

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

May 7, 2009

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

MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12 GOVERNANCE – May 7, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Wallace, Acting Chair
Willia Chaney, Member
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Member
Charlotte Hill, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken McKenna, Chair (excused)

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Research and Evaluative Services
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

None

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Acting Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., with a quorum of four members present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2009** – Charlotte Hill moved to approve the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Willia Chaney seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Review and possible recommendations by the Committee regarding 2009 Legislative Bills affecting State Board responsibilities, to include, but not limited to: Senate Bill 330, Senate Bill 385 and Assembly Bill 489** *The Subcommittee on K-12 Governance will discuss issues affecting State Board responsibilities under consideration by the 2009 Legislature, including, but not limited to, the above list of bills and bill draft requests. The Subcommittee may adopt a position and make a recommendation to the Board regarding the issues being considered to direct staff to take such a position before the 2009 Legislature, or take similar or related actions pertaining to these issues.*

Dr. Rheault reported a hearing was held this week regarding Assembly Concurrent Resolution 2 (ACR2), which would establish an interim committee to complete a thorough review of K-12 Governance in the State, but there may be a problem with the fiscal note. Member Ferry commented on the support received for the Bill.

Regarding S.B. 330, Dr. Rheault reported the following:

- Amendments to the Bill have been made since the last meeting and included deleting the \$40,000 starting teacher salary due to a lack of funding.
- The Performance Pay Plan was still in the Bill and would be available as funding becomes available.
- The new State Board would make similar recommendations to the Governor regarding the Superintendent Appointment which would then be presented to the Legislature with confirmation by the Senate.
- Section 2 of the Bill was deleted by amendment; it would have required the Department to reorganize into four divisions.
- Sections 3 and 4 were modified to state that the Superintendent shall appoint two new positions: a Director of Assessment and Accountability and a Director of Innovation, Research, and Professional Development, and Section 19 states both of these positions would be unclassified employees.
- The Commission on Professional Standards aka The Teacher Licensing Commission would not be eliminated, as in the original Bill.

Dr. Rheault explained his recommendation was to provide a higher salary for the two new Director positions, whether the positions are filled by two new individuals or two of the current Directors, because unclassified workers would not be entitled to overtime. He also requested another fiscal note for the three elected Board members to the new State Board who would have to contend with the population increase for election to the Board, but the issue was not addressed in the Bill. He liked the current Superintendent selection process because it provides a check and balance system, but there was also a problem with the timing of the appointment of a new Superintendent because he would be allowed to complete his term which ended on March 15, 2010 and at which time a new Governor-appointed Superintendent would begin until June 30, 2010, but the Bill does not state who would be the Superintendent from June 30, 2010 to July 2011 when the Senate appoints a new Superintendent.

Discussion was heard about support for the proposed changes in the Bill and for the State Board to continue their authority over appointing a Superintendent.

Dr. Rheault noted lowering standards for alternative assessments has been deleted as well as the title of the Bill that referenced having a “World Class” education system. He encouraged support that the educational subcommittees remain under the control of the State Board. He reported S.B. 385 and A.B. 489 were waiting to be heard by the Ways and Means Assembly, but there may not be a hearing for either Bill because of opposition to some parts of the Bills. He noted there has been no real position made from the State Board regarding any of the Bills.

Discussion was heard for the Sub-Committee to continue their support of ACR2 and the recommendation to the State Board regarding S.B. 330.

Cliff Ferry moved to continue their support for an interim study of governance and to continue the Sub-Committee’s earlier position on S.B. 330 Charlotte Hill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

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

5. Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.