

Nevada State Board of Education

Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education

ACTION REPORT

JUNE 13-14, 2008

Marcia Washington, President
Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction

On Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14, 2008, the State Board met at the Department of Education, 1820 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, with a video conference to the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, for presentations and discussions at their regular Board meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 3:28 p.m. by Vice President Anthony Ruggiero in the absence of President Washington. Mr. Ruggiero introduced the new student representative, Becky Childs. Becky is a junior at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno.

Jodi Stephens, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor, brought greetings from the Governor's Office and shared that the Governor announced a special called legislative session to begin on Monday, June 23, 2008, regarding the financial matters of the state. She asked the Board for their suggestions regarding the shortfall. She encouraged the Board to send their suggestions directly to her via email prior to the special session.

Superintendent Rheault gave an update of the Commission on Educational Excellence meeting of May 13; P-16 Council meeting of May 14; and the Legislative Committee on Education meeting of May 22. He asked Deputy Superintendent Gloria Dopf to give an update of the Parental Involvement Council Meeting of May 16. Dr. Rheault reported that the May 16th Commission on Educational Technology was cancelled. He gave a brief update of the Governor's Cabinet meeting held on June 12th.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of August 16-18, 2007, November 30-December 1, 2007, and January 25-26, 2008; Minutes of October 2007 were pulled for revisions and will be revisited during the 2008 August meeting.
- Board Member Anthony Ruggiero's travel in July to the National Association of School Boards of Education conference in Virginia.
- The 2008-2015 Elementary and Secondary textbook adoption lists for the Adoption period June 16, 2008 to June 30, 2015.
- Relicensing the following Las Vegas area schools for two years: Citibank Family Center and Kids' Campus Learning Center on Simmons Street. Also, to relicense the following Las Vegas area schools for four years: Academy for Learning, Alexander Dawson School, All Saints' Day School, Challenger School at Lone Mountain, Grace Christian Academy in Boulder City and Kids' Campus Learning Center on Tropicana Avenue/

The Board approved the Nevada Alternate Scales of Academic Achievement-Revised (NASAA-R) Cut Score.

The Board approved the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) Science Cut Score as recommended by the Standard Setting Committee and proposed by Assessment, Program Accountability & Curriculum staff.

An update was given by Bill Arensdorf, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability, on the application of Imagine School at Mountain View Charter School, Las Vegas.

The request of dual credit courses for Washoe County School District was granted for all courses 100 and 200 level courses only; remedial courses excluded. The vote carried with one opposing vote.

The 2008 Nevada School Bus Driver Training Manual was approved by the six board members present.

The Board approved the revisions to the State Textbook Adoption Program for 2009 covering both the elementary and secondary textbook alignments to the State Content Standards with a revision clause to be added to give the State Superintendent authority to approve requests received under the 60 day requirement.

The Emeritus Status to the Nevada State Board of Education was discussed and will be revisited at the August, 2008 meeting.

On **Saturday, June 14, 2008** Vice President Ruggiero recalled the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of the Conversion of the Subsection 7 Charter to a full charter for Nevada Insight Charter School was given by the Board to be issued upon receipt of revised insurance forms. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried with 6 yes and 2 no votes.

Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent, gave an update of the 2010-2011 Biennial Budget including prioritization of enhancements and identification of possible budget reductions. The Board approved the enhancements as listed with the exclusion of 8 positions and one salary increase item. The motion carried with one abstaining vote.

The Board held **PUBLIC HEARINGS** to revoke the Nevada Teacher's License for:

- Mark R. Zana, Case #08-03
- Carl E. Leiner, Case #08-01
- Phillip J. Depaoli, Case #08-02

The Board held a **PUBLIC HEARING** to solicit comments on adoption of proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 388 special education regulations - LCB File No. R064-08. Motion to approve the regulations carried unanimously.

An update of the application to a full charter for Imagine School in the Valle Charter School, Las Vegas was received by the Board.

Superintendent Keith Rheault presented an overview of his position as outlined in NRS 385.175 regarding the "General Duties" and the Department's 2007-2008 Accomplishments Report for a mid-term appointment evaluation as requested by the Board.

Board Member Comments were given.

The Board discussed future agenda items, including the August Retreat Session.

No Public Comments were given.

The next scheduled meeting of the Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education will be held Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, 2008, at the Department of Education, at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City.