

REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, June 23, 2011
3:00 p.m.

-AGENDA-

The public is hereby noticed that the Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education reserves the right to take agenda items out of posted order, with the exception of public hearings. A time for public comment is provided at the conclusion of the meeting. The Board President reserves the right to call on individuals from the audience or to allow for public comment at any time. Individuals providing testimony must fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the Board Assistant. Upon receipt from the Board Assistant, the President will make reasonable judgment as to the time limit for each speaker. Time limit: A time limit (three minutes) will be imposed on public testimony by the Board President in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Board. Speakers are encouraged and urged to avoid the repetition of comments made by previous speakers.

Call to order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance; Approval of Agenda (Chris Wallace, President) (*Action*)

1. President's Report (Chris Wallace, President) (*Information/Discussion*)
 - Legislative Updates
 - NASBE August 11-12 Common Core Implementation Conference
2. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction) (*Information/Discussion*)
 - Introduction of Interim Deputy Superintendent, Donnell Barton
3. Approval of Consent Agenda (Chris Wallace, President) (*Information/Discussion/Action*) *Information concerning the following consent agenda items has been forwarded to Board members for study prior to the meeting. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, items are approved at one time by the Nevada State Board of Education.*
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - May 13, 2011 Regular Meeting
 - B. Approval of Licensing of a new Reno School - Kindergarten @ The Goddard School, Somersett for a two year period.
Approval of Relicensing for the two Reno Blue Kangaroo Kindergartens for a two-year period.
Approval of Relicensing of the following Las Vegas Schools: Kids R Kids #5 and Kids' Co-op for four-year periods.
 - C. Appoint nominees to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners, per Section 1902 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2011, to advise the State on Title I issues.
 - Kara Maddox - Local Education Agency
 - Robert Mayer - School Board Member
 - D. Appoint the following nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee
(See support document for list of names)
4. Approval of request for dual-credit courses offered by DeVry University to Nevada State High School (Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction) (*Information/Discussion/Action*)

5. Approval of Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Renaissance Academy Charter School (Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) *(Information/Action)*
6. Approval of Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Discovery Charter School (Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) *(Information/Action)*
7. Approval of Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Willie H Brooks SOAR Academy Charter School (Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) *(Information/Action)*
8. Approval of Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter of the Oasis Charter School (Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) *(Information/Action)*
9. Review of K-12 related bills passed during the 2011 Legislative Session (Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction) *(Information/Discussion)*

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Friday, June 24, 2011
8:30 a.m.

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Upon reconvening, Department of Education staff and/or other individuals will present information on the following items for Board discussion and possible action. A time for public comment is provided at the conclusion of the meeting. The Board President reserves the right to call on individuals from the audience or to allow for public comment at any time. Individuals providing testimony must fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the Board Assistant. Time limit: A time limit (three minutes) will be imposed on public testimony by the board President in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Board.

Recall to order; Roll Call (Chris Wallace, President)

10. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Report (Karen Taycher, Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee) *(Information/Discussion)*
11. Overview of the NDE Office of Assessment, Program Accountability, and Curriculum (APAC) (Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessment Program Accountability and Curriculum) *(Information/Discussion)*
12. Presentation of the Nevada Growth Model of Achievement (Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum) *(Information/Discussion)*
13. Update on Imagine School in the Valle (Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) *(Information/Discussion)*

14. Presentation of Proposed Purchase of Real Property for Silver State Charter School (Steve Knight, Executive Director, Superintendent SSCS, Sue Cocking, Governing Body President, SSCS, and Dr. Steve Canavero, Director, Office of Charter Schools) (*Information/Discussion/Action*)

- a. SSCS has presented materials in the form of almost one thousand pages, which may constitute an application for approval of the use of public money to purchase real property or buildings with the approval of SSCS's sponsor, the Board, pursuant to NRS 386.550(1)(k), which states: "A charter school shall:... Refrain from using public money to purchase real property or buildings without the approval of the sponsor." The materials may also constitute an application for the approval of a security interest in the property, buildings, equipment and facilities to the State of Nevada, pursuant to NRS 386.550(1)(k) and NRS 386.570(8).
- b. Representatives of SSCS may have the opportunity to describe, discuss, and explain the written materials provided by them and may make requests concerning them, but only as is consistent with this agenda item.
- c. The Board may consider whether or not the materials and the presentation constitute a sufficient application to proceed. SSCS was informed by a letter dated May 19, 2011 from Dr. Steve Canavero, which provided guidance related to this agenda item. It described the requirements for this matter, as follows:

As a practical matter, I suggest SSCS submit their materials to the Board in the form of a packet to be included as their submitted Board support documents. Silver State Charter Schools' packet should be a complete copy of what SSCS wants to present, including an index to facilitate referencing. At the Board hearing SSCS will need to identify and authenticate each part of the packet. It might be noted that Mr. Blanck discussed materials that may have been submitted to Department staff in various submittals. Mr. Blanck should be able to advise you concerning how to accomplish this submission under NRS Chapter 233B. The Board will be required to consider substantial evidence that the security interest and the full transaction are appropriate for approval.

The submitted materials are not sufficient as submitted to comply with the requirements for approval. If the submitted materials are not authenticated, then they will not be considered. If the materials are not supplemented and explained, then the Board or the President may pull this agenda item from the agenda. If they are determined to be sufficient to proceed, then the matter will continue.

There are two significant issues of concern. 1. The presented material contains "Proposed security interest to be approved" on pages 883 to 913, which are insufficient for this particular concern. 2. By a letter dated June 1, 2011 from Jeffrey S. Blanck, Mr. Blanck on pages 915 to 918 appears to argue that the approval process is not as described in this agenda item. It appears that he is making the assertion on behalf of SSCS. If SSCS does not intend to proceed as outlined in this agenda item, then the Board or the President may pull this agenda item from the agenda.

- d. Department staff may discuss and describe the written materials and may present a recommendation or several recommendations related to the materials presented by SSCS or on behalf of SSCS, which may also relate to the possible presentation from SSCS described above explaining those materials.
- e. There is a possibility that the Board may consider conditional approval of part or all of this agenda item.
- f. Findings of fact may be made related to these issues leading to conclusions of law.

15. Update on August Board Retreat (Chris Wallace, President) (*Information/Discussion*)
16. Public Comment
17. Board Member Comment
18. Future Agenda Items
19. Adjournment