

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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Department of Education  
Board Conference Room  
700 East Fifth Street  
Carson City, Nevada

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Elko County School district  
1092 Burns Road  
Board conference Room  
Elko, Nevada

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**(Video Conferenced)**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anthony Ruggiero, President  
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Vice President  
Christopher Wallace, Clerk  
Jan Biggerstaff, Member  
Gloria Bonaventura, Member  
Willia Chaney, Member  
Dave Cook, Member  
Ken McKenna, Member  
Craig Wilkinson, Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charlotte Hill, Member (excused)  
Zhan Okuda-Lim, Student Representative (excused)

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
James Wells, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services  
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Research and Evaluative Services

Diana Hollander, Program Officer IV  
Tom McCormack, Charter School Consultant, Office of Fiscal Services  
Doris Arnold, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant to the State Board of Education

**LEGAL STAFF PRERSENT:**

Dr. James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Carol White, Silver Sands Montessori School  
Brenda Chaney, Parent  
Diana Hollander, Program Officer IV, Nevada Department of Education  
Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District  
Shaundell Newsome, Imagine Charter Schools  
Steve Knight, Executive Director, Silver State Middle Charter School  
James Martineau, Vice Principal, Silver State Middle Charter School  
John Matsis, Governing Board President, Insight Academy/Beacon Charter School  
Hadassa Lefkowitz, Secretary, Insight Academy/Beacon Charter School  
Gary Waters, Executive Director, Insight Academy/Beacon Charter School  
Jessica Marsh, General Counsel, Insight Academy/Beacon Charter School  
Kristopher Jacobson, Silvers Sands Charter School  
Sandra Lee Shirley, Silver State Middle Charter School  
Kimberly Rushton, Cooper Levenson Law Firm  
Michele Robinson, Board President, Charter School Association of Nevada  
Marlo Tsuchiyama, Board President, Silver Sands Montessori Charter School  
Jason Sando, Silver Sands Montessori Charter School  
Berta Norwood, Governing Board Secretary, Imagine Valle Charter School  
Debra Hegna, Office for Charter Schools, Clark County School District  
Sherman Rutledge, Executive Director, Student Ambassador Program  
Dr. Dotty Merrill, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School of School Boards  
Jill Peterson, Administrator, Alpine Academy Charter School  
Erin Krugal, Alpine Academy  
Taylor Clark, Alpine Academy  
Carrie Stimpson, Alpine Academy  
Marisa Kendall, Alpine Academy  
Dr. Eugene Paslov, Silver State Charter School  
Ricci Rodriguez-Elkins, Center for Charter School Development  
Denise Everett, Alpine Academy Charter School  
Mindy Martini, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Carol Stonefield, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Connie Burch, Principal, Imagine School in the Valle  
Vernon Law, Imagine School in the Valle

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

President Ruggiero called the regular meeting to order at 8:41 a.m., with attendance as reflected above. A quorum of nine members was present.

President Ruggiero welcomed Karen Johansen, the new Administrative Assistant to the Nevada State Board of Education.

**Member McKenna moved to approve a flexible agenda. Member Chaney seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

## **1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ruggiero thanked the members of the Subcommittees for their efforts on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. He updated the Board on attending the Children's Land Alliance Supporting Schools (CLASS) Conference in Seattle, Washington, with Member Wallace, he said they learned a lot, including information regarding what other States are doing with their resources. President Ruggiero said the conference was extremely informative and he would like to meet with State Legislators to correct situations in Nevada with school trust land.

## **2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Update of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including meeting of Interim Finance Committee (IFC) for Federal Stimulus Oversight held on August 3, 2009** - Dr. Rheault gave an update on the Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal Stimulus Oversight that met on August 3, 2009. The Department of Education and the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation presented funding information at the meeting for the following programs:

- **National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant** - In March 2009 money was received for lunch room equipment. Applications have been reviewed and money has been provided. Draft recipients must spend their money by September 30, 2009 or they lose it.
- **Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** - Half of the money, \$35 million, for special education funds has been received. The second half of the money will be received in October 2009. The applications are being processed and approved.
- **Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act** - Approximately \$70 million is being distributed over a two year period.
- **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program** - In 2009, \$139 million was received to fill a hole in the Distributive School Account. K-12 and higher education received \$324 million; the remaining funds will go to higher education over the next biennium. A full application with data must be approved by December or the University will not have access to the funds.
- **Educational Technology State Grant** - Grants of \$4.2 million were distributed last week. The funds are being used for common professional development training of teachers across the State with the latest in technology equipment to improve student achievement.
- **Education for Homeless Children and Youth** - About \$500,000 was received. In the past the funds have gone to three school districts: Clark County, Washoe County and Carson City.
- **Race to the Top Grant** - \$4.6 billion in competitive money will be available this fall from the federal government. Not every State will receive these funds. To apply for funding, Nevada must have Phase II of the Stabilization grant application approved by December 30, 2009. Also, there cannot be any law regulations or other prohibitions from using student achievement data to evaluate teachers.

Dr. Rheault said Nevada is in the top half of States that have asked for and received ARRA funding. Member Ferry asked if Nevada has resources to write a competitive grant. Dr. Rheault reported the

Attorney General must sign off on the application that says we have interrupted the State law correctly and the application is accurate, and that we could put a good grant together.

Dr. Rheault said the second part of his report is the status report on the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) that was released August 1, 2009. He provided a chart with a summary of results for the year, detailing the results. President Ruggiero inquired about the Clark County School District not making AYP. Dr. Rheault explained the school districts are rated with all their schools, and Clark County did not make AYP this year. They are on a watch list, but are doing well for their size. There were five school districts that did not make AYP in Nevada, not just Clark County.

Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Research and Evaluative Services, stated information on the district profiles are in the process of being posted on the Nevada Report Card web site.

Member Ferry inquired about reauthorization to No Child Left Behind. Dr. Rheault said the latest information provided is that individuals are drafting legislation and it will be coming from the Senate. It has been delayed because it was under Senator Edward Kennedy's control and he has been ill. A draft is expected late this year, but it could be two years before it comes to a vote. Many people want to start over and re-do the program.

Member Chaney asked what contributed to the Clark County School District not making adequate progress this year. Dr. Rheault and Ms. Dopf explained how students must make proficiency thresholds, and how sub-groups, including special education, as well as highly populated schools affect AYP progress. Dr. Rheault stated that a growth model will be in effect next year and combined with AYP will show the growth of each ethnic group. He added many schools are making significant growth but are still under the percentage of proficient students needed for the designation of AYP.

### **3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Meeting**

**B. Approval of State Board Member Travel**

**C. Approval of the 2009-2016 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption list for the adoption period**

**D. August 15, 2009 to June 30, 2016**

**E. Approval of Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

**F. Approval of Licensing/Relicensing of Private Schools**

Member Ferry asked to temporarily remove Item C, the Nevada History textbook for fourth graders from the list. He said the textbook was developed for the Elko County School District but was not approved by the Board because it contained grammatical and usage mistakes in the text. The wrong draft was sent to the printer and must be re-printed. The book will be ready for approval at the next State Board meeting.

Member Biggerstaff said she thinks more ethnic diversity is needed on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

**Member Biggerstaff moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item C. Member Ferry seconded the Motion. Motion carried**

**4. Time: 9:00 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING and possible Board action regarding Hearing of Petition and Recommendation for Revocation of the Nevada Teacher's License for Brett Storsved.**

*The Board may make factual findings concerning whether or not the evidence presented is substantial and sufficient to sustain the Petition. The Board may also make conclusion of the law related thereto; and may revoke the Nevada Teacher's license.*

Dr. Rheault gave a brief history of the pending case. In the Fall of 2008 a hearing was scheduled for January 2009. The legal counsel was not available in January due to his involvement with the 2009 Legislative Session and a stay was granted through June. The hearing scheduled for June 26, 2009 was cancelled. Mr. Storsved and his counsel did not receive notification the meeting was cancelled and they appeared for the meeting. Dr. Rheault noted the hearing was to be rescheduled for today's meeting; however Mr. Storsved and his counsel were not available today. He stated the recommendation would be to reschedule the hearing for the October 8-9, 2009, State Board Meeting and Mr. Storsved would be notified.

Dr. James E. Irvin, Deputy Attorney General, said Mr. Storsved's license has been summarily suspended by the Superintendent. Dr. Irvin asked for the good of the Board as a body, to pull the agenda item so it not go to a vote and force a disclosure from a board member that will result in an abstention to vote.

President Ruggiero suggested this item be pulled from the agenda and addressed at the October 8-9, 2009 State Board Meeting.

**5. Approval of the 2009 Nevada School Bus Driver Training Manual**

Diana Hollander, Program Officer IV, Nevada Department of Education, began her presentation by stating Nevada received \$1.7 million to replace rural pre-1991 diesel school buses. The funds are part of the State's School Bus Replacement Program, funded by the American Recovery Act. The applications have been submitted and the buses ordered. Ms. Hollander stated the funds will pay for 17 new school buses in 15 school districts. She also detailed that funding through the EPA's Clean Diesel Grant Program has retrofitted 1992 to 2004 model year buses with emission-reducing equipment.

Member Biggerstaff asked if the bid selection included front and rear engine busses. Ms. Hollander replied that it did, and they went with front engine busses because they were more economical and performed better on the rural back roads. She added a huge step to reduce emissions in school buses is occurring making a big impact; consequently buses are being replaced or retrofitted at no cost to the State.

Ms. Hollander presented the revised 2009 School Bus Driver Manual, which is updated annually and approved by the Board. She reported the manual outlines basic training requirements, emergency procedures, inspections, gang situations, homeless children and special education requirements.

A discussion followed including age and physical requirements for the drivers. Concerns about drivers speaking English were addressed as well as the prohibited use of cell phones or any other electronic portable devices.

Member Ferry stated he would like to suggest some language corrections for the manual in an email to Ms. Hollander.

**Member Biggerstaff moved to approve changes to the 2009 Nevada School Bus Driver Training Manual with the corrections noted. Member Chaney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**6. Presentation on the STEM Student Ambassador Program**

Sherman Rutledge, Executive Director, from the STEM Student Ambassador Program gave a presentation about the program. He explained he developed the non-profit program in 2001 to enhance the opportunities for students to seek higher learning through non-traditional methods. He said one of the missions was to create opportunities for students who were very unfortunate. Mr. Rutledge described how the program was free for any student from 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and the program emphasizes science technology and mathematics. He went on to say that the program not only provides learning opportunities but highlights academic and leadership skills. The high school students are taught to teach down to the middle school students and the middle school students are taught to teach down to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. He gave examples of how the students are succeeding in math. Mr. Rutledge asked for support for the 2009-2010 school year. He said many rural areas would like to participate, but before he reached out to them he wanted to ask for support from the State Board about this very different program. He added another part of his mission was for his graduating students to consider attending college with majors in science technology, engineering and mathematics. He said if he had the State Boards' support and endorsement he could reach more students, and that there is no charge as he finances the program himself.

Dr. Rheault said for the Board's information, Mr. Rutledge was here for support; however his presentation is listed as an information item and his request would need to be added to another agenda for action. He asked Mr. Rutledge if the following 6 items listed in his letter were the areas he is specifically asking for support:

- Support the 2009-2010 STEM Awareness Month of March
- Support the June "STEM Graduation Ceremony Class of 2010"
- Support the State Wide 2009-2010 STEM research Project Competition
- Encourage school sites through their District Offices through the State of Nevada to join the STEM Coalition
- Provide funding where possible to travel throughout the state to train students and educators
- Provide a letter of support to the STEM Student Ambassadors Program

Mr. Rutledge replied yes, and that STEM awareness money is receiving national attention, but before that happens he wanted the State Board to review the program and give their support. Discussion continued with members voicing their appreciation for the program and they expressed an interest in seeing the program in operation.

President Ruggiero voiced concerns about funding, but stated he would request the Board consider the 6 items listed for the October 8-9, 2009, regular meeting.

President Ruggiero recessed the meeting at 10:16 a.m. for a break. The meeting was recalled back to order at 10:37 a.m.

**7. Recommendation for a possible *conversion of Subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter for Elko Institute Charter School.***

Tom McCormack, Charter School Consultant, Office of Fiscal Services, stated the recommendation is to consider conversion of the proposed Elko Institute for Academic Achievement charter School's subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter under which the school may begin operation and receive state Distributive School Account (DSA) funding. He directed the Board's attention to the provided document that listed conditions the school needed to accomplish before converting the school to a full charter. He stated they have accomplished all the requirements and the Department's recommendation is for approval to a subsection 5, or a full charter school.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

The Board members of the Elko Institute for Academic Achievement gave details about their school and shared their excitement about being able to offer teachers with vision that teach to a child's passions.

**Member McKenna moved to grant the conversion to a Subsection 5 charter school for the Elko Institute for Academic Achievement and that the President be authorized to sign the supporting documents. Member Wallace seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

#### **8. Recommendation for a possible *conversion of Subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter for Alpine Academy Charter School***

Mr. McCormack stated the recommendation is to consider conversion of the Alpine Academy charter school's Subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter under which the school may begin operation and receive state (DSA) funding. He said the Alpine Academy has submitted the required information and met all the conditions that must be satisfied in order to convert the Subsection 7 to a full charter. The Department's recommendation is for conversion to a full charter.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

Jill Peterson, Director and Administrator of the Alpine Academy shared information about the school including they are the first charter school in Sparks, Nevada, and want to involve the community. She added they are a small school with very talented teachers.

**Member Wallace moved to grant the conversion of Alpine Academy Charter School to a Subsection 5 charter school. Member Wilkinson seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

#### **9. Recommendation for a possible *conversion of Subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter for Silver Sands Montessori Charter School***

Mr. McCormack stated the recommendation is to consider a conversion of the proposed Silver Sands Montessori Charter School's Subsection 7 Charter to a Subsection 5 Charter under which the school may begin operation and receive state DSA funding. He said all requirements have been accomplished for the conversion to a Subsection 5 charter school. The recommendation is to approve the conversion from a Subsection 7 to a Subsection 5 charter.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

Marlo Tsuchiyama, Board President, Silver Sands Montessori, introduced staff from the school. She described the new facility and location for the school and she reiterated all the required documents to operate the school have been submitted and approved.

**Member Wallace moved to grant the conversion of the Silver Sands Montessori School to a Subsection 5 Charter School. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried**

#### **10. Recommendation to approve or deny amendments to the Charter for Imagine School in the Valle**

Tom McCormack stated the recommendation is to consider a request from Imagine School in the Valle to amend its charter to add grades 6-8 to the school's current K-5 program. There is a separate amendment to add two additional facilities to house kindergarten pupils that will be taken to the Superintendent for approval. The requested documentation for the conversion has been provided. The recommendation is to approve the request to add grades 6-8. Before the beginning of instruction the school has agreed to resolve the science and social studies curriculum issue.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

Connie Busch, Principal, Imagine School in the Valle, introduced teachers and parents from the school. She shared excitement and future goals of the school. Gratitude was expressed for staff and parents involved in the school. Information was shared regarding the schools location and the number of students enrolled.

President Ruggiero disclosed he is a liaison for a councilman in the City of Las Vegas, that the Imagine school has been in front of the City Council and has received approval; however, some issues may be pending. He said he did not perceive a conflict of interest with respect to the vote.

**Member Wallace moved to approve the amendments for Imagine Charter School of Valle to add grades 6-8. Member Chaney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **11. Recommendation to approve or deny amendments to the Charter for the Silver State Charter School.**

Tom McCormack stated the recommendation is to consider a request from Silver State Charter School to amend its charter to add grades 7-8 to the school's current 9-12 program. He added there is a separate consideration regarding an additional facility, and will be taken to the Superintendent for approval. All required documentation has been submitted. The recommendation is to approve to add grades 7-8 to the current 9-12 program.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

Steve Knight, Executive Director, Silver State Charter School, introduced school staff. They shared their eagerness for the upcoming school year with information about projected enrollment and the size of their facility. Mr. Knight gave details about future plans for a new facility.

**Member Cook moved to approve the amendment for Silver State Charter School to add grades 7-8. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **12. Recommendation to approve or deny amendments to the Charter for Insight Charter School**

Tom McCormack stated the recommendation is to consider a request from Insight School of Nevada to amend its charter to discontinue its contract with its current Educational Management Organization (EMO) enter into a contract with a different EMO, and change the name of the school to the Beacon Academy of Nevada. The documentation required has been submitted. Budget issues and the Schools Automated School Information (SAIN) need to be resolved before the Department can recommend approval of the amendment. Discussion followed regarding the issues.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting. He added he is in communication with the Insight Charter School officials about the possibility of employment and he stated he will not engage in discussion on the matter and will abstain from voting.

Gary Waters, Executive Director, Insight Charter School, introduced staff from the school. He stated a budget was submitted 6 months ago with technical amendments and gave details about the school board terminating the current EMO. Mr. Waters described the school facilities and student enrollment. The discussion continued.

**Member McKenna moved to approve the name change and the management change for the Insight Charter School of Nevada amended to Beacon Academy of Nevada. Member Ferry seconded the motion.**

Mr. Rheault said if the school did not comply with the issues, an agenda item in October would state they are out of compliance.

**Motion carried. Member Cook abstained from the vote.**

President Ruggiero passed the gavel to Vice President Ferry to complete the meeting as he needed to be excused at this time.

## **13. Recommendation from the Subcommittee on Standing Rules and Procedures**

Standing Rules Subcommittee Chair Biggerstaff said the following recommendation would be brought to the October 8-9, 2009 meeting for a vote:

- The board may designate one meeting per year as a retreat.

- Cellular telephones, beepers and other audible electronic devices must be on silent mode during a meeting.
- The officers shall be elected annually from among the membership of the Board at the organization meeting of the Board in January and may serve for one or more years.
- Recognizing the need for Board members to have training and learning opportunities, each Board Member will be afforded the opportunity to attend at least one conference or training session of their choice in each fiscal year to be determined by funding capabilities.
- Add a K-12 Governance Committee and once a year a Standing Rules and Procedures Committee to the Committees.
- Delete section 4 of Task Forces; Study Groups.
- Understanding the basic function of a Board member is a “policy making,” not “administrative,” and discriminating intelligently between these two functions and as such understand and support the laws passed by the Legislature.
- Process for evaluation of the State Superintendent, which will be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of a calendar year. The Superintendent will be evaluated using the “General duties” for the State Superintendent position as outlined in NRS 385.175 and the most current adopted “Superintendent’s Work Plan.”
- Delete “at the Boards discretion the board may hold a closed personnel session for the purpose of the Superintendent’s Evaluation.”

**Member McKenna moved to approve the recommendations and that they be brought forward in October for review with the ability to approve or alter the considerations. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **14. Recommendation from the Subcommittee on Charter Schools**

Vice Chair Ferry stated the Subcommittee recommendation was to move forward with the proposed plans for an Office of Charter Schools within the Department.

Member Cook disclosed he is a member of a Charter School Governing Body, Sierra Crest, sponsored by Douglas County. He said he did not believe that would impede him from entering into a discussion or voting.

Discussion continued regarding the State Board sponsoring charter schools, and the Legislature’s role in creating a Charter School Institute.

**Member McKenna moved that the State Board recommend the Legislature consider creating a separate Charter School Institute which would have the governing authority regarding Charter Schools in a like manner as a school district with the State Board having the oversight for education. Member Biggerstaff seconded the motion.**

Discussion continued about moving forward with considering a Charter School Institute that would operate as a school district, with the State Board of Education overseeing all.

Member Cook asked if the motion could be amended to emphasis limiting a Charter School Institute to a sponsorship board of charter schools, and not to a regulatory capacity of charter schools.

Member McKenna accepted an alteration to his motion. He said the suggestion is that the Legislature consider the idea with the Board's recommendation, that charter schools have an independent sponsoring board such as a Charter Institute which relieves the Board from sponsorship from charter schools. However, the State Board has ultimate oversight over all education in the State of Nevada including charter schools in a new form of sponsorship. The seconder of the motion, Member Biggerstaff, agreed with the amended motion.

**A roll call vote was taken; Member Ferry voted no; Member Wallace voted yes; Member Biggerstaff voted yes; Member Bonaventura voted yes, Member Chaney voted yes; Member Cook voted yes; Member Hill was absent; Member McKenna voted yes, Member Wilkinson voted yes, President Ruggiero was absent. Motion carried with 7 yes, 1 no and 2 absent.**

#### **14. Recommendation from the Subcommittee on K-12 Governance**

Chair Ken McKenna stated the subcommittee meeting was engaging with much work to be done, that getting all education policy making centralized and under the control of the State Board is the ultimate objective. Part of the discussion was the Board needs to interact successfully with the 2011 Legislature and consider options, become actively involved with the ACR 2 Interim Legislative Subcommittee and other Legislative Education Committees.

**Chair McKenna moved to go forward with adopting the recommendation from the Subcommittee on K-12 Governance: In order to improve student achievement in the State of Nevada, that we as a Board actively engage with the Subcommittee authorized by Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2 (ACR 2) the Statutory Interim Committee on Education and other relevant Legislative committees, thereby working to achieve the Board model that creates with the concurrent regrouping of the work-arounds into the Board's purview with the ultimate authority, responsibility and accountability of supervising and improving the educational system of Nevada as the central policymaker and becoming experts on models of governance.** Discussion followed

**A second to the motion was not required. Motion carried.**

#### **16. Board Member/Public Comments**

Member Cook thanked the State Board for sending him to the NASBE conference in Washington D.C. He commented on the variety of governance structures throughout the states and how well they are or are not working is fascinating. He concluded Nevada has a good system.

Member Biggerstaff indicated her report on the July 16, 2009 Wested meeting was distributed to the Board.

Member Ferry said he received a recent 40 page publication from the Education Testing Service about standards. It outlines where Nevada is standing nationally in terms of educational standards. He indicated he would give a report about it at the next meeting.

Dr. Dotty Merrill, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards, provided copies of the tentative agenda for the School Board Orientation Part II, September 18-19, 2009 to the Board members. She said an invitation has been extended to a representative from the Oregon School Board Association

there whose focus is on superintendent evaluation, and asked the Board members to please join her at the orientation.

### **17. Future Agenda Items**

Member McKenna confirmed that possible action at the Board Retreat on Friday, August 14, 2009 would be to agendaize issues for the following meeting. He suggested that any future agenda items be postponed for the meeting on August 14, 2009.

### **18. Public Comments**

There were no public comment requests.

### **19. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 1:33 p.m. to resume on Friday, August 15, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. for the annual Retreat session.