

COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES – January 24, 2011

Nevada Department of Education
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, NV

Humboldt County School District
Administration Board Room
Winnemucca, NV

White Pine County School District
1135 Avenue C
Ely, NV

Clark County School District
3950 S. Pecos-McLeod
Las Vegas, NV

Elko County School District
1092 Burns Road
Elko, NV

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Las Vegas:

Jhone Ebert, Chairperson
David Flatt
Arnie Maurins
Bill Slentz
Dr. John Newman
Dr. Essington Wade
Dr. Keith Rheault
Ji Wang

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dori Jensen
Assemblyman Mo Denis
Senator Mike Schneider

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carson City (State Board Room):

Joe Elcano (KNPB)
Pat Miller (KNPB)
Carol Crothers (NDE)
Nykki Holton (Lincoln CSD)
Robert Sidford (Lincoln CSD)
Janice Towns (Carson City SD)
Alan Medeiros (Lyon CSD)
Beth Wells (NV STEM Ed Coalition)
Kim Vidoni (NDE)
Christy Borino (NDE)

Elko:

Duane Barton (Elko CSD)
Susan Neal (Elko CSD)

Ely:

Mark Bechtel (White Pine County School District)
Catalina Labra (White Pine County School District)

Las Vegas:

Loretta Asay (CCSD)
Shelly Hacker (CCSD)
Lee Solonche (Vegas PBS)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Chairperson Ebert called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Roll call was read and the attendees present are as recorded above. The Commission on Educational Technology has a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Jhone Ebert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the previous meeting minutes (October 22, 2010). Motion to approve by Bill Slentz, second by David Flatt. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Lincoln County School District’s State Funded One-to-One Program was made by District Superintendent Nykki Holton and Lincoln County Technology Coordinator, Robert Sidford. Mr. Sidford advised the Commission that revisions to the Tech Plan have focused on getting technology into the classroom. The grant funds have allowed a groundswell of support from the teachers and parents who appreciate having the technology in their classrooms.

5. Carolyn Ross, Superintendent of Churchill County School District, had planned to inform the Commission of the establishment of a State Educational Technology Award, but she was unable to attend. Chairperson Ebert referred the Commission to item #5, the 2011 District Excellence Award for Digital Learning application, and asked if there was interest in creating a Nevada award. Dr. Rheault stated it would be worth our time to create an award. **Motion by Commissioner Flatt to establish a committee to participate with Commissioner Wade and Dr. Vidoni to serve, second by Commissioner Wade. Motion carried.**

6. Dr Vidoni and Beth Wells of “Gathering Genius” made a presentation on the Nevada STEM Coalition. Gathering Genius was established to help promote science fairs within the state. Now they are promoting STEM education across Nevada. They are hosting a STEM summit in September.

7. Kimberly Vidoni, EdTech Consultant, NDE, advised the Commission that the last page of the meeting package is the spreadsheet for the 2010 State Technology Implementation Grant Funds. All funds are on track to be spent by the end of FY 2011.

8. Chairwoman Ebert commended and thanked Lincoln County for their presentation. She also offered congratulations to Dr. Vidoni for being nominated by Dr. Rheault to be a member of the SBAC Technology and work group.

9. There were no comments from the public.

10. Set Date of Next Meeting and Discuss Future Agenda Topics.

The next Commission on Educational Technology will be on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 10:00 am, coordinating the videoconference with Clark County School District, Humboldt County School District, Elko County School District, and White Pine County School District.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Maurins moved to adjourn, Dr. Rheault Ebert second. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Keith Rheault
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jhone Ebert, Chairperson
Commission on Educational Technology

Transcribed by:

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