

Nevada State Board of Education

Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education

ACTION REPORT

AUGUST 8-9, 2008

Anthony Ruggiero, Vice President
Dr. Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction

On Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9, 2008, the State Board met at the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, with a video conference to the Department of Education, 1820 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, for presentations and discussions at their regular Board meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Anthony Ruggiero in the absence of President Washington. Mr. Ruggiero shared highlights of the National Association of School Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Orientation/Conference he attended in July.

Jodi Stephens, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor, submitted a written statement regarding their progress with the Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) from the Department of Education. The Governor's Office is carefully reviewing over 200 BDRs from various departments in an effort to cut down the number to approximately 100.

Superintendent Rheault gave an update of the 2008 AYP Results, the Advisory Council on Parental Involvement Report to the Legislative Committee on Education, July 1, 2008, and the Capital Improvement Report.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of October 5-6, 2007, and March 7-8, 2008, Regular Meetings, May 1, 2008 Subcommittee on Charter Schools, and May 2, 2008 Joint Meeting with Commission on Professional Standards
- State Board member travel of Dr. Cliff Ferry to attend the NASH Conference, July 20-22, 2008, in Stevenson, Washington and Sharon Frederick to attend the NACTE Conference July 29-31, 2008, in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- USDOE Approved Nevada State Five Year Plan, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
- Licensing/Relicensing of Child Garden at South Meadows, Ginny's Child Garden and Truckee Meadows School, Reno area schools

Dr. Vernon Luft, President, Commission on Professional Standards in Education, gave a review and update of NAC 391.558, Section 11(a) for the procedure and requirements for review of applications and approval of courses. The Board will conduct a workshop at the October 10, 2008, meeting.

Approval was given to Silver State Charter High School to pursue a land purchase for a new building.

The 2010-2011 Biennial Budget was approved unanimously.

On **Saturday, August 9**, Vice President Ruggiero recalled the meeting to order.

The Board held **PUBLIC HEARINGS** to solicit comments on adoption of permanent changes to Nevada Administrative Code regulations with the following actions noted:

- LCB File No. R170-07, NAC 386.033 – Educational Management Organization Defined; NAC 386.345 – Governing Body: Restrictions on Membership; Responsibilities; Submission of Certain Information to Department and Sponsor; Approval of Minutes of Public Meetings; NAC 386.405 – Contracts with Educational Management Organizations; Authority of Panel to Supervise Academic Probation of School. Motion carried.
- LCB File No. R169-07 – New Section to NAC 386; and Proposed amendments to NAC 386.010; 386.050; 386.090; 386.125; 386.130; 386.190; 386.202; 386.205; 386.240; 386.320; 386.335; 386.345; 386.365; 386.410; 386.445– Regulations relating to charter schools; revising provisions governing applications to form charter schools; revising

provisions relating to charter schools to include sponsorship by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Motion carried with 6 yes and 1 opposing.

- LCB File No. R061-08 – New Section to NAC 386, Section 3.12 “incentives” to be broadened with “or other factors related to school performance” and Section 3.1, changing the word “hiring” to “approving” – motion carried.
- LCB File No. R012-08, A New Section to Chapter 389 – Prescribing a Uniform Grading Scale for Pupils Enrolled in High School; and NAC 389.666 – Units Applied Towards. Motion carried with inclusion of LCB revision language; 6 yes, 1 no, and 1 non-vote.

Motion was approved with a roll call vote of 6 yes and 2 no to renew consideration of Item #5 from the July 16, 2008, meeting, including new written materials provided following that meeting and written materials provided prior to that meeting, which are related to review and discussion concerning written materials dated February 6, 2008, provided by Dr. Carol White, Principal, Nevada Connections Academy.

The Board approved Nevada Connections Academy to begin to offer services to students in Nevada in grades K-3 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion to approve included the Department’s final approval to be given for an independent third-party research firm’s annual Parent Satisfaction Survey and the teacher/student ratio to be reduced to 32:1. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes and 2 no.

Motion was approved with a roll call vote of 6 yes and 2 to renew consideration of Agenda Item #3 from the July 16, 2008, meeting, including new written materials provided following that meeting and written materials provided prior to that meeting, which are related to review and discussion concerning written materials dated February 5, 2008, provided by William Bukovi, Chairman of the Board, Nevada Virtual Academy.

The Board approved Nevada Virtual Academy to begin to offer services to students in Nevada in grades K-9 (subject to approval of written materials for staff) for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion to approve included the Department’s final approval to be given for an independent third-party research firm’s annual Parent Satisfaction Survey and the teacher/student ratio to be reduced to 32:1. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes and 2 no.

The Board approved to remove the moratorium on approving new charter school applications which was approved at the November 30, 2007, meeting. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes and 2 no.

Approval was given with a 6 yes and 1 no vote to appoint Member Sharon Frederick to the Commission on Postsecondary Education.

Board Member Comments were given.

The Board heard Public Comments.

The next scheduled meeting of the Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education will be held Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2008, at the Department of Education, at 1820 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas with video conferencing to the Department of Education, at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City.