

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BOARD ROOM
700 EAST FIFTH STREET
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

Minutes

March 18, 2008

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bart Mangino, Chairperson-Las Vegas Location
David Flatt, Member- Las Vegas Location
Jhone Ebert, Member- Las Vegas Location
Sara Jones, Member
Dori Jensen, Member
Bill Slentz, Member
Senator Mike Schneider, Member- Las Vegas Location
Assemblyman Mo Denis, Member- Las Vegas Location
Keith Rheault, Ex-Officio

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Bass, Member
Ed Anderson, Member
Jeffrey Johnston, Member
Dan Stockwell, Ex-Officio

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. James R. Wells, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Kim Vidoni, Educational Technology Consultant
Christina Borino, Grants & Project Analyst
Jane Crawford, Administrative Assistant

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Carson City Location:

Kendall Hartley, UNLV
Alan Medeiros, Lyon County School District
Jerry Atkins, Storey County School District
Ji Wang, Douglas County School District
Janice Towns, Carson City School District
Joe Elcano, Washoe County School District
Phillip Seager, Pershing County School District

Las Vegas Location:

Dr. Brian Saffle, Clark County School District
Craig Stevens, NSEA
Lee Solonche, Las Vegas PBS
Jennifer Peterson, Clark County School District
Pamela Jones-Jernigan, Clark County School District
Charles Sinicki, CPD

Ely Location:

Mathew Thompson, White Pine County School District
Jennifer Farnworth, White Pine County School District
Caroline McIntosh, White Pine County School District

Winnemucca Location:

Jackie Kingston, Humboldt County School District

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bart Mangino called the meeting of the Commission on Educational Technology to order at 2:05 P.M.

1. Roll Call:

Members who were present and absent are listed above.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: (Location on Tape 1: 0124)

A motion was made by Commissioner David Flatt to approve previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sara Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on the progress of the Educational Technology Needs Assessment Grant awarded to UNLV: (Location on Tape 1: 0186)

Dr. Hartley gave an update on the Technology Needs Assessment currently being conducted by UNLV. A copy of the survey was provided to the commission for review. Elementary, Middle and High Schools will be selected to participate in the survey for the Technology Needs Assessment as well as approximately 800 teachers throughout Nevada. The teachers that will participate in the survey are listed in the Licensed Personnel Directory.

Dr. Hartley stated that the Parent Survey is an issue on which he needs input. He is challenged by the assurance that it will be parents completing the survey and the infrastructure is not setup to gain permissions from parents. Dr. Hartley would like to know what type of questions the Commission would like to ask the parents.

Dr. Hartley stated that ten interviews have been conducted with school districts. There were very different responses to the same questions because the issues are so different between the school districts.

Assemblyman Denis suggested that the questions for parents could be related to what they perceive to be the types of technology being used in schools and the candid discussions they are having with their children about technology in schools.

Dr. Rheault agreed with Assemblyman Denis and stated that the survey could be brief. His suggestions for the questions were: 1) Are their children being challenged in technology?; 2) What are the types of technology being used in the classrooms?; 3) Is what they are learning at school through technology being used at home?; and 4) Is technology available at home?.

5. Work session to discuss the revision of the Nevada State Educational Technology Plan beginning in 2008 to include development of proposed timeline and process for revision. (Location on Tape 1: 1273)

Dr. Kim Vidoni reviewed the timeline for the revision of the Nevada State Educational Technology Plan. The committee will have meetings between June and December. By the end of December 2008 the final report will be submitted to Dr. Rheault for submission to the Commission on Educational Technology. Dr. Vidoni suggested contracting with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) to have

consultants assist with the technology plan development and technology standards revision process.

Dr. Rheault stated that in NRS 388.795 it defines five items that must be reviewed as part of the technology plan:

1. Plans that have been adopted by the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada School Districts.
2. Plans that have been adopted in other states.
3. Information that has to do with the results of the Technology Needs Assessments.
4. Any other information that the CET or the committee deems relevant.
5. Information reported on State Accountability Reports.

Chairman Mangino stated that he would like to have a student or two represented on the revision committee.

Commissioner Jhone Ebert stated that a parent should be represented on the revision committee.

Chairman Mangino added that teachers must have representation on the revision committee.

Dr. Rheault stated that at the May 16, 2008, meeting of the CET the list will be ready for the Commission's review of the revision committee members. Federal funding will be pursued for the ISTE consulting contracts.

A motion was made by Dr. Rheault to accept the proposed revision timeline and the Tech Plan Revision Committee Members identified on page 21 with the addition of parents, students and teachers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dori Jensen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Future Agenda Topics for May 16, 2008 Meeting: (Location on Tape 1: 2390)

Commissioner Jones inquired about the budget process. Dr. Rheault stated that the technology budget should be discussed and it needs to be on the next agenda.

Assemblyman Denis requested a report on Distance Education on the State of Nevada.

7. Comments from Commissioners: (Location on Tape 1: 2719)

Commissioner Ebert stated that there will be a technology conference held in Clark County School District at Foothill High School on May 16, 2008.

8. Public Comments: (Location on Tape 1: 2835)

Ms. Jennifer Peterson stated that you need people that understand rural and urban Nevada and have some expertise in technology planning on the revision committee.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting of the Commission on Educational Technology adjourned at 2:55 P.M. on March 18, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. Keith Rheault
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Bart Mangino, Chairman
The Commission on Educational
Technology

Recorded by:

Jane M. Crawford