

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

**August 11, 2010**

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Wallace, President  
Jan Biggerstaff, Member  
Gloria Bonaventura, Member  
Willia Chaney, Member  
Dave Cook, Clerk  
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Vice President  
Craig Wilkinson, Member  
Zhan Okuda-Lim, Student Representative

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Anthony Ruggiero, Member  
Charlotte Hill, Member

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services  
Greg Weyland, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services  
Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability, and Curriculum  
Mike Raponi, Assistant Director, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education  
Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools  
Donnell Barton, Director, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health  
Jerry Barbee, Director, Teacher Licensing  
Glenn Meyer, Director, Information Technology  
Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant to the State Board of Education  
Lori Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. James E. Irvin, Senior Deputy Attorney General  
Thoran Towler, Deputy Attorney General

**GUEST FACILITATOR:**

Dr. Meggin McIntosh, Emphasis on Excellence, Inc

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Peter Yeager, Educational Testing Service

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

President Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:02 p.m., with attendance as reflected above.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Wallace. Meggin McIntosh, PhD introduced herself as the facilitator for the Board Retreat. She remarked that Board members will be thinking and working as they participate in strategic exercises designed to assist in revising the Board's goals, vision and mission statement. Dr. McIntosh explained her intent is to renew and energize board members sense of importance about themselves, as an individual on the Board, as well as the Board and its importance as a whole.

Dr. McIntosh outlined the day's agenda:

- Talk about strategic planning and structure.
- Participate in a working lunch.
- Revisit and revise the vision and mission statement with discussions on wording.
- Goals/promises and how thinking shifts as goals becomes promises.
- Look at strategies to make the goals happen, and possible obstacles in the way.

Dr. McIntosh explained that they will be thinking about strategies and tactics, and then an action plan. She added that once the vision and mission statements are in place, other possibilities will present themselves and that will help to focus and prioritize. The vision comes true when the mission is fulfilled; the vision is the future and the mission is now.

Discussion continued throughout the day as Dr. McIntosh coached and guided the Board with exercises as they worked independently and in groups. In addition, she conducted a power point presentation that assisted the Board in outlining their objectives.

Dr. Rheault mentioned that Dr. McIntosh spoke about Board member turnover on an elective board, and asked how to integrate new board members into the mission and goals. Dr. McIntosh suggested that when a board member leaves a board, so does their knowledge and understanding of the process. She encouraged writing a letter to new members regarding what they should know to help them get started.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was recessed at 4:50 p.m.

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**August 12, 2010**

Department of Education  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Wallace, President  
Jan Biggerstaff, Member  
Gloria Bonaventura, Member  
Willia Chaney, Member  
Dave Cook, Member  
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Vice President  
Charlotte Hill, Member  
Craig Wilkinson, Member  
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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. James E. Irvin, Senior Deputy Attorney General - Carson City  
Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General - Las Vegas

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

**RECALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL;**

The meeting was recalled to order at 8:32 a.m. with attendance as reflected above.

President Wallace asked the Board for comment regarding the new vision and mission statement they worked on yesterday. The Board members continued to discuss specific wording and came to an agreement regarding the Board's vision:

*Inspiring a better educated Nevada through effective policies.*

Further Discussion occurred regarding the mission statement with input from members on the wording. Following much deliberation, the Board agreed with the following:

*The Nevada State Board of Education, working in partnership with the Nevada Department of Education, school districts, families and the community, serves as an advocate and leader for all learners by adopting, implementing, and evaluating policies that promote educational effectiveness, productivity, citizenship and personal satisfaction for students to be successful in the global economy.*

Discussions continued as the Board defined their goals:

1. Develop and follow a work plan to ensure State Board effectiveness.
2. Increase student proficiency in reading, mathematics, science and reading.
3. Improve graduation rate.
4. Insure college and career readiness when students graduate from high school.
5. Insure highly qualified and effective teachers and administrators are in Nevada's classrooms and schools
6. Support and expand innovative instructional programs.

President Wallace stated the Board will finalize and approve their new goals, vision and mission statement during the regular meeting tomorrow. He asked the Board members to work on strategies and tactics to accomplish these goals, and then bring their ideas to the October 7-8, 2010 meeting and discuss their plan to move forward.

There was no Board Member or Public comment.

There were no future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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And

Department of Education  
9890 South Maryland  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In Carson City:**

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Dr. Cliff Ferry, Vice President  
Jan Biggerstaff, Member  
Gloria Bonaventura, Member  
Willia Chaney, Member  
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Randi Hunewell, Consultant, CTE, NDE  
Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant to the State Board of Education  
Lori Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

**In Las Vegas:**

Melissa Scott, Consultant, Business & Marketing NDE

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Carson City:**

Dr. James E. Irvin, Senior Deputy Attorney General

**In Las Vegas:**

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**In Carson City:**

Mike Kazek, Nevada Virtual Academy  
Dr. Eugene T. Paslov  
Elizabeth Leiknes, Douglas County Schools  
Karen Heine, Douglas County Schools  
Shawn Novich, Douglas County Schools  
Danielle Campbell, Douglas County Schools  
Lindsay Knox, McDonald, Carano, Wilson  
Peter Yeager, Educational Testing Services  
Jerry DeLuca, Educational Testing Services  
Bryn Lapenta, Washoe County School District  
Barb Jacobson, Douglas County School District  
Karen Chessell, Douglas County School District  
Lisa Noonan, Superintendent, Douglas County School District  
Lyn Gorrindo, Assistant Superintendent, Douglas County School District  
Amy Page, UNLV Public Lands Institute  
Amanda Rowland, Southern Nevada Agency Partnership  
Jonathan Mueller, UNLV Public Lands Institute  
Allison Brody, UNLV Public Lands Institute  
Laurie Gray, Sierra Nevada Journeys  
Ryan Brock, Washoe County School District/UNR  
Jean Swenk, Nevada Connections Academy  
Josh Solomon, Nevada Connections Academy  
Ray Bacon, Nevada Manufacturing Association  
Gary Waters, Beacon Academy  
Alan Staggs, Silver State High School  
Cindy Talia, Silver State High School

**In Las Vegas:**

Shannon LaNeve, Clark County School District  
Stan Hall, Clark County School District  
Janice Routsong, Clark County School District  
Kris Carroll, Clark County School District  
Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District

**RECALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL;**

President Wallace called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., with attendance as reflected above.

**Member Ferry moved to approve a flexible agenda. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**President's Report**

President Wallace reported on the Western States Land Commissioners Association/C.L.A.S.S. conference that he attended in Kalispell, MT. He stated it was a very informative conference. Mr. Wallace said he worked with Ken Buhrmann and Natha Anderson, Washoe Education Association, to develop a plan to address the school trust lands issue through Bill Draft Request (BDR) 90 for the 2011 Nevada Legislative Session. The intention is to petition the federal government for two more parcels of land.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Rheault reported that the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports would be announced with a press release on Monday, August 16, 2010. Nevada school districts will have an opportunity to release their AYP results first. Because of increased proficiency levels, Dr. Rheault anticipates there will be more schools not attaining AYP.
- Dr. Rheault reported there are approximately 10 critical vacancies at the NDE that the Governor's office has approved to fill. However, it is required that the positions are offered at an entry level because of the hiring freeze. Qualified candidates who have years of experience are declining offers for these positions because of the step one entry-level wages. Dr. Rheault stated he is making an appeal with the Governor's office to approve hiring qualified candidates over step one.
- Dr. Rheault commented on the press coverage Nevada received for not making the final cut for Race to the Top (RTTT). Specifics will be released during the first week of September regarding why Nevada's application failed to compete with the other states.
- Dr. Rheault reported that the U.S. Senate added an amendment to the Education Jobs bill with \$10 billion earmarked for education at local school districts. Nevada could receive \$83 million to be used strictly for retaining and hiring new staff and filling eliminated positions within school districts. To qualify for the funds, the position must be for a principal, assistant principal, a dean, teachers including after school programs or summer school programs, literacy coaches, or even bus drivers and food service people located at a school site. The applications are due by September 9, 2010 and access to the funds should occur in September. If a school district does not expend all of their allocation this year, they can carry it over to 2012. It was made clear a state can recommend or suggest, but not direct how a school district uses the money. Governor Gibbons has said he will do anything he can to support the funding.

Member Cook inquired if any of the funds would be available for Charter Schools. Dr. Rheault replied there was no provision for state sponsored Charter schools.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Minutes:
  - Wednesday, May 12, 2010 Telephone Conference Meeting
  - Friday, May 14, 2010 Regular State Board Meeting
  - June 17, 2010 Subcommittee on Charter Schools
  - Friday, June 18, 2010 Regular State Board Meeting.
  
- Licensing/Relicensing of the following three Las Vegas Private Schools for four years: HSBC Family Center; Kids' Campus on Simmons Street; and Kids' on Tropicana Avenue. Also, it is recommended the following two year relicensing for the following Las Vegas School: Mountain Heights Montessori School as well as a new 2 year license for Merryhill School in Las Vegas.
- 2010-2017 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption list for the Adoption period August 14, 2010 to June 30, 2017, except for Douglas County SpringBoard
- Gifted and Talented Discretionary Units to Clark County School District FY11
- Special Education Discretionary Unit to Silver Sands Montessori Charter School for the 2010-2011 academic year
- Appointments to the special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
  - Sam Simatos – Special Education Administrators - Rural
  - Mary Bryant – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities
  - Brian Patchett – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities
  - Carleen Quinn – Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities

Member Ferry informed that there were members of the public who requested to speak concerning the Douglas County school district SpringBoard textbook adoption. He asked if the item should be separate from the consent agenda allowing for public comment. President Wallace agreed and recommended pulling the Douglas County textbook from the consent agenda for further discussion.

**Member Chaney moved to approve the consent agenda minus the Douglas County School District textbook. Member Bonaventura seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

President Wallace asked for public comment regarding the Douglas County school district textbook.

Karen Heine, Co-chair Douglas High School English Department, stated she has been a teacher in Douglas County since 1993, is a reader for both the state HSPE holistic exam and the AP English Language exam. She stated the quality of SpringBoard is questionable and recommends postponing or refusing its adoption based on NAC 390. Some of her concerns include:

- NAC 390.010 identifies how the review committee should be created and who should be included. The committees created to review the pilot were engineered to exclude some and include others based on their opinions of SpringBoard.
- The hour long, committee discussion was inadequate and could not offer the depth of analysis and summary expected in an evaluation.
- The time line does not meet the adoption period required or it was recommended prior to being voted on by the Douglas County School Board. The SpringBoard books are already in the classrooms.

- Revisions of an adopted text may be used if the revision does not add, subtract or change the areas of content. SpringBoard is revised and reproduced every year making it impossible to purchase the “adopted edition” for more than one year.

For these reasons, Ms. Heine urged the members of the State board to refuse to adopt the SpringBoard text.

Danielle Campbell, Middle School English Teacher, Douglas County, stated the implementation of a mandated, flawed product as a primary text undermines the education of their students, the ability of the teachers to teach and the overall positive climate in the classroom. Teachers then raised concerns about the inflexibility of its implementation. There was no method for determining the success or failure of SpringBoard at the middle school level. There were no guidelines, control groups or means of measurement.

Ms. Campbell cautioned that SpringBoard is a flawed primary text; it encourages mediocrity and panders to student interests rather than encouraging students to reach beyond their believed capabilities. She concluded that SpringBoard is a contentious product and its implementation in Douglas County has left a wake of distrust and discord.

Elizabeth Leiknes, English teacher for 14 years at Douglas County, stated the process in which SpringBoard was selected is inauthentic, incomplete and manipulated. The majority of English teachers feel SpringBoard is grossly lacking in text and they were never afforded a vote or allowed to compare it to other available products. The implementation of the product was heavy-handed, chosen and purchased without regard for the teaching staff. Ms. Leiknes explained the curriculum is suitable as a supplement, but not rigorous enough as a primary source of instruction. She added that as a parent she fears that if SpringBoard is adopted for potential statewide use, there will be no place left to ensure a quality, rigorous and classic education.

Lisa Noonan, Superintendent, Douglas County School District, said she is just finishing her second week on the job. Ms. Noonan explained this adoption process began two years ago. Middle schools used SpringBoard as a supplementary product the first year, with a formal application approved by NDE for it to be piloted this past school year. Rigorous testimony was taken at the Douglas County School Board in May and June. The decision was not made lightly. A vote of 5-2 in favor of adopting SpringBoard for school district programs in grades 7-11 was taken in June.

President Wallace asked why it was approved by the Douglas County School Board when the committee recommended to not approve the level 5, grade 10, pilot. Ms. Noonan responded that she was not in the board meetings but understood there was a large percentage of support for SpringBoard in the middle school levels. The school board was looking for continuity, consistency and vertical alignment throughout grades 7-11.

Member Cook stated he is very dismayed because Douglas County is his district and he did not receive any communication from teachers, administrators or local board members regarding their concerns on this issue. He said the credible presentations from teachers about the possible lack of rigor and quality and not adhering to the standards using this textbook raises serious questions. He suggested tabling the item to reevaluate the information on the quality of the document, then come back with evidence the committee has already compiled.

President Wallace said the Board will pull the agenda item and table it until the October board meeting. At that time, the public can come to the meeting and make comments regarding the adoption of the SpringBoard program.

#### **Possible Adoption of the Revision to Hospitality and Tourism Education Skills Standards**

Mike Raponi, Acting Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education presented the revision to the Hospitality and Tourism Education Skills Standards that were developed several years ago. Melissa Scott, Business and Marketing Education Consultant, Office of Career, Technical Adult Education explained that the major updates added to the standards were event planning and convention planning services, which are 21<sup>st</sup> century employable skills. Ms. Scott added that changes to NAC would not be required.

In response to Member Biggerstaff's question if students could receive college credits for the courses, Ms. Scott responded yes they would.

#### **Member Biggerstaff made a motion to adopt the Revision to the Hospitality and Tourism Education Skill Standards. Member Bonaventura seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### **Update on the Development and Implementation of the CTE Program of Study**

Mike Raponi, Acting Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (CTE) informed the Board that CTE has undertaken a significant initiative to organize all career and technical education courses in high school into Programs of Study. A single page document will be created for each program of study aligning each grade course work with post-secondary career opportunities and certifications that can be earned as a result of the program of study. Using funds granted under the Carl Perkins Act, NDE's first priority was to establish a common set of parameters in conjunction with school districts and colleges to focus on development of these various programs of study.

The goal is to give students a clear road map for career options with choices available to them through the post secondary credentials. These programs of study will show students how they can take coursework that will mean something in terms of employment and a career that can be earned in 12-18 months. Not only will this be used as a stepping stone for a student that might not be considering a far reaching four year degree, but an impetus to continue their education past high school.

Member Ferry asked what programs of study are available other than the samples given for the Graphic Arts and Culinary Arts program. Mr. Raponi responded there are over 30 skill standards developed for areas as wide ranging as agriculture to hospitality and tourism.

Dr. Rheault stated that this is an exciting program and now all school districts must work with their ninth graders on a 4-year plan. This makes great strides in putting Career Tech education on an even level with college readiness

#### **Presentation of the Nevada Environmental Literacy Plan**

Richard Vineyard, Science Consultant, introduced Dr. Allison Brody, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Public Lands Institute, and defined Environmental Literacy as the capacity to perceive, understand and interpret environmental systems and to have the knowledge, skills and motivation to

maintain and improve the health of those environmental systems. Environmental literacy is achieved through environmental education..

Jonathan Mueller, Sierra Nevada Journeys said Nevada is faced with a unique and powerful opportunity given the bipartisan support for the “No Child Left Inside” legislation before congress. That legislation provides up to \$2 million per state for states that embark on an Environmental Literacy Plan. The bill strengthens and expands environmental education and reconnects children with nature.

Kristoffer Carrol, Clark County School District said there are four key elements to Nevada’s Environmental Literacy Plan:

1. Design of the Core Concepts and Benchmarks;
2. Recommendation for integration of environmental literacy core concepts into High School Environmental Science Courses;
3. Recommendations for professional development;
4. Opportunities to support education beyond the classroom.

Dr. Vineyard stated the purpose of this information is to raise the Board’s awareness of environmental issues and the Environmental Literacy Plan in the State. In addition, they wanted to provide the Board with an opportunity to give feedback on the plan. After receiving feedback from the Board and the public, the Environmental Literacy Plan or “Greenprint” will be brought back to the Board for formal approval. Criteria for applying for funding to support environmental education would have to be adopted by the State Board of Education.

Member Ferry said that he represents most of the rural counties in Nevada and lives in Elko. The majority of the citizens in rural Nevada are not excited about environmental education because of the political and economic structure of the issues, Mr. Mueller responded that environmental education teaches how to think, not what to think. He added an Environmental Literary Summit was held with a range of teachers that provided feedback in Lamoille Canyon two years ago.

Member Cook stated he was impressed and asked what their strategy is for introducing environmental literacy into classroom curriculums. Mr. Mueller responded that environmental education should be integrated to include mathematics, science, literacy and social studies.

Further discussion occurred regarding introducing the Environmental Literacy Plan into school curriculums.

### **WORKSHOP to Solicit Comments for new Regulation to R132-10; NAC 389 Health Science Standards**

President Wallace opened the workshop at 3:45 p.m. There were 13 individuals in attendance in Carson City and 4 individuals in attendance in Las Vegas.

Mike Raponi, Acting Director, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education presented the new Health Science Standards. Mr. Raponi stated these standards are a step forward reflecting rigor and relevance for health science programs.

Randi Hunewill, Health Sciences Consultant, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education discussed the team of 15 members representing all areas of the health science occupations including people from business industry, teachers in the field and administrators needing to hire candidates entering the health industry. The health science field is new and the fastest growing field at the Career Tech office. When the Department of Labor released their quarterly winter report, it noted that 85% of new occupations are in health occupations. Standards need to be provided for the rapidly growing health science programs in the high schools. The Career Tech department has been concentrating on developing programs of study, which is a sequencing of two or more classes and addresses two levels of instruction. The team working on the standards to help fill the need for health science programs were from all areas of the state.

There was no public comment. President Wallace closed the workshop at 4:10 p.m.

**WORKSHOP to Solicit Comments on Revisions to Regulations, NAC 387.193, Pupil Enrolled in Program of Distance Education**

President Wallace opened the Workshop at 3:53 p.m. There were 13 individuals in attendance in Carson City and 6 individuals in attendance in Las Vegas.

Dr. Rheault gave background regarding when the formal distance education programs first began in 2002 and students did course work at home but were required to come in for at least one meeting per day to verify attendance. Distance education technology has radically changed over the years. Most distance education schools are 100 percent true distance education programs where students complete their work from an offsite location and never set foot in a school building. This necessitates that regulations are updated with the current procedures. Dr. Rheault explained the NDE held meetings with distance education providers regarding the suggested changes.

Dr. Rheault discussed NAC 387.193 and the proposed amendments. He explained there would still be a statutory requirement that teachers in distance education programs must communicate with students, but that communication will no longer be used to determine enrollment and attendance. The change states *the pupils' name is included in the school district or charter school's electronic learning management system or master register of enrollment and attendance*. The *electronic learning management system* is how the distance education providers will monitor student enrollment and attendance.

Students that were enrolled the last week prior to count day was an additional concern. It is difficult to enroll a student one or two days before count day and the law states, a student must be present for one day prior to count day to be counted for funding purposes. This became a critical issue about verifying attendance with the proposed changes and now distance education providers have an opportunity to enroll pupils with flexibility to prove the student is enrolled for attendance. In addition, a change in wording was made from *has completed work* to *evidence of work progression by the pupil*. Dr. Rheault said a higher standard is needed in distance education to prove there is a pupil doing course work

Dr. Rheault explained section 1, paragraph (b)(c) addresses requirements that will be used to determine whether the student is counted on count day for payment purposes. Section two addresses how schools or school districts will account for students attending classes and progressing with their

course work. Assuring a student is enrolled and taking courses is a delicate balance with accountability.

Member Cook disclosed that during the 2009-2010 school year he was employed as a part time math instructor at a state sponsored on-line distance education charter school, Beacon Academy. He stated he would not engage in discussions or vote on the item.

Mike Kazek, Head of School, Nevada Virtual Academy stated that along with many Charter Schools, he supports the proposed Temporary Regulation.

Alan Staggs, Principal, Silver State Charter School stated he is very pleased with the Proposed Temporary Regulation but feels strongly that in Section 1, III and Section 2, (b) the wording should read *licensed teacher* rather than *licensed personnel*.

Gary Waters, Executive Director, Beacon Academy pointed out that in Section 2 it should read courses rather than course, and suggested the term licensed personnel is essential. He stated that he is in full support of the proposed temporary regulation.

Bryn Lapenta, WCSD stated she fully supports the proposed temporary regulation as it is written.

The Workshop closed at 10:03 a.m.

**Review of the current list of Bill Draft Requests (BDR) submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the 2011 Legislative Session.**

Dr. Rheault stated approximately 200 Bill Draft Requests (BDR) have been submitted for the 2011 Legislative Session. They have not been written into bills yet, but there is a list of titles. Dr. Rheault discussed various bills on the list related to education and stated that the first bills on the list are bills submitted in previous legislative sessions. Many of the senators sponsoring bills are term limited, which will result in their bills not being heard. The Legislative Committee on Education has submitted eight bills. He noted the Legislative Committee to Study the Governance and Oversight of the System of K-12 Education (ACR 2) submitted only one bill, BDR 94. The NDE has submitted four BDR's that were discussed at the May 14, 2010 State Board meeting. They will be forwarded or denied in the next few weeks.

Student Representative Okuda-Lim commented on BDR 68, which came from the Youth Legislature. The bill would amend the state constitution to remove the prohibition against a lottery and inserts language that states the legislature may make a lottery with funds used only toward education minus the cost of the lottery. It would be a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment.

Jason Unger, Senator Reid's Office, spoke about the \$10 billion nationwide jobs bill. Nevada's share would be approximately \$83 million.

The meeting was recessed at 4:33 p.m. until Friday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m.

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Robin Pawley, Assistant Director, Federal Programs  
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**In Las Vegas:**

Diana Hollander, Program Officer, Pupil Transportation

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

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Steve Knight, Silver State School  
John Matsis, Beacon Academy

**In Las Vegas:**

Nicole Rourke, Clark County School District  
Craig Stevens, Nevada State Education Association  
Lamont Smothers, Clark County School District  
Feyzi Tandogan, Coral Academy Las Vegas  
Clairin DeMartini, Provost Academy Las Vegas

**RECALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL;**

President Wallace recalled the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m., with attendance as reflected above.

**Recommendation on the Resubmission of the Provost Academy Charter School Application**

Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools, stated he recommends the Board approve a Subsection 7 charter for Provost Academy of Nevada. At the June 2010 State Board meeting the Board provided an opportunity for Provost Academy to resubmit their application. Mr. Canavero explained he met with Tom McCormack, Charter School Consultant, Dr. Rheault and members from Provost Committee to Form as well as Edison Learning, on July 1, 2010, to discuss the changes needed to their application. A phone conference was held with Provost Academy on July 12, 2010 when they presented further edits and changes made to the application. The NDE received the application on August 2, 2010 and reviewed the application for completeness and compliance using the findings from the December 2, 2009 letter as a guide. Mr. Canavero addressed the following items from the December 2, 2009 letter that have been corrected and are now complete and compliant:

- Disabilities education
- Enrollment lottery
- Curriculum
- Budget
- Financial plan
- Contractor information

Member Cook disclosed that he is an employee of the Beacon Academy, a state sponsored charter school. He said he would abstain from voting.

**Member Biggerstaff made a motion to approve the resubmission of the Provost Academy Charter School application for a Subsection 7 Charter. Member Chaney seconded the motion. The motion carried. Member Cook abstained.**

**Approval of Nevada Inservice School Bus Driver Training Manual**

Diana Hollander, Program Officer, Pupil Transportation presented the Nevada School Bus Driver Training Manual. Ms. Hollander addressed minor corrections that needed to be made to the manual before approval.

**Member Cook made a motion to approve the 2010 Nevada School Bus Driver Training Manual as revised. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Approval of the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget including priorities of Government Base Budget Review**

Grey Weyland, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services, presented the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget. The NDE has worked with the Department of Taxation, the Budget Office and the Legislative Counsel Bureau to review current revenue projections. Mr. Weyland explained the NDE budget request is based on input from school districts anticipated expenditures and targets provided from the Governor's Budget Office. Mr. Weyland continued to give a detailed explanation of the 2011-2013 Pass-Thru Budget, which is due to be submitted on September 1, 2010.

Dr. Rheault further explained state agencies have been instructed to complete a base budget minus 10 percent. Future talks will likely occur regarding cuts beyond 10 percent to arrive at estimated revenue projections.

Member Biggerstaff inquired about the lack of mining proceeds in FY12 for the Distributive School Account. Mr. Weyland replied that in the past, to help balance the budget, they used future taxes collected on projections. Unless changed, there will be a year with substantially less taxes as they go back to the regular cycle of collecting taxes.

Craig Stevens, Nevada State Education Association asked the Board to reject the budget, send it back to the Governor and ask him to fully fund education across the state. He recognized that we are in tough economic times, however Nevada ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in per pupil spending and education is a priority as well as a constitutional mandate.

Member Chaney asked how much the 10 percent cut would affect the NDE performance to deliver adequate education and if there are further cuts, how will the NDE meet their goals. Dr. Rheault responded that 60 percent or more of the NDE funding for staff is federal and school district budgets receive about 6 percent of federal funding for staff. The NDE has been affected with reductions such as required furlough days of one per month, overtime must be limited, and approved vacant employee positions require qualified candidates be hired at the first step level. The result is people are declining positions; staff is on furloughs and cannot work overtime to keep up with the mandated workload.

**Member Biggerstaff made a motion to approve the draft 2011-2013 Biennial Budget including Priorities of Government Base Budget Review. Member Chaney seconded the motion.**

Member Ferry inquired if a clause could be included to voice the Board's concerns about the budget and to approve the draft budget with great reluctance.

Member Biggerstaff agreed and asked to include a protest that the budget needs to be changed.

Member Cook stated it is a regretful situation, public discussions by the candidates for governor are not taking place and the reality is 10 percent is just a starting point for cuts. He added he is afraid that education will be faced with much deeper cuts, and the result will be that K-12 and higher education will be decimated if higher cuts occur.

Dr. Rheault explained that the Governor must submit a balanced budget and part of that budget is the Distributive School Account. After the final numbers are available in December 2010, his balanced budget will be submitted to the Legislature. The Legislature can modify the budget however, they choose.

Student Representative Okuda-Lim stated he is very distraught with the budget cuts and fears that 10 percent will only be a starting point for deeper cuts. He said he fully supports any action by the Board to officially protest the cuts by sending a letter to the Governor's office.

**The motion carried.**

**Member Cook made a motion to send a letter to the Governor and the two candidates for Governor protesting the budget cuts to education.**

In response to Member Ferry's question if he would be writing the letter, President Wallace said that he would. Member Ferry urged that the letter should be addressed to the candidates of state office, particularly because Governor Gibbons will be leaving office the end of 2010.

Member Cook accepted Member Ferry's suggestions as an amendment to his motion.

**Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING** and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R070-10; NAC 387.345 – Hold Harmless Affect on Calculating Basic Support

President Wallace opened the Public Hearing at 9:50 a.m. There were 6 individuals in attendance in Las Vegas, and 13 individuals in attendance in Carson City.

Dr. Rheault explained this regulation was submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau prior to the interim regulation period, and will become permanent if adopted today. Language was added to the regulation to clarify which school counts a student when a transfer is involved. It also clarifies enrollment of pupils in a charter school residing in and out of the school district in which the charter school is located.

There was no public comment. President Wallace closed the hearing at 9:53 a.m.

Member Cook disclosed that he is an employee of Beacon Academy; a state sponsored charter school, and will abstain from voting.

**Member Chaney made a motion to adopt R070-10 for NAC 387.345 Hold Harmless Affect on Calculating Basic Support. Member Bonaventura seconded the motion. The motion carried. Member Cook abstained.**

**PUBLIC HEARING** and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Amendments to R071-10; NAC 386 – regarding Charter Schools limiting enrollment in certain instances; information for initial enrollment of a new Charter School; conversion of a Charter issued pursuant to Subsection 7 or NRS 386.527 to a Charter issued pursuant to Subsection 5 of NRS 386.527; amending Written Charters terms of Educational Management Organization (EMO) contracts; Evaluations and Reports of EMO's

President Wallace opened the hearing at 9:53 a.m. There were 6 individuals in attendance in Las Vegas and 13 individuals in attendance in Carson City.

Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools stated the workshop for this regulation was heard on May 14, 2010. The only change made since, is an exclusion of section 4 of the original draft that dealt with the Superintendent's ability to authorize a Subsection 7 charter to go to a full charter for facility purposes. That portion was removed by LCB noting the NRS was not specific enough for authority to be delegated.

There was no public comment. President Wallace closed the hearing at 9:56 a.m.

Member Cook disclosed that he is an employee of Beacon Academy; a state sponsored charter school, and will abstain from voting.

**Member Biggerstaff made a motion to adopt NAC 386 regarding Charter Schools limiting enrollment in certain instances; information for initial enrollment of a New Charter School; conversion of a Charter issued pursuant to Subsection 7 of NRS 386.527 to a Charter issued pursuant to Subsection 5 of NRS 386.537; amending Written Charters terms of Educational Management Organization (EMO) contracts; Evaluations and Reports of EMO's. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Member Cook abstained.**

**PUBLIC HEARING** and possible Board Adoption of Proposed Temporary Regulation, NAC 387.193, Pupil Enrolled in Program of Distance Education.

President Wallace opened the hearing at 10:07 a.m. There were 3 individuals in attendance in Las Vegas and 15 individuals present in Carson City.

Dr. Rheault explained the regulation was submitted after July 1, 2010, during the interim regulation period. If the regulation is adopted today, it will be a temporary regulation. It will have full effect but will need to come back after the 2011 Legislative Session. Dr. Rheault gave a quick review of the regulation for permanent approval from yesterday's Workshop.

Member Cook disclosed that he is an employee of Beacon Academy; a state sponsored charter school, and will abstain from voting

Member Biggerstaff inquired about the auditors being brought up to date, and Dr. Rheault introduced Suzanne Etter, who replaced Al Kenneson as auditor at the NDE.

Mike Kazek, Nevada Virtual Academy stated he is in full support of the regulation and prefers the language of licensed personnel because it includes school psychologists, counselors and special education teachers. He explained that when students log into the computer system that will give real time attendance.

President Wallace closed the hearing at 10:13 a.m.

**Member Biggerstaff made a motion to adopt NAC 387.193, as a temporary regulation, Pupil enrolled in program of distance education. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Member Cook abstained.**

### **Report from the Governor's Office**

Stacy Woodbury, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, reported that although the Governor was disappointed that Nevada was not a finalist in RTTT, he was pleased with the work the NDE had done and said he is committed to working with the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF). The Governor will continue to pursue reforming education in Nevada throughout the remainder of his term.

Ms. Woodbury stated the Governor issued a press release regarding the new Education Jobs (EduJobs) bill passed by Congress and his staff is moving forward with the application for funds. The Governor would like to use the funds for more services for children in the classroom. Nevada could receive \$83 million from the Education Jobs bill.

Student Representative Okuda-Lim asked if there if there was any additional information with student representation on the BRTF. Ms. Woodbury responded that she sent an email communication to the chair of the task force, and will make a point to follow up on the communication.

Student Representative Okuda-Lim expressed his concerns about the further cuts to education he has seen over the past two years. He stated that unless Nevada has an adequately educated work force and populous, there will not be a good citizenry to help Nevada get out of the economic situation. He said there must be funding for education, which is the key to a successful future. Ms. Woodbury responded the Governor's mantra is *education is the intellectual infrastructure of Nevada's future*. She agreed Nevada must have a skilled and trained work force.

**PUBLIC HEARING** and possible Board action regarding Hearing of Petition and Recommendation for Suspension or Revocation of the Nevada Teacher's License for Bevelyn R. Smothers

Dr. Rheault stated this case involves an irregularity in the testing program and the penalties for these type of offenses can be suspension and even revocation of a teacher license.

Dr. Ed Irvin, Senior Deputy Attorney General, stated this issue is regarding a principal who called 5-8 students into an office to finish incomplete responses on a math test. This is a serious offense because it destroys the integrity of the test. He stated that the NDE is recommending a 100-day suspension contained in a settlement agreement. Because of scheduling conflicts, Ms. Smothers did not take the training that emphasized avoiding similar behaviors. Ms. Smothers agreed she should have known better and she has resigned. Dr. Irvin said he feels the settlement agreement is sufficient and suggests by way of recommendation to follow the settlement agreement.

**Member Cook made a motion to follow the recommendation contained in the Settlement Agreement for a 100-day suspension for the teacher license of Bevelyn R. Smothers. Member Ferry seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### **Review and Possible Action from the State Board Retreat Discussions**

President Wallace stated the Board had a very productive Retreat on August 11-12, 2010. The Board worked on a new Vision and Mission Statement along with six new goals. The new Vision Statement is:

*Inspiring a better educated Nevada through effective policies*

The new Board Mission Statement is:

*The Nevada State Board of Education, working in partnership with the Nevada Department of Education, school districts, families and the community, serves as an advocate and leader for all learners by adopting, implementing, and evaluating policies that promote educational effectiveness, productivity, citizenship and personal satisfaction for students to be successful in the global economy.*

**Member Cook made a motion to accept the vision and mission statement. Member Bonaventura seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

The Board discussed and agreed on wording changes for their goals. President Wallace listed the new goals:

1. Develop and follow a work plan to ensure State Board Effectiveness.
2. Increase student proficiency in reading, mathematics, science and writing.
3. Improve graduation rate.
4. Insure college and career readiness when students graduate from high school.
5. Insure highly qualified and effective teachers and administrators are in Nevada's classrooms and schools.
6. Support and expand innovative instructional programs.

**Member Ferry made a motion to accept the goals as slightly revised. Member Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

President Wallace recommended the Board develop strategies and tactics to execute the goals with the assistance of the department and bring them to the October 7-8, 2010 State Board meeting. Department staff will help the Board to identify strategies and tactics to accomplish these goals and will help to work on the goals to assure they are measureable and realistic.

Dr. Rheault added staff can help on wording ideas for the strategies, and bring ideas on how to increase the graduation rate to the next Board meeting. The Board can choose to use all of them or prioritize which to focus on. He added department staff can compile suggestions for each of the goals. Member Ferry stated he would work on a mini-plan for the first goal and bring it to the October meeting.

Dr. Rheault stated Thursday afternoon, October 7, 2010 could be reserved as a continuation of the Board Retreat for discussions.

President Wallace stated he would like Board members to work on their own to develop strategies and tactics for these goals and bring them to the October 7-8, 2010 Board Meeting for discussion. Then the Board members can work together and define the best ideas that should move forward to accomplish their goals.

Member Biggerstaff suggested that Board members email their ideas to the department and a list could be compiled as a starting point for the October Board meeting.

#### **Board Member/Public Comments**

Member Bonaventura said it was a good retreat. She added that board members had not been communicating well and the retreat helped them work together in a productive way.

Member Chaney said it was a great retreat and Meggin McIntosh, PhD was dynamic. The way Dr. McIntosh presented the materials and allowed the board to work together as well as on their own was very effective.

Member Cook echoed the previous sentiments. Great choices and decisions were made at the retreat. He expressed concern about the financial situation and said he feared 10 percent cuts are just the beginning.

Member Ferry said he was unable to attend the last two meetings and was glad to be back for the very productive retreat. He reported that he attended the study group with NASBE regarding how public schools can work with the Army services and help with educational programs. Member Ferry expressed how effective Dr. McIntosh was in inspiring the Board members to work on their vision and mission statements. He said it also helped that the Board worked without Dr. McIntosh the following day.

Member Wilkinson thanked the staff, said it was his best meeting, and appreciated how the Board members were able to work together.

Dr. Rheault suggested the Board send the adopted vision and mission statement to the candidates running for board vacancies and invite them to the October Board meeting for the continuation of the retreat discussion allowing them to view the process.

There were no public comments.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

Member Biggerstaff requested a Charter Subcommittee meeting in December and added she would like to include a discussion regarding the use of EMO's in charter schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.