

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

May 7-8, 2009

Department of Education
Board Conference Room
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, Nevada

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – May 7, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Ruggiero, President
Jan Biggerstaff, Member
Gloria Bonaventura, Member
Willia Chaney, Member
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Member
Charlotte Hill, Member
Christopher Wallace, Member
Craig Wilkinson, Member
Zhan Okuda-Lim, Student Representative
Dave Cook, Member (arrived 11:30 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken McKenna (excused)
Becky Childs, Student Representative

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
Dr. Richard Vineyard, Assistant Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Diane Mugford, Education Consultant, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum
Mike Raponi, Assistant Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Silvia Marin, Principal, Academy for Career Education (ACE)
Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District
Dr. Dotty Merrill, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - President Ruggiero called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m., with a quorum of eight members present. At 11:30 a.m., Member Dave Cook arrived.

Charlotte Hill moved to approve a flexible agenda. Willia Chaney seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Recognition of Outgoing Student Representative, Becky Childs** – President Ruggiero announced this item would be addressed upon Ms. Childs' arrival.
- **Welcome to Incoming Student Representative, Zhan Okuda-Lim** – President Ruggiero welcomed new Student Representative, Zhan Okuda-Lim, who introduced himself. Comments were made commending Member Okuda-Lim's appointment to the Board.
- **Update of Meetings with Legislators** – Member Wallace reported he met with Assembly members to discuss the State Board's position regarding S.B. 330 and that Assembly members were receptive to the State Board's opinion regarding the Bill. President Ruggiero thanked Member Wallace and other Board members for sharing the Board's position regarding Legislative Bills and obtaining Legislative feedback. He encouraged Board members to continue taking an active role in the Legislative process.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Update of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Event hosted by Senator Harry Reid** – Dr. Rheault explained the event was well attended and was a general discussion by federal representatives as no state agencies other than the Department of Education were in attendance. Senator Reid's staff expressed their thanks for Dr. Rheault's attendance and offered their assistance to the Department of Education.

Before providing the 2009 Legislative session update, Dr. Rheault announced Bill Arensdorf retired after 37 years of service and Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education was undergoing chemotherapy treatment this week and may be out for a few months.

- **Update of the 2009 Legislative Session** – Dr. Rheault reported the following:
 - ❖ The Joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees met this week trying to close all state budgets by tomorrow (Friday, May 8, 2009).
 - ❖ The Distributive School Account (DSA) salaries would be reduced by only 4% rather than 6% as planned by the Governor. School districts would determine how that would be made up at the local level. State employees would make up the difference by taking an unpaid furlough day once a month, which would amount to an approximately 4.6% reduction in salary. Furlough days would have to be coordinated to keep State agencies in operation.
 - ❖ All step increases would be eliminated for two years for both State and local employees.
 - ❖ Health subsidies would be reduced to approximately 80%, as recommended by Public Employee Benefits (PEB).
 - ❖ 1/5 retirement benefits for teachers in at-risk schools was approved and would begin in FY 2010, but 2011 benefits would be paid in 2012.

- ❖ Approximately \$5.5 million from Educational Technology grants returned because stimulus funding would be provided for those grants. There would still be \$4 million per year for career and technical education funding.
- ❖ \$6 million was added back to adult education to meet increased demands in enrollment.
- ❖ Agreed to fund 60% of the Regional Professional Development programs. The Western Regional Professional Development program would be eliminated.
- ❖ The New Teacher Signing Bonus program was eliminated.
- ❖ \$30 million was added back for step increases for teachers who advanced by taking additional coursework.
- ❖ The Remediation and Innovative Trust Fund will be closed tomorrow.
- ❖ The Governor's proposed plan is to eliminate funding for full-day kindergarten at at-risk schools to meet the budget deficit because at-risk schools would be receiving more Title I stimulus funding. Dr. Rheault noted he was not in favor of the proposal because twenty-three Title I schools would not be eligible to receive federal funding.

Member Biggerstaff asked if federal stimulus funding could be used for salaries. Dr. Rheault reported funding for Title I and Special Education could be used for salaries.

3. REPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

- March 19, 2009, Subcommittee on K-12 Governance
- March 19, 2009, Subcommittee on Charter Schools
- March 19-20, 2009, Regular Meeting

B. Approval of State Board Member Travel of President Anthony Ruggiero and Christopher Wallace to attend the C.L.A.S.S. Conference, July 2009

C. Approval of Licensing/Re-Licensing of Private Schools

D. Approval of the 2009-2016 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption lists for the adoption period, May 11, 2009 to June 30, 2016

E. Approval of D'Lisa Crain, Parent Representative, to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners (COP)

F. Approval of the appointments of Joseph Holguin, Special Education Teacher, South (Clark County), Jill Benzing, Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities, and Deanne Brunold, Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Chris Wallace moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Charlotte Hill seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Time: 11:45 a.m. WORKSHOP to solicit comments to proposed Revisions to Amendment of NAC 385.558, to recognize schools who maintain exemplary achievement - Diane Mugford, Education Consultant, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum, explained an exemplary status for schools that meet both a status and growth requirement. The status requirement requires students do better than the annual measurable objectives in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The growth requirement requires the level of non-proficient students to decrease by ten percent from the previous year. The proposed revision

was to allow schools who have already achieved an exemplary status to maintain their exemplary status. Comments were made from Board members in support of the revision.

Member Biggerstaff requested to know if the language “no significant difference” should be more specific. Ms. Mugford reported the AYP analysis process would define the statistical model.

At 12:00 p.m., President Ruggiero opened the workshop to public comment. Hearing no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop.

6. Time: 11:55 a.m. WORKSHOP to solicit comments to Proposed Revisions to Amendment of NAC 389.597, to State Skills Standards for Automotive Technology: Advanced Program - Mike Raponi, Assistant Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, explained the proposal was to align overall changes to the General Service Technician (GST) standards because the hours under GST standards were better suited for high school programs than the National Automotive Technical Education Foundation (NATEF) standards.

President Ruggiero requested to know if students become certified automotive technicians upon completion of the program. Mr. Raponi replied no, but the program would qualify students for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) test after one year of post-secondary training. The program would guide students into a minimum of one year of post-secondary training. President Ruggiero asked if there was support for the proposal from post-secondary or higher education. Mr. Raponi stated the proposal received 100% support from higher education.

Member Biggerstaff asked if dual credits would be received. Mr. Raponi reported students would be eligible for Tech Prep program credit. Member Biggerstaff requested to know if industry provided input to the revision. Mr. Raponi reported the NATEF standards, which were endorsed by industry, were used to write the GST standards. Member Biggerstaff asked if the proposal would help prepare students to enter into the new “green” automotive industry. Mr. Raponi stated there was a standard that would introduce students to alternative fuel vehicles and hybrid technology.

Member Ferry requested information regarding the number of students the proposal would assist. Mr. Raponi explained standards were being crafted for a three-year program because enrollment declines during a fourth year of enrollment. Member Ferry asked about the decline. Mr. Raponi explained the decline in enrollment was due to a student’s change in interest after the third year or because the student receives an early release from high school.

Member Hill asked if the program goes beyond personal vehicles. Mr. Raponi reported diesel technology was taught at the post-secondary level.

At 12:12 p.m., President Ruggiero opened up the workshop to public comment. There were ten audience in attendance at this time. Hearing no public comment, President Ruggiero closed the workshop.

7. Approval of the request for Dual Credit Courses for Academy for Career Education – Dr. Rheault reported the letter requesting courses for diesel technology was listed on page 355 of Board packets and that, upon review of the requested courses, the Department’s recommendation was approval of the request.

Silvia Marin, Principal, Academy for Career Education (ACE), explained how the program assists high school freshmen in earning college credit and reported there were four girls currently enrolled in the program and reviewed the credits program in response to Member Bonaventura’s question.

Member Wallace made the following motion, seconded by Member Cook:

That the Nevada State Board of Education approves the request for dual credit courses for the Academy for Career Education.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of the request for Dual Credit Courses for Nevada State High School – Dr. Rheault explained his recommendation was to request further information regarding why the request should be approved when the original request was for a proposed satellite campus for the charter school in the Reno area, but a satellite campus of the is not allowed by regulation. Member Biggerstaff requested to know what was meant by a “40 Hour Hazwoper Certification” as listed on page 369 of Board packets. Dr. Rheault noted he would also request further information regarding that certification.

President Ruggiero requested this item be agendaized for a future meeting when further information was obtained from Nevada State High School.

At 12:25 p.m., President Ruggiero called for a short break. At 12:40 p.m., the meeting resumed.

9. Update of Depth of Knowledge initiative from the Department of Education – Member Ferry noted he requested this item be agendaized due to Legislative interest in the topic. Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional and Evaluative Services, stated depth of knowledge was previewed in the State Improvement Plan as part of the commitment to the goal to provide a rigorous and relevant college- and work-ready curriculum for students and that the assessment process was questioned to determine if depth of knowledge was being achieved. Upon review of the assessment process, it was learned depth of knowledge was often misunderstood and could not be achieved by creating more difficult testing. Ms. Dopf provided an example of how depth of knowledge could be measured. She stated it was hoped that more cognitive-challenging testing would bring more focus on cognitive-challenging student instruction.

Cindy Sharp, Assistant Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum, stated she was also the overseer for the State testing process. She reviewed the timeline for implementing depth of knowledge measures.

President Ruggiero requested to know if this was a precursor to the Federal Government’s implementation of national standards. Comments were made explaining there was interest in establishing a national core content by which states would individually measure their own standards.

Member Wilkinson asked if standards would change to include more depth of knowledge because teachers have expressed concern that there would not be enough classroom time to go into the depth of a subject. Ms. Dopf reported standards would not be changed, but would be reviewed to determine how more depth of knowledge could be achieved.

10. Recommendation from the Subcommittee on K-12 Governance regarding 2009 legislative bills affecting State Board responsibilities, for possible action as a full Board to include, but not limited to: Senate Bill 330, Senate Bill 385, and Assembly Bill 489 - Member Wallace reported the Subcommittee on K-12 Governance discussed ACR2, S.B. 330, S.B. 385, and A.B. 489. The Subcommittee’s recommendation was for continued support of ACR2 and for continued support of the State Board’s stance regarding S.B. 330. There was no recommendation for S.B. 385 or S.B. 489.

Dr. Rheault noted the following:

- S.B. 330 included two new unclassified positions for the Department of Education. He will meet with Senator Horsford tomorrow to discuss the bill. He noted there has been some opposition to the bill, so it was not known when the bill would be heard by the Assembly.
- S.B. 385 and A.B. 489 were charter institute bills and went through the system without much discussion. The bills were fiscally neutral because no additional State appropriations would be required. Both bills were sitting in Assembly Ways and Means waiting for a hearing.
- A.B. 505 is a middle and high school reform bill which would also give the State Board and the Board of Regents the authority to work on college and workforce readiness standards.

Member Ferry asked for an update on funding for a P-16 Council Executive Secretary. Dr. Rheault reported it may have been given a cursory hearing in Senate Finance, but was unlikely to be approved due to lack of funding.

Member Biggerstaff reported no action was taken on ACR2. She asked what happens now to ACR2 and if there was a fiscal note attached. Dr. Rheault noted ACR2 regarded an interim study of K-12 governance. He reported the bill was heard on Tuesday and would return for a work session meeting, which could be completed at the end of any meeting. There was concern regarding the expense, but there has been no request for a fiscal note. He noted Southwest Regional Lab in Arizona may assist with some of the costs.

Member Cook requested the State Board show their support for A.B. 505. Dr. Rheault noted there may not be any further hearings regarding A.B. 505 because the bill was expected to pass.

A lengthy discussion followed about the State Board taking a more proactive role in establishing educational standards for the State Improvement Plan and working with school districts to meet educational goals. Deputy Attorney General Ed Irvin suggested the Board agendaize this issue for further discussion.

At this time, President Ruggiero opened the discussion to public comment.

Deputy Attorney General Irvin reminded Board members that information heard during today's Charter School Summit reception could not be used unless agendaized for a State Board meeting.

At 1:45 p.m., President Ruggiero recessed the meeting to resume on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

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AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Ferrari, Imagine Schools
Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District
Kymberly Laine
Sloan Stetson, Math Instructor, Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center

Philine Laine
Michael Laine
Kathleen Conaboy, K-12 Inc.

RECALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – President Ruggiero recalled the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m., with a quorum of nine members present.

11. Time: 8:05 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Revision to Regulation Language for NAC 386 – Charter School Budget and Finance Regulations NOTE: *This is the first and only public hearing and possible action to adopt may be taken.*

Dr. Rheault noted a workshop regarding this public hearing was held at the last State Board meeting. He reviewed the following changes made to the regulation language since the workshop:

- ❖ 30 days were changed to 60 days throughout the document.
- ❖ On page 413, Section 28, Subsection 7, the “January 1” date was changed to “for each school year within 60 days of receipt of the final enrollment”.
- ❖ On page 415, Section 36, Subsection 2, to change the fourth line: “advise the Department what action has been taken to prevent recurrence” to “submit to the Department a plan of correction outlining what action has been or will be taken”
- ❖ On page 411, Section 25, Subsection 2, and in the title of Section 26, to change: “local government” to “charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils”

Dr. Rheault noted there had also been a request to change “four months” in Section 37, Subsection 4, but the change could not be made due to the other reporting requirements and statutory deadlines.

President Ruggiero requested to know if the affected parties provided input to the changes. Dr. Rheault reported Jim Wells worked with several individuals on the changes.

At 8:23 a.m., President Ruggiero opened up the public hearing to public comment. There were fourteen audience in attendance at this time.

Kathleen Conaboy, K-12 Inc., stated K-12 Inc. was an Educational Management Organization (EMO) for Nevada Virtual Academy. She thanked Dr. Rheault and Jim Wells for discussing changes with them. She requested to know if school district-sponsored charter schools pay for charter school audits under management fees because the State-sponsored Nevada Virtual Academy pays for its charter school audit on top of management fees. She noted S.B. 336 regards local government finance and the costs of audits. She also reminded Board members for the record that there was an agreement that the Department would not be asking for proprietary financial information or cost structures from EMOs. She state K-12 Inc. was interested in meeting regulations, but not in providing proprietary corporate information.

Dr. Rheault responded to Ms. Conaboy’s comments by reporting school district-sponsored charter schools pay for their own audits, based on the information he has received. Regarding the proprietary information, Dr. Rheault noted Ms. Conaboy was correct in her information that financial reviews were to be completed for the schools and not the EMOs.

Member Chaney requested to know what type of audits were completed for charter schools. Dr. Rheault stated he believed it was the annual A-133 audit that was required for all school districts.

Hearing no further public comment, President Ruggiero closed the public hearing at 8:30 a.m.

Member Cook made the following motion, seconded by Member Hill:

That the Nevada State Board of Education approves the temporary regulation additions and changes to NAC 386.380 and NAC 386.390 to include the added materials submitted by Superintendent Rheault.

The motion carried.

12. Time: 8:15 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Revision to Regulation Language of NAC 385.558, to recognize schools who maintain exemplary achievement NOTE: *This is the first and only public hearing and possible action to adopt may be taken.*

Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Research and Evaluative Services, noted this item was presented as a workshop during yesterday's meeting and regarded allowing exemplary schools to maintain their exemplary status if the school can sustain the achievement percentages from the previous year.

Hearing no Board member questions, President Ruggiero opened up the public hearing to public comment at 8:35 a.m. There were nine audience present at this time. Hearing no public comment requests, President Ruggiero closed the public hearing.

Member Wallace made the following motion, seconded by Member Bonaventura:

That the Nevada State Board of Education adopts the proposed corrections to NAC 385.558.

The motion carried.

13. Time: 8:30 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING and possible Board consideration of the Settlement Agreement and General Release and Order for Kymberly (Tamburello) Laine

Deputy Attorney General Ed Irvin noted he was the Attorney assigned to represent the State Board of Education and/or the Department of Education. He stated, for the record, that he believed there was no conflict in representing both entities during this public hearing. He explained the recommended settlement agreement included in Board packets includes a suspension of Ms. Laine's teaching license for a period of one (1) year from the date of the filing of the petition (August 27, 2008) and to have a condition placed on her license following suspension that that license can only be used at her current place of employment, Sierra Nevada Job Corps. Dr. Rheault added there was some discretion in State statutes to review on a case-by-case basis the issuance of a license to an individual with a felony. He stated he could support the settlement agreement because of the letters of reference from Sierra Nevada Job Corps in favor of Ms. Laine teaching at their establishment. Deputy Attorney General Irvin noted, for the record, the State Board would have to accept the settlement agreement and that submission of the settlement agreement did not constitute acceptance by the State Board.

In response to Member Chaney and Member Biggerstaff's questions regarding Ms. Laine's current employment, Dr. Rheault and Deputy Attorney General Irvin explained Ms. Laine was not currently employed as a licensed teacher, therefore would not lose her position because Sierra Nevada Job Corps waived the teacher licensing requirements. Dr. Rheault explained revocation of Ms. Laine's teaching license was heard during the

December 2008 State Board meeting, but Ms. Laine did not receive notification of that hearing, therefore was allowed to appeal and have another public hearing held. Deputy Attorney General Irvin noted the process would start from the beginning if the State Board did not accept the settlement agreement.

Member Wallace asked if Ms. Laine was currently on probation. Deputy Attorney General Irvin replied yes and reported Ms. Laine was doing well on her probation.

Member Ferry disclosed for the record that he had been employed by Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center.

Member Cook asked if the current position held by Ms. Laine at Sierra Nevada Job Corps was difficult to fill with a highly qualified teacher. Dr. Rheault explained Job Corps was a federal program and not overseen by the Department of Education, therefore could be flexible in their teaching requirements. Member Cook requested clarification that the State Board was being asked to reinstate Ms. Laine's license, but not for a public school classroom setting. Dr. Rheault clarified that was correct, but that a one-year license suspension from the date of the petition filing (August 27, 2008) was being requested. Member Ferry explained Job Corps strives to hire licensed teachers, but that it was not a condition of employment. He explained it was a self-paced classroom setting with teachers serving as a tutor or group instructor, depending on the educational instruction needed.

Kymerly Laine explained she plead guilty to the drug trafficking charge because her ex-husband had been dealing drugs. Since then, she has sought counseling from Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and has been "clean" for 936 days. She was encouraged to apply for a teaching position at Sierra Nevada Job Corps by an employee in a similar situation. She commented on the poor decisions and personal tragedies that led up to her conviction and how that has changed her life and helped her assist Sierra Nevada Job Corps students in similar situations. She noted she would need a teaching license to assist students in increasing adult basic education test scores in Math.

President Ruggiero requested clarification of probation conditions. Ms. Laine reported she received a one-to-four year suspended sentence with probation not to exceed sixty months. She has been on probation for eighteen months with no re-occurring incidences with the law and all fines were being paid. She noted she may receive an early probation for good behavior.

Member Wallace asked about the age of students taught by Ms. Laine. Ms. Laine reported Sierra Nevada Job Corps students range in age from 16 to 25 years old and that high school programs and the Plato program were being taught. Member Wallace requested to know if another review was required after the one-year suspension. Dr. Rheault clarified Ms. Laine's license would be reinstated after the one-year suspension and would be valid at Sierra Nevada Job Corps through 2011, which had been the duration of the original license.

President Ruggiero requested to know if Ms. Laine could apply for a full license after 2011 or still contain the provision that Ms. Laine only teach at Sierra Nevada Job Corps. Dr. Rheault stated the condition would probably still be in place unless otherwise appealed. He clarified the Superintendent would issue a new license. Deputy Attorney General Irvin noted one of the reasons he was in favor of accepting the settlement agreement was because NASTEC would provide background information on Ms. Laine if she tried to apply for a teaching license in another state.

Member Wallace asked if Ms. Laine was taking responsibility for her actions. Ms. Laine stated that was correct.

Sloan Stetson, Math Instructor, Sierra Nevada Job Corps, commented on the turnover rate of teachers at Sierra Job Corps and Ms. Laine's positive impact on students at the center.

President Ruggiero commented on the amount of letters of support received on behalf of Ms. Laine. He requested to know if the Board could stipulate that the renewal be confined to Sierra Nevada Job Corps. Deputy Attorney General Irvin stated it would not be enforceable under NRS statutes even if stipulated and agreed upon.

President Ruggiero asked for Member Wilkinson's opinion regarding the State Board's possible acceptance of the settlement agreement with regards to his own teaching license. Member Wilkinson stated he was fine with the State Board accepting the settlement agreement if Ms. Laine has a positive impact on students.

President Ruggiero asked for Member Okuda-Lim's opinion regarding the possible reinstatement of Ms. Laine. Member Okuda-Lim commended Ms. Laine for her efforts with at-risk students and echoed Member Wilkinson's comments.

Member Chaney stated she wanted to applaud Ms. Laine for her efforts with at-risk students and for seeking help for her situation.

Member Ferry made the following motion, seconded by Member Wilkinson:

That the Nevada State Board of Education accepts the settlement agreement for Kymberly Laine.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Laine expressed her thanks to the State Board for their endorsement. She stated she would remain a teacher at Sierra Nevada Job Corps.

For the record, President Ruggiero signed the settlement agreement at this time.

At 9:30 a.m., President Ruggiero called for a short break. At 9:40 a.m., the meeting resumed.

14. Board Member/Public Comments

Member Chaney reported she and Member Bonaventura visited the Moapa Indian Reservation last month. She stated one disturbing issue for her was the drop-out rate and that there was also a lack of grant assistance, according to the Tribal Chief. Dr. Rheault pointed out the State Board adopted the Indian Education Plan at their last meeting and that the Department's consultant works with the Indian Commission and Nevada tribes. President Ruggiero noted the highest obesity rate was among Native American students.

Member Biggerstaff thanked staff for their efforts during the legislative session. She requested a committee be established to review State Board Standing Rules and Procedures and to suggest changes at the Board retreat including a self-evaluation of the Board. She requested to know if depth of knowledge testing would increase testing costs. Ms. Dopf replied no. Costs were already integrated into the system. Member Biggerstaff also submitted the WestEd report of the meeting she recently attended.

Member Wallace reported he attended the National School Boards Association Conference in April in San Diego and that it was a worthwhile event, but Nevada was not represented at the conference.

Member Ferry stated he applauded those Board members that were involved in the legislative process. President Ruggiero agreed.

Member Hill reported she and Member Biggerstaff addressed the Board's position regarding legislative bills with Assemblywoman Dondero. She requested Board members be notified in advance of future meeting agenda items and special traveling conditions needed to attend meetings. She shared her own experience with at-risk students and Sierra Nevada Job Corps with Ms. Laine. She requested to know of any turnaround schools. Ms. Dopf reported there would be three or four that would be considered turnaround schools. In response to Member Chaney's earlier comments, Ms. Dopf also noted there were turnaround schools that were recognized at the Mega Conference in April. Member Hill noted Secretary Duncan's efforts with turnaround schools were highlighted on PBS this week. President Ruggiero commented on the efforts put forth by staff to notify Board members of future agenda items.

In response to President Ruggiero's comment earlier in the meeting, Member Wilkinson reported he was interested in working on the Physical Education standards committee.

Member Bonaventura commented on the meeting with the Tribal Chief and reported she would do whatever she could to show her support for education.

Student Representative Zhan Okuda-Lim informed the Board that he applied to serve on the Nevada Youth Legislative Issues Forum. He commented that the major issue with students was funding for education and that he would be sharing with the Board information from weekly meetings that would be held with youth groups.

Dr. Rheault reviewed the draft procedure for handling swine flu cases in Nevada schools and the timeline for approving the State budget.

15. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include:

- Approval of the request for Dual Credit Courses for Nevada State High School
- Discussion of Board Retreat
- Discussion of a "paperless" Board to include an IT presentation
- Discussion of CRTS and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) issues (August Board Retreat)
- Discussion of establishing a method to verify standards and accountability (August Board Retreat)
- Discussion of strategies with regards to S.B. 330 (August Board retreat)

16. Public Comments – There were no public comment requests.

Student Representative Zhan Okuda-Lim announced he would not be in attendance for the second day of the June meeting.

Deputy Attorney General Irvin reminded Board members that information heard during the Charter School Summit meeting they would attend later today could not be used unless agendized for a State Board meeting.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.