

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

BOARD ANNUAL RETREAT

Thursday and Friday
August 18 and August 19, 2005
The Parasol Community Foundation - Trepp Room
948 Incline Way, Incline Village, Nevada

and

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Saturday
August 20, 2005
Department of Education, Board of Education Conference Room
700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada

MINUTES

Board Retreat - Thursday, August 18, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Gwaltney, President
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Clerk
Barbara Myers, Member
Dorothy Nolan, Member
Sharon Frederick, Member
Mr. Patrick Boylan, Member
Mr. Gary Waters, Member
Louis Mendiola, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Washington, Vice President
Merv Iverson, Member
Cindy Reid, Member

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services
Doug Thunder, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Nita Barnes, Administrative Assistant to the State Board
William F. Arensdorf, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability
Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement
Paul LaMarca, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
Dr. Jerry Barbee, Administrator, Southern Nevada Office
Donnell Barton, Director, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Frank South, Director, Office of Technology and Innovative Programs

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Stanley Chow, Director, Western Regional Services, WestEd

Craig Kadlub, Director, Government Affairs, Clark County School District

Jason Unger, Legislative Aide, Education and Housing, for Senator Harry Reid

Liane Lee, Regional Representative, Department of Education and IRS, for Senator Harry Reid

Kenneth Lange, President, Nevada State Education Association

Michael Hillerby, Chief of Staff for Governor Kenny Guinn

Dr. Dotty Merrill, Assistant Superintendent, Washoe County School District

Randy Robison, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB)

Sharla Hales, President of Douglas County School Board and Member, Douglas County School Board

Sheila Moulten, Vice President of NASB and Member, Clark County School Board

Norm Scoggin, Member, President-Elect, NASB and Member, Carson City School Board

Dr. Mary Pierczynski, Superintendent of Carson City School District, NASB

Curt Chapman, President of NASB and Member, Storey County School Board

John Soderman, Superintendent of Douglas County School District, NASB

1. The Annual Retreat for Thursday, August 18, 2005 was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President Gwaltney with roll call reflected above. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Waters.
2. President Gwaltney stated he would be the facilitator for the day and the theme would be national and state matters that affect Nevada public schools.
3. Janet Cannon, Board Member for Western States, National Association of School Boards of Education, gave a power point presentation on the Apple Initiative and other federal issues affecting public schools in Nevada. Ms. Cannon's presentation stated that 86.5% of Nevada is untaxed federal land and federal land ownership hinders Nevada's ability to improve public education.
4. Jason Unger, Education Advisor, Office of Senator Harry Reid and Liane Lee of Senator Reid's Las Vegas Office both reported on federal education issues that affect Nevada. Mr. Unger and Ms. Lee's powerpoint presentation showed that even though there have been several cuts in the federal budget to educational needs, the expected standards have increased and this is not the direction Senator Reid wants to take. The Board was encouraged to communicate specific funding needs with the Senator.
5. During the lunch break Michael Hillerby, Chief of Staff for Governor Kenny Guinn, spoke on the 2005 Legislation Session and future impact on K-12 education from the Governor's perspective. Mr. Hillerby listed several rapidly approaching budget demands that will affect teachers and public school growth. Mr. Hillerby emphasized the reason the Governor proposed budget cuts to new state employees' health benefits was to protect present benefits and growth demands.
6. Kenneth Lange, Executive Director, Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) spoke on state issues affecting public schools in Nevada from NSEA's perspective. Mr. Lange stated that NSEA's primary goal is to use a model such as the Professional Judgement Model to make definitive financial determinations to move the current system based on inputs to an outcome base.
7. Randy Robison, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) spoke on state issues affecting public schools in Nevada from the Association of School Boards' perspective. Mr. Robison introduced the following representatives: Dr. Merrill, representing Paul Dugan, Superintendent of Washoe County School District; Sheila Moulten, Member, Clark County School Board, Vice President of NASB; Curt Chapman, Member, Storey County School Board, President of NASB; Sharla

Hales, Member, Douglas County School Board, President of NASB; Norm Scoggin, Member, Carson City School Board, President-Elect, NASB; Mary Pierczynski, Superintendent of Carson City School District, and John Soderman, Superintendent of Douglas County School District. Each speaker reported on their successes, strategies and unfunded mandates in their School District. There was discussion on coordinating efforts to stay the course with promoting iNVEST at each legislative session and preparing for the 2007 Legislature by dealing with unfunded mandates, cuts to per-student spending, cutting programs to pay for increased utility bills, raising student achievement expectations to compete internationally and the unfortunate fact that schools deficient in one out of 44 areas still fail the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress List.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Member Frederick moved to adjourn, seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

Thursday's retreat recessed at 4:32 p.m.

A dinner was provided for Board Members, guest speakers and Department staff. The Dinner recessed at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Board Retreat - Friday, August 19, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Gwaltney, President
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Clerk
Barbara Myers, Member
Dorothy Nolan, Member
Sharon Frederick, Member
Mr. Patrick Boylan, Member
Mr. Gary Waters, Member
Cindy Reid, Member
Louis Mendiola, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Merv Iverson, Member

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Doug Thunder, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Nita Barnes, Administrative Assistant to the State Board
William F. Arensdorf, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability
Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement
Paul LaMarca, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
Dr. Jerry Barbee, Administrator, Southern Nevada Office
Donnell Barton, Director, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Frank South, Director, Office of Technology and Innovative Programs

Jacque Moore, Consultant for ESEA, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement
Kathy St. Claire, Consultant for ESEA, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Consultant for Special Education, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Craig Kadlub, Director, Government Affairs, Clark County School District
Dr. Dotty Merrill, Assistant Superintendent, Washoe County School District
Stanley Chow, Director, Western Regional Services, WestEd
Merry Thomas, Bonanza Newspaper, Incline Village
Jason Unger, Legislative Aide, Education and Housing, for Senator Harry Reid
Liane Lee, Regional Representative, Department of Education and the Internal Revenue Service, for Senator Harry Reid

1. The Annual Retreat for Friday, August 19, 2005 was recalled to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Gwaltney with roll call reflected above and Member Reid arriving at 11:20 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Frederick.

2. Dr. Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, stated he would be the facilitator for the day and the theme would be centered on how the State Board could be most effective. Dr. Rheault presented two flow charts entitled “K-12 Educational Governance Structure in Nevada, Pre-1989 and 2005”, showing the huge influx of entities the Superintendent and the Department are responsible to interact with. Dr. Rheault answered several questions and stated that for the approximate number of 70 Council and Commission members, only one part-time staff person has been hired to assist for the Commission on Professional Standards. It was determined the flow charts would be sent to each legislator.

Dr. Rheault reviewed eight pages of major legislative initiatives from 2005 that referenced State Board responsibilities. There was discussion on the Board’s responsibility to oversee emergency preparedness for the school districts due to the wording “shall”. There was discussion concerning the fact that the State Board does not have control over the standards for teaching in each district but is responsible for course of study and testing. Dr. Rheault stated tests are aligned with the standards but there is a question whether the curriculum being taught is aligned to the standards.

A break was granted at 10:40 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

3. Before introducing each Department Office Director, Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf stated that almost 50% of the staff is funded by federal funds which have specificity as to accomplishments for continuance of funds. Staff is also guided by the State Board’s goals, priorities and policies.

Paul LaMarca, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum reported that his office is responsible for large scale testing which processed approximately 450,000 tests in 2004 and 2005. Dr. LaMarca stated his office is responsible for Adequate Yearly Progress accountability both at the federal and state level, curriculum development, implementation and grants management for federal Title II grants, and is organizationally tied to School Improvement and the IT Department. New Science standards, which are connected to assessments, were recently completed at a considerable amount of

work by Mr. Richard Vineyard. Mr. Brancamp is currently in the process of doing the same with the Math standards. Dr. Rheault informed the Board that an outside contractor, hired by the Commission on Academic Standards at the cost of \$400,000, initially produced work that is now being accomplished by Dr. LaMarca's staff.

Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement, introduced her Assistant Directors, Jacquie Moore, Kathy St. Claire, and Rorie Fitzpatrick. Ms. McCabe stated their office has the primary responsible for federal and state programs for special populations. Ms. Fitzpatrick reported there are 16 schools in their third year of "need of improvement" and two schools in their fourth, for which staff is responsible to train school support leaders to bring about improvement. This office has processed grants for over 200 schools for remediation, for which most are Title I schools. Only a few thousand dollars are available to pay for training support teams. All schools entering their 3rd and 4th year are Title I schools which will be supported this year by Federal school improvement funds. Next year it is not clear how to fund training support leaders to implement change. Ms. Moore reported there is a menu of options for schools that might enter their fifth year of needs of improvement besides closing, or the State Education Agency taking over. The School District would make the decision of corrective action; which may be the implementation of a new curriculum or the hiring of an outside expert.

A lunch break was granted at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:12 p.m.

Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, summarized her office is responsible for career and technical community college and high school programs, GED testing, adult basic education programs, ESL, and alternative education. This office interacts with students who compete at state and national level for which our State produces the most national winners. In 2005, 29,065 students participated in Career Technical Educational courses. CTE students have stayed in school longer, have a higher graduation rate, minorities in CTE have a higher attendance rate and higher proficiency rates compared with the rest of the student population.

Doug Thunder, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services, introduced William Arensdorf, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability and stated that Rick Larson, who is responsible for all the Department's financial transactions and reimbursements for the five Child Nutrition programs, was not able to attend. Mr. Thunder stated that each year there are approximately 35,000 line items and these are processed by only three employees. Mrs. Adrienne Lawrence gathers financial data from the 17 school districts to build budgets and uses the data for the National Center for Statistics audit reports.

Mr. Bill Arensdorf stated his office is responsible for processing time sheets and that in January their office was one of the first in the State to implement submitting them electronically. Each employee has their own home page to monitor comp and sick time and annual leave balances and deductions. The Rules of Practice are prepared and Department's quarterly newsletter is published by this office. Mr. Arensdorf explained his office has five auditors who verify school enrollment, attendance and fiscal responsibility for all 17 school districts and Charter Schools annually. One federal program and one state program is audited each year. The auditors assist with Child Nutrition programs. Because the State Board is now sponsoring charter schools and applications are regularly submitted, the office asked legislators for a new position but was not successful. However, Special Ed received a new consultant that will work one-quarter time with Charter Schools. This office also processes teaching bonus credits, teacher retirement credits for at-risk schools and retirement credits for hard to fill positions and the 5% bonuses for school counselors and psychologists, approves budgets for the Regional Professional

Development Programs, inspects Private schools before license approval is requested from the Board, coordinates with the Homeschool Advisory Councils, operates the GEAR UP program and does liaison work with the Nevada Public Education Foundation.

A break was granted at 2:55 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

Member Boylan moved for a flexible agenda, seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

President Gwaltney moved Agenda Item 6, Review of Proposed Changes to the Standing Rules and Procedures, to the December Board Meeting.

Frank South, Director, Office of Technology and Innovative Programs, stated his office provides staff to the Commission on Education Technology. This office maintains the statewide library database system which would cost a district \$6 M to replicate. They maintain and provide technical assistance for 130 work stations and 22 servers for three offices in Carson City and one in Las Vegas. Ms. Dopf negotiated with the State of Ohio for access to a \$6M program planning and grant management for this office to begin an e-grant program.

Donnell Barton, Director, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health, stated this office is responsible for the five nutrition programs that are federally funded. They are responsible for the implementation of the Center for Disease Control's AIDS/HIV grant and publish the youth risk behavior survey, provide a variety of training for the 17 school districts and conduct inspections. Nevada was the first state in the Western Region to implement the recently State Board approved Wellness Policy.

Dr. Jerry Barbee, the new Administrator for the Southern Nevada Office, stated that he inherited a great staff. During a two week period his southern office processed 266 new teacher licenses. The northern office also experiences high volumes of applicants. The southern office is currently imaging files from their 88 file cabinets for electronic retrieval. Mr. Barbee's staff is responsible for the National Board Certification Program; they oversee and review all the Teacher Education programs, Title II reporting, professional development in-service, process Praxis testing, and are responsible for School Transportation and Bus Driver Training.

5. Review and Discussion of 2006-2007 State Board Priorities

Member Waters recommended the Board keep the Mission Statement exactly the way it is until next year. Member Nolan stated she appreciated having it on the agenda each meeting.

Member Boylan recommended the Philosophy and Mission remain as it is.

Members Waters, Ferry and Myers agreed that the State Board goals remain as they are.

The Board agreed on the following Priorities:

- NCLB/IDEA
- Charter Schools
- Accountability and Assessment
- Creating Collaborative Partnerships
- Teacher Preparation and Development
- Safety, Security and Health

7. Public Comments

Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, ESEA and School Improvement, thanked the Board for their continuing interest in Special Education.

Mr. Bill Arensdorf, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability stated he appreciated the urgency, advisability and reflection of the Board for collaborative arrangements with other groups, and for bringing iNVEST back to the forefront.

Student Louis Mendiola thanked the Staff for their many working hours invested on behalf of students.

Member Frederick suggested that in light of the present K-12 Educational Governance Structure, it might be a good idea for the Department to have a "Take Your Legislator to Work Day".

Deputy Superintendent Doug Thunder stated that unless there is a change in how federal money could be derived from the Apple Initiative, schools would not benefit as it would only reduce the amount of the general fund.

The meeting retreat recessed at 4:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting - Saturday, August 20, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Gwaltney, President
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Clerk
Barbara Myers, Member
Dorothy Nolan, Member
Sharon Frederick, Member
Mr. Patrick Boylan, Member
Mr. Gary Waters, Member
Cindy Reid, Member
Merv Iverson, Member
Louis Mendiola, Student Representative

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Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction
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LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Dotty Merrill, Assistant Superintendent, Washoe County School District
Julie Whitacre, Nevada State Education Association

Craig Kadlub, Director, Government Affairs, Clark County School District
Raelene Palmer, Parent
Shari Schwartz, Parent
Janice Keith, Director of Special Services, Douglas County School District
Cate Guzy, Multi-handicap Specialist, Douglas County School District
Kris Christiansen, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Washoe County School District
Sarah McKenzie, GATE Coordinator, Clark County School District
Judy Kroshus, Administrator, TEAM A Charter School
Karie Colbert, Parent, Silver Springs, Nevada
Peggy Lear-Bowen, Former State Board Member
MaryAnn Demchak, Chairperson of Special Education Advisory Committee

AUGUST 20, 2005 - SATURDAY

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Gwaltney called the Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education to order at 8:43 a.m. The roll call is reflected above with Member Reid arriving at 8:58 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Student Representative Louis Mendiola.

Member Boylan moved for approval of a flexible agenda, seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gwaltney reported on his attendance to the National Association of System Heads Conference in Annapolis, Maryland.

President Gwaltney asked for the formation of a Task Force to review procedures related to the subject of School Safety and report recommendations to the Board.

Member Nolan moved the Board approve an Emergency Preparedness Task Force, chaired by Member Waters, with Members Boylan and Washington as Members, seconded by Member Frederick. Member Nolan and Frederick amended the motion, and the second, to include President Gwaltney as an ex-officio member. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Superintendent Doug Thunder called for correction to the Agenda referencing NRS 362 for emergency preparedness, be corrected to NRS 392.

President Gwaltney requested a Task Force be approved in October to address the subject of special needs that Senator Reid's staff member, Jason Unger, discussed with President Gwaltney during his attendance at Thursday and Friday's Board Retreat. President Gwaltney suggested Member Ferry serve as chair. Member Ferry stated Mr. Unger indicated the Senator would be interested in the Board submitting identified educational needs, with modest costs to meet them, and that the Task Force would list these needs at the December meeting.

President Gwaltney requested a Task Force be formed to ensure curriculum throughout the State align to the Standards, and suggested Member Myers Chair and Student Representative Louis Mendiola participate.

Member Iverson expressed his regret not being able to attend the Retreat but needed to be part of the Teacher Orientation with Clark County School District.

President Gwaltney requested a Task Force be formed to follow-up on Janet Cannon's Apple Initiative presentation at the Retreat, and suggested Member Nolan Chair. President Gwaltney stated that because 82% of the land in Nevada belongs to the Federal Government, it should not be impossible to receive the 5% on the sale, and because there is a bill pending in Congress, the Board should provide support to those who are introducing that bill.

President Gwaltney asked for Deputy Superintendent Doug Thunder's opinion on where the Federal land sale profit would be placed in the Department's budget. Mr. Thunder explained the mechanism is constructed for funds to flow into the Distributive School Account and this would only lower the amount the State needs to contribute by way of the General Fund. President Gwaltney requested the task force work with Federal and State Legislators in this regard.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rheault stated the summarizations of the Legislative bills that affect the Department are posted to the Department's Website.

Dr. Rheault reported that applications for schools to apply for \$78 M through the Commission on Educational Excellence will be sent to schools by October 15th; the applications will need to be returned to the Department by December 16th and the Department will work with the Commission to approve them in January.

Dr. Rheault mentioned regulation changes such as parental involvement are being implemented.

Dr. Rheault and Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf attended the WestEd Regional Meeting at Incline Village for which the theme was high school reform, a priority of the State Improvement Plan. Ms. Dopf stated she is working on a blueprint with school district administrators, teachers, association membership, Department staff, and school superintendents to support the Department's application to the National Governor's Association grant that brings supplemental funds into our State.

Dr. Rheault reported that ACT results for the 2005 Nevada students were significantly higher than the national average; however the number of students who take the test continues to drop.

Member Waters suggested that a licensed teacher who attends State Board meetings be given a certificate documenting recorded hours for credit. Dr. Rheault offered the Department would develop an application, bring it to the Board and make notice that it is available.

Member Waters asked Dr. Rheault how the Department does background checks on teachers hired by school districts from foreign countries. Dr. Rheault responded that an Interpol check is done.

3. POSSIBLE ACTION FROM BOARD RETREAT AGENDA ITEMS

- **GOALS AND PRIORITIES, REVISIONS FOR 2006 BASED ON DISCUSSIONS HELD FOR AGENDA ITEM 5 FROM BOARD RETREAT ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2005**

Member Myers moved that Dual Credits be removed from the Goals and Priorities because it is being addressed through the P-16 Council, seconded by Member Frederick. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Myers moved that the goal listing NCLB (No Child Left Behind) have a slash behind it and include IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), seconded by Member Ferry. The motion passed unanimously.

President Gwaltney turned the meeting over to Member Ferry.

Member Ferry moved to add "Safety and Security in our schools" as a priority for our children in Nevada, seconded by Member Iverson. Member Waters moved to add the word "Health", seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Nolan requested a priority be added regarding collaboration with education communities. Member Iverson suggested Board members meet with their respective regional superintendents to make our presence known by attending local school board meetings. Member Ferry suggested the Board work more closely with the Nevada Association of School Boards. Member Myers suggested the Board focus on the 2007 legislative session to promote funding and iNVEST.

Member Nolan moved to add "Creating Collaborative Partnerships" to include the Governor and other businesses as a Board goal, seconded by Member Waters. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Myers suggested adding Teacher Training as a priority to insure teachers trained in Nevada are properly prepared to teach. After discussion on how the Board would be able to monitor that, Member Waters moved that Teacher Preparation and Development be added to the Board's priorities, seconded by Member Myers. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Ferry moved the discussion on Goals and Priorities be concluded, seconded by Member Waters. The motion passed unanimously.

A break was granted at 10:20 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

4. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. AGUSTIN ORCI, SUPERINTENDENT, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO REPLACE CARLOS GARCIA AS SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member Myers moved to approve Dr. Orci to replace Carlos Garcia as Superintendent Representative to the WestEd Board of Directors, seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were submitted for approval: The Minutes of June 17 and 18, 2005; Approval of Upcoming State Board Member Travel; Approval of a new private school license for Sky View Academy in Hawthorne, re-licenses for Las Vegas Private Schools: Candil Hall Early Childhood Education, Christ the Servant Lutheran School, Kids' Co-Op and Omar Haikal Islamic Academy and a re-license for Children's World Learning Center in Sparks; Approval of Barbara Creveling and Janice M. Keith to the Northern Homeschool Advisory Council; Approval of the 2005-2012 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption lists for the Adoption period August 20, 2005 to June 30, 2012; Approval of Sandy Miller to the Nevada Public Education Foundation Board of Trustees; Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Approval of Special Education Discretionary Units FY06; Approval of Alternative Education Program Plans; and the Annual Report, Special Education Advisory Committee.

Member Boylan inquired if the Board has ever reviewed the textbooks for approval. After Board discussion on how review and input is possible before adoption, Dr. Rheault stated he would provide to the Board the extensive process followed for textbook adoption.

Member Myers requested that Item G, Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee, be voted on separately.

Member Ferry moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item G, seconded by Member Frederick. The motion passed with Member Boylan opposed.

Member Myers stated the Board Packet did not include all the applicants for the Advisory Committee. Ms. Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and School Improvement Programs responded it was not intentional as there has been a change in the process with the elimination of the subcommittee that usually evaluated applicants for Board approval. There was Board discussion on qualifications, the Board's endorsement for applicants that possess professional and cultural diversity, race and ethnicity and a form used by the Governor's office that Dr. Rheault offered to obtain and utilize for all nominees.

Member Myers moved to approve Consent Agenda Item G, Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee, seconded by Member Frederick. The motion passed unanimously.

12. SECOND OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS: APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO REGULATION LANGUAGE THAT PERTAINS TO NAC 388, SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

President Gwaltney opened the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. There were 16 people in attendance.

Ms. Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and School Improvement Programs, testified that the State is coming into alignment with the Federal requirements recently reauthorized with the Individuals with Disability Education Act in December.

Janice Keith, Director of Special Services in Douglas County and Cate Guzy, Handicapped Specialist, testified that rural counties were given opportunities to give input into these revisions and subsequent revisions have reflected their input and that these regulation changes will make their jobs much easier.

Kris Christiansen, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education for Washoe County, testified in support of the regulation changes stating that Washoe County staff members have been involved in reviewing these changes, had opportunity to provide input and feel the proposed changes are appropriate and in the best interest of the students.

Craig Kadlub spoke on behalf of Clark County School District by stating that Clark County had ample opportunity to work with the State Board and stands in support of the additions.

Mary Ann Demchak, Chairperson of Special Education Advisory Committee, testified that she echoes what everyone has said, the changes are reflected in the SEAC annual report that was approved in the Consent Agenda and that SEAC supported the proposed changes through a motion at their May meeting.

The public hearing closed at 11:18 a.m.

Member Nolan moved to approve the revisions to regulation language pertaining to NAC 388, seconded by Member Reid. The motion passed unanimously.

6. WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS TO RECEIVE INPUT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION NAC 389.048

President Gwaltney opened the workshop at 11:20 a.m. There were 12 people in attendance.

Dr. Rheault stated this Workshop was requested to discuss the requirement that students earn five credits or above be considered 10th graders before they are eligible to take the High School Proficiency Exam which has proven to be burdensome in the logistical management of keeping track of students. Dr. Rheault stated he received a special request from Jane Kadoich from Clark County School District to hold an additional workshop in October in Las Vegas.

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Director of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum, stated that originally the Board adopted more specific regulations that tied specific courses to the credit requirements and through testimony from school districts landed on this particular set of requirements. Districts have far more accounting issues relative to this regulation creating problems with Adequate Yearly Progress and conservatively 95% of the data changes and clean-up associated with AYP this year had to do with matriculation issues.

Member Waters stated schools need a guideline of what it takes to be a high school sophomore; the Board should determine the qualifications and readiness of students to take the proficiency exam; and is against letting principals make that determination.

Craig Kadlub responded to Member Iverson's request for comment on the mental and emotional problems this creates for students, as presented at the June meeting, by stating he hoped representatives from high schools could have the opportunity to share their concerns with the Board.

Dr. Merrill stated that because of the failure rate for the Proficiency Exam, in 1999, before NCLB, the State Board decided there was need to implement preparation. Even though there has been a lot of overlay since then, Dr. Merrill stated high school principals in Washoe County and the Assistant Superintendent for high schools support the existing language because it makes an important statement to students and their families.

Mr. Kadlub stated that the staff at Clark County would like to see the regulation changed so there is not a specific credit earned requirement prior to grade classification of students as Jane Kadoich indicated in her e-mail to Dr. Rheault.

Dr. Rheault stated the Department supports the five credits, but a proposal could be made to eliminate some of the onerous paperwork.

Dr. LaMarca stated Senator Raggio was adamant in SB 214 that class credits be specific, but would be interested in providing flexibility in Part 2 for students one credit behind the classification.

Student Representative Louis Mendiola stated that instead of electives, classes such as Math should be required as part of the requirement to prepare students for the Proficiency Test. Members Boylan, Nolan and Iverson agreed.

Member Myers stated she was not sure the Board had even requested a regulation change in June and was disturbed the players involved for change had not requested a video conference of this workshop. Member Myers stated she was reluctant to bring this issue back again unless the Department is going make changes to Part 2.

Member Waters commented that this puts the Board's image and credibility with the State Legislators at risk and perhaps be perceived by the public as a weakening in the Board's authority and that he is against another hearing as the Counselors could have submitted information at this Workshop. Member Waters stated he represents District Two and believes his constituents want these valuable benchmarks even though they are cumbersome.

Member Iverson stated he disagreed with Member Waters because Board decisions should be made on what is right, not political, and would be in favor hearing districts' comments.

Member Nolan suggested that because of the Board's new commitment to collaboration Mrs. Carol Crothers address this issue at the October meeting and also, because Washoe and Clark County have divided opinions, there should be a second workshop.

Student Representative Louis Mendiola stated he did not feel it necessary for the Board, Legislature or Department to tell schools what classes high school students need to take to be classified as Sophomores or what year, but to advise students what classes they need to take to pass these tests and he asked if there could be another workshop for smaller districts to comment.

Member Waters stated he would agree with Member Reid, President Gwaltney and Superintendent Rheault to keep the standards, but amend the language to make the paperwork less cumbersome.

In response to an inquiry by Student Representative Louis Mendiola, Dr. Merrill stated the Proficiency test is used across the board; if a student has not earned the required number of credits to be a sophomore, their picture in the yearbook would be in the freshman section as well as freshman placement at school assemblies and non-participation at a Senior prom. Dr. Rheault stated it also affects the 10th grade Norm Reference Tests.

The workshop closed at 12:06 p.m.

Member Waters moved that the Department review input on this matter and if changes are recommended, they be brought back to the Board, seconded by Member Nolan, who requested NRS 385.8080 and 389.015 be available at that time.

Member Myers stated that was the Board's prerogative, but she would vote no on any motion that leaves the door open to bring this back again because the system operates by the Department bringing forth needed changes and that it may be time to look at the real issues, as Louis Mendiola has stated, regarding Math proficiency.

Member Waters agreed and requested assurance from the Superintendent that Clark County would have input.

Dr. Rheault agreed with Member Myers that a school district could write to the Department regarding regulation change, the Department would investigate, and it could then become a future workshop.

Member Waters withdrew his motion and Member Nolan withdrew her second.

President Gwaltney recessed the Meeting for lunch at 12:20 p.m.
President Gwaltney reconvened the Meeting at 1:14 pm.

7. WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON NAC 392, NEW LANGUAGE REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINERS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

President Gwaltney opened the workshop at 1:14 a.m. There were nine people in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf stated this new language sets standards for those currently conversant in state and federal law who serve to train bus drivers to fulfill their responsibilities and are in District leadership roles in transportation.

The workshop closed at 1:20 p.m.

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF NEW LANGUAGE REGULATION THAT PERTAINS TO NAC 392, REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINERS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

The public hearing opened at 1:20 p.m. with nine people in attendance.

Member Myers requested that wherever the word “proceeding” occurs, it be changed to “preceding”.

The public hearing closed at 1:21 p.m.

Member Boylan moved the new language for certification of bus driver trainers be approved, seconded by Member Frederick. The motion passed unanimously.

13. WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON CHANGING NAC 388 TO ALLOW GIFTED AND TALENTED 4 ½ YEAR OLDS TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN

The workshop opened at 1:22 p.m. with 10 people in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf provided the Board with a briefing paper on the laws pertaining to this workshop. Ms. Dopf explained the issue of early admission of Kindergarten through the age four for gifted and talented begins in the definition of a special education unit, defined in NRS 387, which is part of the Distributive School Account. This account sets the funding for basic support guarantee as well as the addition of special education units which is then allocated to the districts by the legislature for apportionment purposes. Districts may use any number of the units that are allocated as long as they fulfill the definition of a special education unit: age zero to age three for students with disabilities, which is mandatory, and they may use the units for four year old gifted and talented students which generate the distributive school account funds as well. Unless the pupil's IEP (Individualized Education Program) provides otherwise, gifted and talented pupils must participate in not less than 150 minutes of differentiated educational activities each week during the school year. Discussion at the June Board meeting was around whether the Board would want to change the way of defining the differentiated instruction of 150 minutes. If a district decided to use the special education unit for early admission for gifted and talented, then it must operate in accordance with the definition of the unit by providing full time licensed staff. The decision on whether to use, and at which age, a unit to support a gifted and talented program is the local districts' prerogative.

Member Myers questioned if gifted and talented students, similar to handicapped children, can access a regular core curriculum. Ms. Dopf stated gifted and talented students cannot access a regular core curriculum. Member Myers inquired about Districts' free and appropriate public education for gifted and talented students for which Ms. Dopf clarified that federal law does not include these students for a free and appropriate public education under IDEA.

President Gwaltney asked if the Department has a recommendation at this time.

Ms. Dopf responded that the current code prescribed for gifted and talented has been set by the Board at 150 minutes of differentiated instruction. Staff recommends the Board not change that section of code that was derived from community input and that a differentiated instruction to supplement an existing program was the intent of the special education unit and is the intent carried out with the code. Ms. Dopf recommended not changing the code away from the current differentiated instruction requirement, should the issue arise as to changing the code to conform to this request. State Superintendent Keith Rheault agreed.

Shari Swartz, a parent of two highly gifted and talented daughters in Clark County School District's program and who also is the parent of a 4½ year old son who missed the cut off age for kindergarten by 20 days, testified he was tested at UNLV and is socially, emotionally and physically ready to enter school. Mrs. Swartz recently testified at the Clark County School District meeting and believes it is possible under current Nevada law, without prohibitive cost, for 4½ year olds to enter kindergarten.

Mrs. Raelene Palmer, also a mother of a gifted and talented four year old and two older children, one of whom is in a highly gifted program and the other part of the Gate Program, testified that as a licensed Nevada attorney, she is qualified to interpret Statutes. If following through the current curriculum is not adequate, the schools must do something else and the Nevada Legislature has given the Board, by a special Statute, the opportunity to do that for four year olds. The special program is not defined anywhere so it is up to the Board to decide what a special program is. NAC 388.490 has given the Board a special provision on how to provide for these children. It is up to the Board to decide the definition of what "differentiated" is and a reasonable interpretation is "different from what they are getting now," which is nothing, therefore kindergarten would be "different."

Mrs. Swartz referred to NRS 388.435 and believes an IEP does not have to be for students with disabilities only. NRS 388.520 suggests a category M for gifted and talented as criteria for an IEP and schools do not have to provide gifted and talented four year olds the rigorous program prescribed.

President Gwaltney asked Deputy Attorney General James Irvin if he had any reason to believe Deputy Superintendent Dopf's testimony was incorrect. Mr. Irvin did not disagree with Ms. Dopf's presentation.

Mrs. Swartz stated she did not disagree with Ms. Dopf but that part of the regulation is open to interpretation and asked if she agreed that the way laws are written, gifted children are eligible for IEPs.

Ms. Dopf explained that IEPs are mandated for students with disabilities and this is not synonymous for gifted youngsters. If a district wants to use that format to decide on a plan for a gifted child, it is their prerogative, but mandates and rights attached to it are for the students with disabilities.

Mrs. Palmer stated she agrees with Ms. Dopf, that the federal mandate does not require schools to provide for gifted four year olds, the Nevada Statute does. The Clark County School District voted 7-0 in favor of exploring gifted four year olds to attend Kindergarten and discussed asking the State Board whether or not they would approve them to do that.

Ms. Dopf commented that the Board does not have to give the District permission to use the unit in any way it conforms to the law and that what is being discussed is surrounding the term 150 minutes of differentiated instruction and whether that can equate to a regular kindergarten program for early admission. Using a special education unit involves full time services of licensed personnel and providing programs according to the standards. It is up to the Legislature to decide on early admission for youngsters and it is also up to the District if they want to use a unit for four year olds.

Mrs. Palmer stated the NAC is the responsibility of the Board to define what differentiated instruction is and that is what they are asking the Board to decide.

President Gwaltney directed Mrs. Palmer to utilize the Minutes from this meeting to pursue the solution to their problem as legal counsel and the Deputy Superintendent are on record that this is a local district decision.

Mr. Irvin commented that he did not agree with Mrs. Palmer's interpretation or statements as they related to statutory interpretation.

Mrs. Palmer stated that just because the federal government does not include gifted children for special services doesn't mean Nevada has not set them out as a group. Her frustration has been that nobody will do anything and they do not know how to affect change to the definition without Board determination because these children need special services, but nothing is being provided.

Member Myers stated she did not see how, at any level, this is a State Board issue and suggested it may be something the Special Educational Advisory Committee could look at to define the definition of special programs and services.

There was a Visitor's Card filled out by Karie Colbert in favor of NAC change for her gifted daughter who missed the cut off for Kindergarten by two hours and 45 minutes.

Mr. Craig Kadlub introduced Ms. Sara McKenzie, Coordinator for the Gifted and Talented Education Program for Clark County School District, who testified she would report back to her district on what has been discussed on this issue but that at the local Board meeting, their legal counsel and Superintendent agreed with State Board comments with regards to interpretation of the 150 minutes of educational activities and the district's ability to decide on them. Ms. McKenzie testified that Dr. Orci, Clark County Superintendent, Barbara Matthews, her direct supervisor and Executive Director of Student Support Services, the Kindergarten counselor and herself serve approximately 30 students and all agree that simply placing a four year old in a five year old kindergarten program is not appropriate enrichment.

Student Representative Louis Mendiola stated it negatively affects the masses when special students are placed in regular classroom.

Mr. Kadlub responded to Member Boylan's request for his interpretation of a previous statement by indicating the NRS and NAC state that schools may have a program, that is permissive language, for which Clark County does not have a program. If there is no program to enroll them in, then the district is not going to enroll them and therefore adhere to the statutory deadline of September 30th for five year olds; and secondly, Clark County does not believe that kindergarten constitutes an extraordinary program for a four year old and that by following that logic schools could eliminate all Gate classes and simply lump third grade students into fourth grade and so on.

Member Frederick had concern with the possible eliteness and lack of diversity a special program for gifted and talented 4½ year olds might bring.

Member Myers received three e-mails on this subject, two in support of four year olds attending kindergarten and one against for which President Gwaltney requested they be mentioned for the record.

President Gwaltney declared that because there is no motion to suggest change from the Board, a public hearing will not be scheduled.

The workshop closed at 2:46 p.m.

A break was granted at 2:49 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 3:01 p.m.

Student Representative Louis Mendiola reported that his selection by the United States Senate Page Program and sponsorship by Senator Harry Reid, for which he missed the June State Board of Education meeting, was a most extraordinary educational experience. Mr. Mendiola left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

9. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 389.083, 389.0565 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE ASSESSMENTS

President Gwaltney opened the public hearing at 3:05 p.m. There were six people in attendance.

Dr. Paul LaMarca stated this was a one-time only public hearing regarding changes in the testing programs. The CRT program now tests in Grades 3-8 and previously tested in Grades 3, 5 and 8; the Norm Reference Test is now in Grade 7 and previously was in Grade 8; and changes in test names based on a previous publisher were made.

President Gwaltney closed the workshop at 3:08 p.m.

Member Ferry moved to accept the recommendation for the proposed changes to NAC 389.083 and 389.0565, seconded by Member Boylan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO NAC 389.061, 389.071, 389.051 389.056 AND 389.066 TO REFLECT MOVING OF WRITING ASSESSMENT IN GRADE 4 TO GRADE 5

President Gwaltney opened the workshop at 3:11 p.m. There were six people in attendance.

Dr. Paul LaMarca stated moving the writing test from Grade 4 to Grade 5 was the only change to the testing program. It is widely supported by School Districts and the Department for a variety of reasons.

Dr. Dotty Merrill testified that Washoe County School District, the School Board Association, teachers and administrators strongly encourage support for these regulation changes.

The workshop closed at 3:16 p.m.

11. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 389.061, 389.071, 389.051 AND 389.055 TO REFLECT MOVING OF WRITING ASSESSMENT IN GRADE 4 AND GRADE 5

President Gwaltney opened the public hearing at 3:18 p.m. There were seven people in attendance.

Member Nolan inquired about a possible correction to 389.051 for which Dr. LaMarca agreed there should be a slash through the number 4.

The public hearing closed at 3:20 p.m.

Member Nolan moved to approve the changes to reflect the moving of the writing assessments as amended, seconded by Member Reid. The motion passed unanimously.

16. HEARING ON PETITION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR REVOCATION OF THE NEVADA TEACHER'S LICENSE FOR KENNETH S. STACEY

The Petition for Revocation Hearing began at 3:22 p.m.

Deputy Attorney General James Irvin stated that for this Hearing, Case #05-02, he is acting as Counsel for the Department of Education. Mr. Irvin stated this is an uncontested proceeding, and that Mr. Stacey's guilty plea to a conviction of moral turpitude is sufficient for Revocation.

Member Frederick requested a correction be made to the Agenda that refers to Kenneth S. Stacey, and the Petition that refers to Kenneth Bruce Stacey. Mr. Irvin thanked Member Frederick and asked to amend the Petition and Notice nunc pro tunc to include the name Kenneth Bruce Stacey and for the President to add that name when signing the Order.

No one appeared on Mr. Stacey's behalf.

Dr. Rheault stated that if an individual with this charge applied for a new license, it would be denied.

The Hearing ended at 3:35 p.m.

Member Frederick moved that the Nevada Teacher's License for Kenneth S. Stacey and for Kenneth Bruce Stacey be revoked, seconded by Member Iverson. The motion passed unanimously.

17. HEARING ON PETITION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR REVOCATION OF THE NEVADA TEACHER'S LICENSE FOR CORNELIUS A. AUSBORNE

The Petition for Revocation Hearing began at 3:37 p.m. at which time President Gwaltney turned the meeting over to Member Ferry.

Deputy Attorney General James Irvin stated for this Hearing, Case #05-03, he is acting as Counsel for the Department of Education. Mr. Irvin stated this is an uncontested proceeding, and Mr. Ausborne's guilty plea to a conviction of moral turpitude is sufficient for Revocation.

No one appeared on Mr. Ausborne's behalf.

Dr. Rheault stated Mr. Ausborne held a non-renewable license and full revocation is needed to report it.

The Hearing ended at 3:41p.m.

Member Myers moved to revoke the Nevada Teacher's license for Cornelius A. Ausborne, seconded by Member Nolan. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Member Ferry in President Gwaltney's absence.

18. HEARING ON PETITION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR REVOCATION OF THE NEVADA TEACHER'S LICENSE FOR RICHARD FRANK BOOTH

The Petition for Revocation Hearing began at 3:45 p.m. at which time President Gwaltney returned.

Deputy Attorney General James Irvin stated for this Hearing, Case #05-01, he is acting as Counsel for the Department of Education. Mr. Irvin stated that because Mr. Booth was found guilty of a Class C felony, sexual misconduct with a student, this is sufficient grounds for revocation.

No one appeared on Mr. Booth's behalf.

The Hearing ended at 3:50 p.m.

Member Reid moved to revoke the Nevada Teacher's license for Richard Frank Booth, seconded by Member Frederick. The motion passed unanimously.

14. RECEIVE AND REVIEW ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMPLIANCE AND PROGRESS OF THE FOUR STATE BOARD SPONSORED CHARTER SCHOOLS: HALIMA ACADEMY, NEVADA STATE HIGH SCHOOL, SILVER STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND TEAM A

Mr. Bill Arensdorf, Director of the Office of Fiscal Accountability, stated NRS requires a sponsor of a charter school to annually evaluate the school's progress for reaching goals and objectives and to ascertain if the school is in compliance with regulations. Mr. Arensdorf stated his office combined those two requirements and made evaluations on the Board's behalf of the four State-sponsored schools.

Mr. Tom McCormack described the process followed for the evaluations and informed the Board that a Charter School Collaborative of Department Offices, chaired by Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf, is in place to make these evaluations.

Dr. Rheault reported that Halima Academy remitted a partial payment of the \$197,000 owed due to overpayment made for an incorrect student enrollment count. Agreement with Halima has been made for revised forms for verification of accurate student count information be submitted and that if their budget can support it, the balance will be repaid by deductions from their quarterly school payments.

Deputy Superintendent Dopf stated the Collaborative is using a similar process used by Washoe and Clark County School Districts for tracking Board sponsored charters for consistency purposes. She also indicated that the process of identifying non-compliance, and allowing the entity time to resolve the non-compliance in a correct fashion, is the same system the Department uses when monitoring school districts and other agencies for compliance purposes.

Judy Kroshus, Administrator for TEAM A Academy, testified her experience of being sponsored by the State compared to being sponsored by a District is very different. Ms. Kroshus stated that Mr. McCormack and Mr. Arensdorf have provided excellent technical assistance, given instructions regarding AYP, and are readily available by phone and return her phone calls.

15. REVIEW OF THE NEW 2005 CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS AND THEIR AFFECT ON THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Rheault stated there were changes in charter school laws that made regulations more clear and that the Subcommittee on Charter Schools will need to meet in October.

Mr. Arensdorf, Director of the Office of Fiscal Accountability, gave an account of each NRS change.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Reid stated her regret for missing Thursday of the Retreat and appreciated all the kind wishes she received for her father-in-law.

Member Boylan thanked Dr. Rheault for straightening out an issue he had; and also thanked Doris, Nita, Ms. Dopf and Dr. Rheault for their work on the Retreat; it was one of the best he has ever attended.

Member Nolan stated the Innovation Award, offered by Harvard and worth \$100,000, is due September 15th, but the Department still does not have a grant writer in place and the Award is now under the Commission for Educational Excellence. Member Nolan offered assistance to Members to obtain a free subscription to the Edutopia Magazine and reported on the public hearing on IDEA she attended. Member Nolan plans to attend the annual conference of CLASS that was introduced by Janet Cannon at the Retreat on school funds. Member Nolan reminded the Board of the need for a delegate from the Board to vote on proposed changes to NASBE. Member Nolan stated she will be attending a meeting on equity and diversity education programs September 27th and will report back to the Board.

Member Frederick thanked Dr. Rheault and Lisa Grayshield, the Department's Indian Education Consultant, for attending the very productive Nevada Indian Commission Meeting July 15th.

Member Myers commented that Members will begin receiving RPDP reports in the mail and that personnel from these four offices will be invited to attend the October Board meeting to correct the disconnection between them and the Board. Member Myers asked if there was an appetite on the Board for adding requirements for Math courses, as this matter has not been fully discussed for five years.

Dr. Merrill responded to an earlier question from Member Iverson about ways to insure that students took a rigorous and challenging math curriculum. The Washoe County School Board voted on the Gateway curriculum which will require four years of math for all students in their district.

Member Myers requested the Department report to the Board as to what the 17 Districts have in place for Math requirements.

Member Waters sent his thoughts to the Reid family and reported he will not be at the October Board meeting because he will be in Greece. Member Waters offered to volunteer to work on the grant he discussed with Dr. Rheault and inquired if another Board meeting could be arranged for November.

Member Waters thanked Frankie McCabe for staying the whole day and commented that Mr. Arensdorf and Ms. McCabe's presentations were outstanding.

Member Ferry gave appreciation and thanked President Gwaltney for his leadership in producing a valuable Retreat and asked that the speakers be thanked. Member Ferry asked that the Board's priorities for P-16 be considered at a future meeting.

President Gwaltney stated he sent e-mails to the speakers at the Retreat mentioning that given the circumstances in his personal life at the present, serving in this particular role would be totally impossible without the support of the Staff. President Gwaltney stated he has asked Dr. Rheault to add a mission statement and insert names of individuals in the boxes of the organizational chart he developed and shared at the Retreat, and would like to share the charts with legislators. President Gwaltney asked that any changes to the Standing Rules and Procedures be submitted to him or Dr. Rheault. President Gwaltney stated he has given some thought of creating a status of ex-officio to the Board members who have served eight or 12 years. President Gwaltney thanked the staff for their hard work on the WestEd Report; and congratulated the Board on the compliments he has received on their rising reputation.

20. NASBE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Member Myers reported that NASBE has improved their membership services recently and the Board may want to continue the \$16,000 membership with them for the year.

Member Nolan moved that the Board retain membership with NASBE, seconded by Member Boylan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Merrill responded to an earlier question from Member Iverson about Clark County School District taking a look at an issue related to NCLB. Dr. Merrill reported that at the last meeting of the Nevada Association of School Superintendents a subcommittee was appointed to study information from Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Clark County School District, and that Dr. Rheault and Staff will be involved.

Mrs. Peggy Lear Bowen, former State Board Member, thanked the Board for caring about kids.

Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf expressed her appreciation to the Board for allowing Staff from each office meet with the Board at the Retreat to present their programs, functions and goals and she was very pleased with each presentation.

22. ADJOURNMENT

President Gwaltney adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Approved by:

John Gwaltney, President
Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education

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