data elements to our State Report Card, which is already scheduled to be put in place with the IT staff. The official monitoring report is not back yet.
- Dr. Rheault announced that Doris Arnold will be officially retired at the end of the October Board meeting. He welcomed Lori Johnson as his new Executive Assistant, Gloria Dopf, the Deputy Superintendent will soon hire a new Administrative Assistant. He also said positions for the Charter School Office Director and the Information Technology Director have been opened after approval by IFC. Dr. Rheault added that Donna Brothers, Director of Teacher Licensure retired after 30 years and

he welcomed Katherine Rohrer, Program Officer III who was recently hired. Katherine introduced herself and gave a background of her work experience.

Member Chaney asked if funds in Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Grant only go to Title I schools.

Dr. Rheault responded the majority of funds go to Title I in a sub-grant form to the Districts. The Districts traditionally use these funds for professional development of teachers to meet No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements.

3. Legislative input needs for the ACR2 Study of Governance Subcommittee, Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Chairwoman of ACR 2 Subcommittee.

Chair Parnell greeted the Board members and explained that ACR 2 resulted from 2009 Legislation requiring an Interim Committee to study Nevada's structure of K-12 governance. The State Board governance has been the issue of several bills in the past two Legislative Sessions. She thought those bills presumed to know what the outcome of restructure should look like. Neither of the bills had support and did not pass. Chair Parnell pushed for ACR 2 because Nevada's K-12 system deserves careful study of all the issues. She has no preconceived idea of what the outcome should look like. She stressed there will be only 3 meetings, and the State Board will be given every opportunity to share their ideas about how we can better serve the teachers and students of Nevada. ACR 2 received very strong support and the Legislature's message was to take the time and do it right. The first step will be a survey going out the end of October and due back November 20, 2009.

Mindy Martini, Senior Research Analyst for the Legislative Counsel Bureau stated that everyone will be asked to participate in the survey including the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Education, the Department of Education, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, the Commission on Educational Technology, the Council to Establish Academic Standards, the Statewide Council Regional Professional Development Programs, the Commission on Educational Excellence, the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation. She said the survey will ask about each of these components, how effective they are, their communication structure and who should be involved. Mindy added the survey information will be compiled with the results presented at the first meeting of the ACR 2 study group. She said the Board may complete the survey as a group or as individuals.

Chair Parnell stated the first meeting is January 21, 2010 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. The meeting will be video conferenced to Carson City. The second meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and the third meeting on May 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. She suggested the Board's mission statement as a starting point for the Board, to think about it briefly and be empowered as board members giving their opinions.

It was explained the first meeting will cover governance structures in other states and the history of governance in Nevada. The second meeting will be long, reviewing the various Committees, Commissions and Councils with recommendations for governance. The final meeting will be a work session with recommendations for future bill drafts.

Discussion continued regarding the themes of the survey, structure of the questions and the overall goal of the survey.

Upon completion of this item, Member Biggerstaff asked to move on to agenda Item 7.

7. Presentation of a book on the history of the Clark County School District

Dr. Kay Carl, Nevada Public Education Foundation Board Member thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the meeting and presented the Board members with their own copy of the book, *Education in the Neon Shadow, about the first 50 years of the Clark County School District*. Dr. Carl introduced co-authors, Rick Watson and John Gallifent.

Member Biggerstaff expressed her thanks for the presentation of the book.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - August 12, 2009, Subcommittee on Standing Rules and Procedures of the Board
 - August 12, 2009, Subcommittee on K-12 Governance
 - August 12, 2009, Subcommittee on Charter Schools
 - August 13, 2009, Regular Meeting
 - August 14, 2009, Board Retreat
- B. Approval of State Board Member Travel/Budget
- C. Approval of the 2009-2016 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption list for the Adoption period October 12, 2009 to June 30, 2016
- D. Approval of relicensing of the following three Las Vegas schools for four years: Imagination Plus Development Center; Merryhill School on Alta Drive; and Merryhill School at Spanish Trail. Also, it is recommended the following two year relicensing for the following Las Vegas schools: Christian Montessori Academy and Sunset Montessori Children's World. There are three new private school licenses recommended for the following: Las Vegas area has Lone Mountain Creative Learning Center and Wintros Academy, Reno area has Early Learning Program-Kindergarten
- E. Approval of the appointments of Ellen Richardson-Adams, Parent Category and Tom Pierce representative of Universities, South to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Regarding Item A, Member Ferry requested a change in wording in the Board Retreat Minutes, from "discussion occurred during the *subcommittee on K-12 Governance meeting*" to "discussion occurred during the *Regular meeting*" on page 30 of the agenda packet.

Dr. Rheault suggested Item 5B, the Budget review, be included in his Superintendent's Report in the December agenda rather than in the consent agenda

Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent stated she would like to clarify Item 5D to the Board in advance of adopting the consent item. Ms. Dopf said she wanted to provide the board with information and set the record straight. A public school has a specific responsibility to provide special education and the Department of Education oversees that process as part of its obligation under Federal and State law. She continued that the Department does not have the same responsibility for the oversight of the special education program when it is provided by a private school. To clarify the licensing of these schools and others that come forward, Ms. Dopf stated future applications will include the following disclaimer: *Nevada Revised Statutes, chapter 394, sets the Legislative Policy and Authority for the State Board of Education to license private elementary and secondary schools. These private schools must meet minimum standards concerning quality education, ethical business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility, to protect against substandard, transient, unethical, deceptive or fraudulent institutions and practices. Issuance of a license to a private school by the State Board does not ensure that the private school provides special education programs that conforms to state and federal laws governing public schools within the State.*

Dr. Rheault stated they wanted it on the record because there may be a misconception that if the Board approves a private school, they also fully approve and sanction the special education program. The Department wants it made clear that even though special education services are provided by the private school they do not fall under all the requirements of federal and state special education law.

Student Representative, Zhan Okuda-Lim asked that the spelling of his name be corrected on page 16 of the minutes.

Regarding Item C, Member Biggerstaff asked if the cost of the textbooks could be included, and who sits on the committee that selects the textbooks.

Dr. Rheault responded a state price is negotiated, and individual costs could be provided for future listings. He added district review committees have consistent policy selecting the text books and that information can be collected from the districts.

Member Wallace moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections requested and omitting Item 5B. Member Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Presentation of the State Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report of Activities of the Previous School Year

Karen Taycher, Executive Director of PEP and Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee reviewed the annual SEAC report.

Member Biggerstaff expressed her thanks for the report.

Member Chaney stated she appreciates what Ms. Taycher has done, and that not enough attention is paid to children with disabilities.

Member Cook inquired about the status of hearing impaired students and interpreters.

Ms. Taycher replied that it is a complicated issue and bringing the interpreters to the level they are at now is a significant issue. She added they did not get everything they asked for.

At this time, Gloria Dopf, announced that Stacy Woodbury from the Governor's Office will not be able to participate in the meeting.

President Ruggiero called for a break at 3:15 p.m. He recalled the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

8. Recommendation from the Subcommittee on Standing Rules and Procedures

Member Biggerstaff, Chair of the Subcommittee on Standing Rules and Procedures reviewed the recommended revisions.

The Board members discussed the various revisions.

Member Biggerstaff moved to accept the revised Standing Rules. Member Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Ruggiero moved Item 9, Board Retreat discussion to develop board position to the ACR 2 Study of Governance to the first item tomorrow morning, Friday, October 9, 2009.

10. Workshop to solicit comments to R024-09; NAC 389.670 - Credit for Specific Course without Attending Classes

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:04 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance.

Dr. Rheault reviewed the changes in language at the request of the Legislative Counsel Bureau legal staff provided in the separate handout for R027-09. In addition, the legal staff suggested the Board approve the regulation changing the wording from “of not less than 70 percent” to “of not less than 70” by removing the word *percent*, in Section 4, Item C.

President Ruggiero called for public comment.

Dr. Bryn Lapenta, Washoe County School District, expressed her thanks and said the Washoe County School District worked hard on this regulation.

President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:11 p.m.

11. Workshop to solicit comments to R022-09; NAC 389.048 - Eligibility for High School Proficiency Examinations; and NAC 389.659 - Units Required for Promotion to Next Higher Grade Level; Waiver of Certain Requirements

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:11 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes to regulation language.

In response to a question asked by Member Chaney, Dr. Rheault explained in the past the State board passed regulations that stated a student could not take the proficiency examination until the student was in the 10th grade. This regulation gives the School Districts the flexibility to determine whether or not to pass a student on to 10th grade when they are within one credit, thereby being eligible to take the proficiency examination. This information is found in Section 1, item A, of the regulation.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:17 p.m.

12. Workshop to solicit comments to R019-09; NAC 387.215 - Reason for Withdrawal of Pupil

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:17 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes to regulation language. There being no public comments, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:18 p.m.

13. Workshop solicit comments to R027-09; NAC 385.558 - Criteria for Designation of Public School as Demonstrating Exemplary, High or Adequate Achievement or Need for Improvement and for Recognition of Public School as Demonstrating Significant Improvement

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:19 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes to regulation language. There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:20 p.m.

14. Workshop to solicit comments to R037-09; NAC 389.655 - Passage of Proficiency Examinations, NAC 389.657 - Alternative Method to Demonstrate Proficiency in Writing and a New Section to Establish the Alternative Criteria for Students to Demonstrate Proficiency in Science

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:21 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes to regulation language. Regarding page 200, Item 1, of the Board

packet “student demonstrating proficiency in science by submitting to the Department of Education a portfolio of student work”, Member Biggerstaff inquired who evaluates the portfolio and is there funding to do so.

Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum, replied there is no funding; therefore they rely on School Districts to provide educators to score the portfolios as well as the involvement of Department of Education staff. Currently, the writing program has a set date and location and by using their own funding, people are there to score the portfolios.

Member Biggerstaff asked if this is an unfunded mandate.

Ms. Crothers answered that is her interpretation.

Member Biggerstaff asked if cursive writing is taught in school.

Student Representative Zhan Okuda-Lim responded that he was taught cursive writing in third grade.

President Ruggiero asked for public comment.

Deb Hegna, Parent, said when her son attended the third grade in the Clark County School District he was taught upper and lower case cursive writing.

Member Biggerstaff asked if it could be determined if teaching cursive writing in third grade was required. Dr. Rheault said he would get that information for her tomorrow.

Mary Pike, Director of Science, Health and Foreign Language, Clark County School District, clarified that students are required to complete 3 pieces of work for the portfolio.

President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:32 p.m.

15. Workshop to solicit comments to R020-09; NAC 389.051 - Time for Administration, Special Administration; NAC 389.056 - Procedures for Administration; NAC 389.0565 - Use of Calculators on Examinations; NAC 389.057 - Eligibility for Reexaminations; NAC 389.061 - Specific Norm Referenced and Criterion Referenced Examinations Required; NAC 389.071 - Proficiency Examinations in Writing: Eleventh Grade and Above Fifth and Eighth Grade; NAC 389.076 - Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Reading; NAC 389.079 - Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Science; NAC 389.081 Nevada High School Proficiency in Examination Mathematics; NAC 389.083 - Maintenance of Results of Examination and List of Names and Scores; and NAC 389.655 - Passage of Proficiency Examinations

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:32 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:36 p.m.

16. Workshop to solicit comments to R012-09; NAC 391.558 - Procedure and Requirements for Review of Applications and Approval of Courses; Provisional and Final Approval; Expiration and Renewal of Approval; Review of Course; Annual Reports by School District; Fee

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:36 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language.

Member Biggerstaff asked if the teacher standards developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) will match the teacher standards taught in Nevada.

Dr. Rheault responded that INTASC is a national consortium that represents all states; it is broad in scope and is the gold standard for teaching programs.

Member Biggerstaff asked if there are regulations that set standards regarding teacher programs.

Dr. Rheault responded that was a requirement and has been for the last 12 years.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:40 p.m.

17. Workshop to solicit comments to R025-09; NAC 386.020 -“Charter School” defined; NAC 386.240 - Issuance of written Charter to Applicant Not prepared to Commence Operation on Date of Issuance; Expiration, Effect and Contents of Charter; Supplemental Application; NAC 386.365 - Report of Data Required for Automated system of Accountability Information for Nevada; and NAC 386.370 - Final Budget

President opened the workshop at 4:40 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Jim Wells, Deputy Superintendent explained that NAC 366.020 was removed and NAC 386.370 was moved to R026-09. He stated there were no changes with the two remaining items in regulation language.

Member Cook disclosed that he is a member of the Sierra Crest Charter School governing body sponsored by Douglas County and is employed by Beacon Academy charter school, sponsored by the State of Nevada.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:48 p.m.

18. Workshop to solicit comments to R026-09; Proposed New Sections to NAC 386 and amendments to NAC 386.380 and 386.390 - Charter School Budget and Finance Regulations

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:48 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Jim Wells stated there is an inclusion of NAC 386.370. In addition, Section 30, Item 2 will be a change in date from “on or before August 1” to “on or before February 1” which coincides with date in Section 31, Item 3.

Member Cook disclosed that he is a member of the Sierra Crest Charter School governing body sponsored by Douglas County and is employed by Beacon Academy charter school, sponsored by the State of Nevada.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:51 p.m.

19. Workshop to solicit comments to R029-09; Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.597 - Automotive Technology: Advanced Program

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:52 p.m. There were 14 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language.

Member Biggerstaff suggested honesty, integrity, and dealing with the public and the continuation of learning throughout a career be added to page 6, Item I.

Dr. Rheault pointed out Item F; on the same page “Demonstrate ethical behavior appropriate for the workplace” explaining this partially addresses her concerns. He added teachers are aware of the items Member Biggerstaff discussed. There is concern about ethical behavior in the workplace and it is being addressed in the standards.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 4:55 p.m.

20. Workshop to solicit comments to R013-09; Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.2423 - Second Grade Health Standards; New Section for Third to Fifth Grade Health Standards; Delete NAC 389.281 - Third Grade Health Standards and NAC 389.2944 - Fifth Grade Health Standards; NAC 389.381 - Eighth Grade Health Standards; and NAC 389.455 - Twelfth Grade Health Standards

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 4:55 p.m. There were 12 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language.

Member Cook disclosed he has had a long term relationship with Robinette Bacon, School Health Program Consultant and will not comment or vote on the item.

Member Chaney stated she thought the standards are too rigorous for kindergarten.

Robinette Bacon, Health Program Consultant responded they are following the National Health Education Standards which includes pre-K and Nevada is consistent with all the other states.

Member Biggerstaff said she cannot support these standards, we are expecting far too much of our teachers and students and killing the joy of learning.

There being no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 5:06 p.m.

21. Workshop to solicit comments to R011-09; Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.2437 - Second Grade Social Studies Standards; NAC 389.254 - Third Grade Social Studies Standards; NAC 389.3942 - Fifth Grade Social Studies Standards, NAC 389.372 - Eighth Grade Social Studies Standards and NAC 389.511 - High School Social Studies Standards; New Section for Kindergarten - First, Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Grade Social Studies Standards

President Ruggiero opened the workshop at 5:06 p.m. There were 12 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault referred to a one page handout item for the workshop that included a one word change.

Stephanie Hartman, K-12 Social Studies Consultant explained a minor change in wording to NAC 389.372 is a one word change from “by the beginning of the *eight* grade” to “by the beginning of *sixth* grade.”

Member Biggerstaff stated she has the same comments she gave for the Standards on Health. She said she does not understand people writing these standards for kindergarten students when they are just beginning to learn. Discussion continued among board members about the teaching standards.

There were no public comments. President Ruggiero closed the workshop at 5:16 p.m. and recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 9, 2009.

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Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General (Legal Counsel for the State Board)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Krummel, Nevada Corrections Academy
Wendi Hawk, Nevada State High School
Karen Gray, Nevada Policy Research Institute
Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Executive Director, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District
Cameron Thomas, College of Southern Nevada
Wendi Bonar, College of Southern Nevada
Debra Hegna, Office for Charter Schools, Clark County School District
Feyzi Tandogan, Corporate Executive Director, Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas
Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District
Michele Robinson, Charter School Association of Nevada, Odyssey Charter School
Angela Richman, Clark County School District Teacher
Lisa Wright, Parent
Laura Leach, Parent
Cynthia Paxton Fleming, Parent
Katie Gebhart, Parent
Chuck Gebhart, Parent
Brett Storsved, Teacher
Assemblyman Tick Segerbloom, Attorney
Brad Waldron, Clark County School District
Mary Pike, Clark County School District
David Miller, Clark County School District
Kim Boyle, Clark County School District
David McElwain, Clark County School District
Mary Peterson, WestEd Consultant
Diane Mugford, Consultant, Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Pete Chapin, Lyon County School District

Recall to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance

President Ruggiero re-called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was heard with attendance as reflected above.

In reference to Member Biggerstaff's questions yesterday during the Workshop regarding Passage of Proficiency Examinations, Alternative Method to Demonstrate Proficiency in Writing and a New Section to Establish the Alternative Criteria for Students to Demonstrate Proficiency in Science, Gloria Dopf stated there are no standards requiring cursive writing. Rather, the individual school districts make that decision.

22. Approval of the Annual Report Concerning the Progress of State Board sponsored charter schools.

Tom McCormack, Charter School Consultant, Office of Fiscal Services, presented a report on the annual charter school compliance review and the report on services and support provided by department staff to State Board sponsored charter schools. The report included compliance reports for Silver State High School; Nevada State High School; Imagine School in the Valle; Nevada Connections Academy; Coral Academy of Science, Las Vegas; Nevada Virtual Academy and Insight Academy of Nevada, now called Beacon Academy of Nevada. Mr. McCormack explained the compliance review is conducted pursuant to NRS 386.610, and NAC 386.410. He explained the compliance review is performed by 13 Nevada

Department of Education staff persons reviewing various aspects of charter school operation from their expertise. The review took place between February 25, 2009 and June 2, 2009. All reviews have at least one noncompliant item. He added if a school has multiple, serious, ongoing noncompliant findings, initiation of revocation proceedings would be discussed. That is not the case today; however schools are expected to correct the problems identified in the compliance reviews. He continued that the issue with several schools was a mismatch between their governing body bylaws and the actual practice of their governing bodies. Schools are expected to correct all their noncompliant findings including this mismatch between bylaws and actual practice of governing bodies. The problem can be fixed by the governing body revising their bylaws and request that revision be approved by the school sponsor, or they can change their governing body practice to match their bylaws. If serious noncompliant issues are discovered with any school they are addressed immediately.

In response to a question asked by Member Biggerstaff, Mr. McCormack replied that future reports could include information regarding the Education Management Organization Company (EMO) a school is using.

Member Cook disclosed that he is a member of the Sierra Crest Charter School governing body sponsored by Douglas County and is employed as a part time math teacher by Beacon Academy charter school, sponsored by the State of Nevada, and would abstain from voting.

Member Ferry inquired about the Connections Academy curriculum with multiple references to Ann of Green Gable and King Arthur for more than one grade level.

Jerry Krummel, Principal of Nevada Connection Academy, responded that several of their language art classes use the same material.

Member Biggerstaff said the courses on the school list do not match the Nevada approved list and asked if the list has been changed.

Mr. Krummel replied yes, on June 11, 2009, there was a resubmission of the courses. At the time the school did not realize that when there is even a minor change to a course it must be reapproved. They have since resubmitted the courses for re-approval. In response to a question from member Biggerstaff, Mr. Krummel said if students are interested in attending Nevada Connections Academy they go to their web site, call the 800 number and start enrollment on line. Once all the steps are completed they will receive a confirmation.

Member Ferry asked about a number of the schools having non-compliance findings Special Education.

Mr. McCormack said special education staff has the schools on a schedule of evaluation. The schedules are dictated by state and federal law and regulation; all schools are subjected to the same protocol for evaluations. The special education staff does a follow-up of the concerns and the schools are very well monitored.

Gloria Dopf responded when a charter school or a school district operates a special education program they must do it in accordance to the complexity of federal and state law. The schools must conform to the very detailed requirements of state and federal state law governing the protection of students with disabilities. She said the staff engages in detailed feedback, training and technical assistance with the charter schools.

Jim Wells responded to Member Ferry asking for a brief report regarding Beacon Academy and their financial difficulties. He said they continue to work with Beacon Academy but have not seen the results of the enrollment audit. They will not be making the quarterly payments to Beacon Academy until the

resolution of the amount they owe has been resolved. He said he expects that documentation the end of this month. The school continues to operate and teach children.

Member Biggerstaff inquired where Coral Academy receives their additional money from.

Jim Wells answered that he did not know, but would follow up with that information for her.

Member Wallace moved to approve the Annual Report concerning the progress of State Board sponsored charter schools. Member Biggerstaff seconded the motion. The motion carried. Member Cook abstained from voting.

23. Public Hearing and possible Board action regarding Hearing of Petition and Recommendation for Revocation of the Nevada Teacher's License for Brett Storsved.

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. He introduced Deputy Attorney Robert Whitney, Nevada State Attorney General's Office who will represent the Nevada State Board of Education in Las Vegas, and Senior Deputy Attorney General Ed Irvin, Nevada State Attorney General's Office will represent the Department of Education in Carson City.

Member Chaney disclosed in 1999 she was the director of a preschool that had a legal matter with the Nevada Department of Education. She stated Mr. Segerbloom was her attorney and the legal action is ongoing.

President Ruggiero disclosed that he sought Mr. Segerbloom's advice for a legal matter concerning his wife, but that Mr. Segerbloom was not paid for the advice. He added that he works for the City of Las Vegas and Mr. Segerbloom's wife also works for the City of Las Vegas, however they do not work in the same line of supervision. President Ruggiero added he gave Mr. Segerbloom a financial contribution for his Nevada assembly campaign. He stated he does not believe this precludes him from sitting in, hearing, discussing or taking action in the hearing.

Member Chaney stated she will abstain from voting on the hearing and left the dais.

President Ruggiero called a brief recess at 9:24 a.m. and recalled the meeting back to order at 9:32 a.m. He reiterated that Member Chaney would abstain from voting and will sit in the audience. He reiterated the information she provided, that Member Chaney was a party to a lawsuit against the Department of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A judgment was made in the lawsuit.

Ed Irvin, Senior Deputy Attorney General stated the case is State Board of Education Case No. 08-07 related to the teacher licensure of Brett Storsved. Mr. Irvin stated: it is a public hearing under NRS 233B. Specifically what is agendized and the possible action, is the board may make factual findings concerning whether or not the evidence presented is substantial and sufficient to sustain the revocation. The Board may also make conclusions of law related thereto and may revoke the Nevada teacher's license. This is an evidentiary hearing, rules are followed. Particularly, NRS 233b.123 related to evidence says, irrelevant, immaterial or undue repetitious evidence must be excluded. Public comment is not required, but can be allowed. It is required that evidence be presented, documentary evidence must be authenticated and it allows for the calling of witnesses for questioning. There are two additional documents available that have will be passed out to Board Members. One document is a copy of NRS 207.260 which provides the definition of the charge the licensee was convicted of. The other document provides the information Brett Storsved pled to when he pled guilty. What he pled guilty to is enormously relevant. The document which has been passed out has been redacted. Some of the material has been excluded because it contained children's full names. Mr. Irvin suggested the children's names not be included in the public record Dr. Keith Rheault took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero.

Dr. Rheault stated this is a public hearing and possible board action is to recommend revocation of the license of Brett Storsved. Dr. Rheault stated: a certified letter of notification was sent to Mr. Storsved with the date and time of the hearing dated, August 26, 2009. Mr. Storsved was informed of his right to a hearing and to answer allegations at the hearing. The initial action taken by the Department of Education was based on the conviction of Mr. Storsved in which a finding of fact was filed on September 11, 2008. It included an order for summary suspension of his license pending license revocation proceedings. Mr. Storsved holds Nevada Teaching License No. 21523 issued on April 27, 2007 valid through 2013. Mr. Storsved is subject to revocation or suspension based on his conviction and having pled guilty to unlawful contact with a child, a gross misdemeanor. He was sentenced to one year, suspended and placed on probation by the court in his sentencing document. A condition of conviction is he have no contact of children under the age of 16.

Brett Storsved took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero.

Attorney Segerbloom introduced himself as Brett Storsved's attorney. He said conviction of a felony is an automatic revocation of a teaching license in Nevada. He asked, in this case, does a gross misdemeanor involve a crime of moral turpitude. Attorney Segerbloom continued, this is what you are being asked to evaluate, and what Brett Storsved will testify about and, what led to his guilty plea.

Discussion continued with the Attorneys and Brett Storsved answering questions from the Board.

President Ruggiero called for Public Comment.

Lisa Wright, parent, took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero. Ms. Wright stated she has known Mr. Storsved for 10 years and worked in his school and room as a volunteer. She said she believes it is a privilege to hold a teachers license, it is a privilege for schools to have teachers like Mr. Storsved and what is happening to him is a travesty. She said he is an awesome teacher.

Angela Richman, Clark County School District teacher, took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero. Ms. Richman said she is the wife of Brett Storsved and a teacher for the past 19 years. She stated the experience has been a shock and that things were perceived wrong and went out of control. She continued until you are facing eight felony charges and life in prison you would not know how you would plea and to please take that into consideration.

Laura Leach, parent, took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero. She said her son and daughter were in Mr. Storsved class and their perspective is not consistent with the other girls. Ms. Leach added her husband is a Corrections Officer, spent time in Mr. Storsved's classroom and never saw evidence that could be considered inappropriate.

Paxton Fleming, Student Body President, took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero. She said she has been the Student Body President for 4 years, and has known Mr. Storsved for 8 years. She volunteered in his classroom and said he is supportive, down to earth and fun to be around.

Chuck Gebhart, parent, took an oath of affirmation given by President Ruggiero. He read a letter on behalf of himself and his wife supporting Mr. Storsved. He described him as an old fashioned teacher giving support but also disciplining students when needed. He said Mr. Storsved had excellent teaching skills that influenced his daughter, and it is a shame a teacher with his assets will not be allowed to do what he loves best, teaching.

Attorney Segerbloom made closing statements.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Ed Irvin recapped the evidence submitted on behalf of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Keith Rheault.

President Ruggiero stated the materials in the Board members packet, pages 708-723 are accepted as evidence. The information handout, from case C239756 Dept 914 District Court, Clark County Nevada in the matter of State of Nevada plaintiff vs. Brett Randall Storsved defendant is accepted as evidence. The handout, available to everyone, which is the notice of petition recommendation and right to hearing for Case 08-07 filed with the Nevada State Board of Education on August 27, 2008 in the matter of Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, State of Nevada, petitioner Brett R. Storsved respondent is also accepted as evidence.

Member Wallace moved the Nevada State Board of Education revoke the teacher's license for Brett Storsved. Member Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 yes, 1 absent and Member Chaney abstained from voting.

President Ruggiero called for a brief recess at 11:00 a.m. He recalled the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Member Chaney rejoined the Board by taking her seat on the dais.

President Ruggiero called for public hearing agenda Item 35 to be heard at this time.

35. Public Hearing and Possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R011-09; Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.2437 - Second Grade Social Studies Standards; NAC 389.254 - Third Grade Social Studies Standards; NAC 389.3942 - Fifth Grade Social Studies Standards, NAC 389.372 - Eighth Grade Social Studies Standards and NAC 389.511 - High School Social Studies Standards; New Section for Kindergarten -First, Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Grade Social Studies Standards

President Ruggiero opened the Public Hearing at 11:16 a.m. There were 13 individuals in attendance. Stephanie Hartman, K-12 Social Studies Consultant explained a minor change in wording to NAC 389.372 is a one word change from "by the beginning of the *eight* grade" to "by the beginning of *sixth* grade." There was no public comment.

Member Biggerstaff said she cannot vote for further standards until someone combines them into a classroom day and shows that we can teach them all.

Member Ferry said, we as a body are asked only to say these standards are appropriate for K-12 learning in public schools. He stated he agrees there are too many standards, however, it would not follow their obligations to vote no because the Board cannot see how it will work out in the classrooms.

Member Chaney said she thought it was the Board's job to determine how they can best set policy and the standards are part of the policy already adopted. She asked if the standards are not working, how is the Board to correct them. There was no public comment.

Member Cook moved to adopt R011-09 with the minor change in wording from Stephanie Hartman. Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried with an opposition from Member Biggerstaff and member Chaney.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:23 a.m.

24. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R024-09; NAC 389.670 - Credit for specific Course Without Attending Class.

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:24 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault reviewed the changes in language at the request of the Legislative Counsel Bureau legal staff provided in the separate handout for R027-09. In addition, the legal staff suggested the Board approve the

regulation changing the wording from “of not less than 70 percent” to “of not less than 70” by removing the word *percent*, in Section 4, Item C.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:28 a.m.

Member Cook moved to adopt R024-09 with the change from Dr. Rheault. Member Ferry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

25. Public hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R022-09; NAC 389.048 - Eligibility for High School Proficiency Examinations; and NAC 389.659 - Units Required for Promotion to Next Higher Grade Level; Waiver of Certain Requirements

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:29 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. He pointed out an example in the workshop, that being added is some flexibility to the regulations; previously in regulation grade 12 required a student earn at least 17 units of credit. When a senior might have been 1 credit short, then completed the credit during the first semester their senior year, they were kept from taking their senior test to make up the high school proficiency exam by that 1 credit. This will allow the schools, in that example, to allow the student to take the high school proficiency exam and pass it without being penalized. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the Public Hearing at 11:31 a.m.

Member Chaney moved to adopt R022-09. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

26. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R019-09; NAC 387.215 - Reason for Withdrawal of Pupil.

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:32 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:24 a.m.

Member Wallace moved to adopt R019-19. Member Bonaventura seconded the motion. The motion carried.

27. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R027- 09; NAC 385.558 - Criteria for Designation of Public School as Demonstrating Exemplary, High or Adequate Achievement or Need for Improvement and for Recognition of Public School as Demonstrating Significant Improvement

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:33 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. There was no public comment

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:34 a.m.

Member Hill moved to adopt R027-09. Member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

28. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R037-09; NAC 389.655 - Passage of Proficiency Examinations, NAC 389.657 - Alternative Method to Demonstrate

Proficiency in Writing and a New Section to Establish the Alternative Criteria for Students to Demonstrate Proficiency in Science

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:35 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language.

Dr. Rheault answered a question from Member Chaney by stating school districts, in statute, are required to provide remediation for Science just as they do for English and Math. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Member Wallace moved to adopt R037-09. Member Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

29. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R020-09; NAC 389.051 - Time for Administration, Special Administration; NAC 389.056 - Procedures for Administration; NAC 389.0565 - Use of Calculators on Examinations; NAC 389.057 - Eligibility for Reexaminations; NAC 389.061 - Specific Norm Referenced and Criterion Referenced Examinations Required; NAC 389-071 - Proficiency Examinations in Writing: Eleventh Grade and Above Fifth and Eighth Grade; NAC 389.076 - Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Reading; NAC 389.079 - Nevada High School Proficiency Examination in Science; NAC 389.081- Nevada High School Proficiency in Examination Mathematics; NAC 389.083 - Maintenance of Results of Examinations and List of Names and Scores; and NAC 389.655 - Passage of Proficiency Examinations

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:30 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:41 a.m.

Member Cook moved to adopt R020-09. Member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

30. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R012-09; NAC 391.558 - Procedure and Requirements for Review of Applications and Approval of Courses; Provisional and Final Approval; Expiration and Renewal of Approval; Review of Course; Annual Reports by School District; Fee

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:42 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes; however, he added a comment from yesterday's workshop, under 8b, regarding the model standards for beginning teacher licensing and development. The regulations identify the document we are talking about. Previously it read, the interstate new teacher assessment standards called the INTASC standards, but did not identify the document they were in. This will make it cleaner for the teacher education programs to know which document we are talking about. There were no public comments.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:43 a.m.

Member Chaney moved to adopt R012-09. Member Ferry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

31. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R025-09; NAC 386.020 - "Charter School" defined; NAC 386.240 - Issuance of written Charter to Applicant Not

prepared to Commence Operation on Date of Issuance; Expiration, Effect and Contents of Charter; Supplemental Application; NAC 386.365 - Report of Data Required for Automated System of Accountability Information for Nevada; and NAC 386.370 - Final Budget

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:43 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. President Ruggiero reiterated that Jim Wells, Deputy Superintendent explained NAC 366.020 was removed and NAC 386.370 was moved to R026-09. He stated there were no changes in regulation language with the two remaining items.

Member Cook disclosed that he is a member of the Sierra Crest Charter School governing body sponsored by Douglas County and is employed by Beacon Academy charter school, sponsored by the State of Nevada. He added he will abstain from voting. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:47 a.m.

Member Chaney moved to adopt R025-09. Member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

32. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R026-09; Proposed New Sections to NAC 386 and amendments to NAC 386.380 and 386.390 - Charter School Budget and Finance Regulations

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:49 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. President Ruggiero reiterated Jim Wells stated there is an inclusion of NAC 386.370. In addition, Section 30, Item 2 will be a change in date from “on or before August 1” to “on or before February 1” which coincides with date in Section 31, Item 3.

Member Cook disclosed that he is a member of the Sierra Crest Charter School governing body sponsored by Douglas County and is employed as a math instructor by Beacon Academy charter school, sponsored by the State of Nevada. He added he will abstain from voting. There was no public comment.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:49 p.m.

Member Wallace moved to adopt R026-09 with the change requested by Jim Wells. Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

33. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R029-09; Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.597 - Automotive Technology: Advanced Program

President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:50 a.m. There were 15 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation language. There were no public comments.

President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 11:51 a.m.

Member Wallace moved to adopt R029-09. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

34. Public Hearing and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R013-09: Proposed Amendments to NAC 389.2423 - Second Grade Health Standards; New Section for Third to Fifth Grade Health Standards; Delete NAC 389.281 - Third Grade Health Standards and NAC 389.2944 - Fifth Grade Health Standards; NAC 389.381 - Eighth Grade Health Standards; and NAC 389.455
President Ruggiero opened the public hearing at 11:52 a.m. There were 10 individuals in attendance. Dr. Rheault stated there were no changes in regulation; however concerns were raised in Section 1 regarding

the perceived difficulties in standards that were attached to pre-kindergarten. Yesterday it was pointed out that the standards in section 1 are a band of standards that are applicable pre-k through second grade, and it is up to school districts which grades will include the standards.

Member Cook disclosed he has had a long term relationship with Robinette Bacon, School Health Program Consultant and will not comment or vote on the item.

Following questions from Member Chaney, health standards regarding childhood obesity were discussed. Robinette Bacon, School Health Program Consultant, stated there are nutrition education standards that address obesity, located on page 287 of the Board Packet, number D, describes how healthy eating and physical activity promotes well being. President Ruggiero left the room. There was no public comment.

Vice President Ferry closed the public hearing at 12:02 p.m.

Member Wilkinson moved to adopt R013-09. Member Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Member Biggerstaff voted no; Member Bonaventura voted yes; Member Chaney voted no; Member Cook abstained; President Ruggiero returned to the room. Member Ferry voted yes; Member Hill voted yes; Member McKenna was excused; Member Wallace voted yes; Member Wilkinson voted yes; President Ruggiero voted yes. The motion carried 6-3

President Ruggiero called a recess at 12:05 p.m. He recalled the meeting at 12: 24 p.m.

9. Board Retreat discussion to develop Board position to the ACR 2 Study of Governance Subcommittee

President Ruggiero explained the item today was for discussion to develop the Board's position to the ACR2 Study of Governance. The ACR 2 group will meet in January for the first time and he suggested drafting agenda items to discuss for the December State Board Meeting today. Some suggested agenda items include:

- Alignment with the various Commissions and Councils
- State Board Composition, Duties, Appointed, elected
- Superintendent, appointed or elected, length of term and duties
- Organizational structure of Nevada Department of Education
- Recommendations to support reform of struggling schools

President Ruggiero noted that during the December meeting there would be more time to thoroughly discuss the items.

Member Biggerstaff agreed with President Ruggiero and suggested keeping the items generic. Discussion continued among the Board members regarding items for the December agenda including the 5 suggested agenda items listed above.

Craig Stevens, Nevada State Education Association said the Legislature is going forward with SCR 37, which is a tax study and part of that is the Vision Shareholder Group. He added they are looking at the vision of Nevada 5-20 years into the future and Education is a part of the vision. He said it may be important for the Board to work with the tax group presenting suggestions for the vision of education in Nevada.

Dr. Rheault responded the meeting schedules will be followed to advise the Board of the dates.

Mr. Stevens said today is the application deadline for the group and it is posted on the Nevada Legislature web site.

Further discussion continued among the members regarding specifics of suggested items for the Boards' position to the ACR 2 Study of Governance to be included in the December agenda.

36. Board Member/Public Comments

The Board members expressed well wishes to Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for her retirement and all members said she will be missed.

37. Future Agenda Items

Member Chaney asked for clarification regarding the process of getting an item on the agenda. She said she requested Sherman Rutledge's STEM project be an item on the October agenda and he was not included.

President Ruggiero responded that now would be the time to request a December agenda item for the State Board to support Sherman Rutledge's project.

Dr. Rheault said the Superintendent's evaluation is due the last meeting of the calendar year and he would send his work plan out prior to the December meeting. It will be an agenda item.

There was discussion regarding the Joint Meeting with the Commission of Professional Standards which is scheduled for the December Board meeting.

Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, said the board has a statutory obligation to adopt the State Improvement Plan (STIP) as revised, and she requested it be an agenda item for the December meeting.

Student Representative Zhan Okuda-Lim commented that Members referring to others by first name may result in heated discussions and that Robert's Rules should be followed during the meetings

Member Chaney gave an overview of the NASB class she and Member Bonaventura attended in Reno. She said the class and the packet they were given was very informative.

Member Biggerstaff said she attended the Virtual High School open house and was very impressed. She suggested the Education Technician be invited to give a presentation to the Board next year. She added she has been aware of states going to standardized testing online and thinks it is worth pursuing to save money. Also, she said the WestEd is meeting October 21-23, 2009 in Las Vegas and a tour of Channel 10 is planned. She asked if Nevada has college readiness standards.

Dr. Rheault replied no, but there will be a meeting in Las Vegas on November 12, 2009 with Board members invited. It is being put together in conjunction with the national release of college readiness materials from the U.S. Department of Education. He stated he has been working with Jane Nichols from the Chancellors Office in the Nevada System of Higher Education putting a Task Force together to develop and adopt readiness standards by next spring. He said the goal is to present them to the Regents and the Board by June.

38. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

39. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.