



NEVADA LEGISLATURE

Subcommittee to Study the Effectiveness of Career and Technical High Schools
(Assembly Bill 388, Chapter 309, *Statutes of Nevada 2005*)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fourth meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Committee on Education Subcommittee to Study the Effectiveness of Career and Vocational High Schools was held on May 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Chairwoman
Senator Bernice Mathews

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Barbara K. Cegavske

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Assemblyman Chad Christensen

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst
Kristin C. Roberts, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel
Joi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analyst Division
Maryann Elorreaga, Senior Research Secretary

OPENING REMARKS

Chairwoman Parnell called the meeting to order and welcomed the members, presenters, staff, and members of the public. She said that throughout the interim, the Subcommittee had received comments about the importance of the role of guidance counselors in advising students of their options. She said many high school students did not understand that they had options and that high school was a place where they could and should prepare for the workplace or for more education.

PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Garry Wyatt, Career Education Consultant, Nevada Department of Education (NDE), submitted information ([Exhibit B](#)) showing the results of a survey taken of approximately ten percent of the K-12 Counselors in Nevada. The results of the survey revealed the counselor to student ratio was extremely high throughout Nevada. Each Nevada school district reported ratios higher than the 250 to 1 recommended by the American School Counselor Association.
- Jane Kadoich, Director, Curriculum and Professional Development, Clark County School District (CCSD), discussed the Annual Guaranteed Level of Service ([Exhibit B-1](#)), which listed what each counselor should be working on with students in each of the Academic, Personal/Social, Career, and System Support Domains. She focused primarily on counselor duties and activities in the Career Domain at the high school level. Those activities included such things as facilitating the SMART Grad program; arranging for post-secondary speakers for students; Leadership Programs; and assisting ninth grade students in Nevada Career Information System (NCIS) training. She noted the high counselor to student ratio made it difficult to deal with students on a one-on-one basis.
- Suzy Rusk, Counseling Coordinator, Washoe County School District (WCSD), said it was both the mission and the challenge of the WCSD to help students choose post secondary pathways, based on their own interests, aptitudes, and abilities. She said WCSD felt an obligation to make sure students had accurate, up-to-date, information to help them make decisions about their educations and their futures.

Ms. Kadoich discussed school level testing and its impact on the CCSD's counselors. She said counselors were responsible for all aspects of organizing the tests, which left little time for discussing test results with the students.

Chairwoman Parnell asked if any of the three presenters had any ideas about how to relieve Counselors of testing responsibilities.

Senator Cegavske suggested some coordination between counselors and school administrators for organizing the testing or possibly utilizing retired teachers willing to do the testing.

REPORT ON THE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN NEVADA, AS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 388 (CHAPTER 309, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*)

- Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (CTE), NDE, reported on the Public Awareness Campaign ([Exhibit C](#)), discussed activities accomplished by the CTE staff to further the achievement of the Promotional Goal identified by the State CTE Steering Committee. She defined that goal as “To provide awareness to Nevada citizens of the educational, career, and economical benefits of Career and Technical Education.” She reviewed Phase I information including the make up of the audience the committee hoped to reach; promotional materials produced by the committee, such as statistical briefs, brochures, posters, and a newsletter; additional concepts and actions under consideration and goals for Phase II of the project.

PRESENTATION ON FUNDING FOR REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS

- Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented “Concepts to Establish Regional Career and Technical High Schools” ([Exhibit D](#)). She referred to Assembly Bill 314 (Chapter 216, *Statutes of Nevada 1999*) which authorized two or more counties to agree to fund a regional detention facility for children, using the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 277.080 to 277.180), and reviewed additional information related to joint facilities and projects contained in chapter 387 of NRS, noting it appeared the framework for joint facilities already existed in Nevada statutes. She discussed legislation enacted in Arizona, California, New Hampshire, New York and South Dakota which created regional facilities for career and technical education.

Chairwoman Parnell said some of the things the Subcommittee should discuss were the issuance of bonds; stand alone CTE high schools versus core classes in regular high schools with CTE at other facilities; and the enrollment of students from different, participating, districts.

PRESENTATION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES IN OTHER STATES

Ms. Stonefield, previously identified in these minutes, addressed “Career and Technical Education Recent State Policies and Activities” compiled by the Education Commission of the States ([Exhibit E](#)). She discussed policies and activities in other states, regarding accountability and governance; curriculum, diplomas, guidance and planning; joint partnerships; and graduation requirements and options as well as South Carolina’s Education and Economic Development Act and the development of a 3-year regional career preparation plan enacted in Michigan.

Chairwoman Parnell asked if Nevada's Millennium Scholarship money could be used for CTE courses.

Senator Cegavske said the scholarship money could be used for any classes at the Community College level.

Mr. Wyatt said he had recently reviewed updated information regarding the Millennium Scholarship and did not note any language that excluded CTE.

Senator Cegavske said she had asked Craig Kadlub, Director, Government Affairs, CCSD, to present recommendations for qualifications for testing facilitators to the Subcommittee. She said a needs assessment should be conducted for the proposed technical centers.

Chairwoman Parnell thanked Dr. Kadlub for his help. She said James Barbee with the NDE, would present the results of the previously requested needs assessment at the June 6 Subcommittee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2006, MEETING

(At the direction of the Chairwoman, this item was taken out of order)

The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2006 MEETING HELD IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR MATHEWS AND PASSED.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (NRS 218.5352)

Chairwoman Parnell said the Subcommittee had received information at the last meeting that it can have up to five bill draft requests (BDRs) for the 2007 Legislative Session. Under AB 388, the Subcommittee was required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Education. She said she proposed placing the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations in two categories:

- One category would include the issues related specifically to CTE. Any proposed legislation would be included in one of the Subcommittee's BDRs.
- The other category would include any recommendations that might be broader than CTE which could be included in one of the BDRs of the Legislative Committee on Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one come forward for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Elorreaga,
Senior Research Secretary

Carol M. Stonefield,
Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Chairwoman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Meeting Notice and Agenda provided by Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is a document which explains the results of a Task and Assignment Survey, submitted by Garry Wyatt, Career Education Consultant, Nevada Department of Education (NDE).

[Exhibit B-1](#) is a document titled “Annual Guaranteed Level of Service,” submitted by Jane Kadoich, Director, Curriculum and Professional Development, Clark County School District.

[Exhibit C](#) is a document titled “Report on Public Awareness Campaign” submitted by Phyllis L. Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, NDE.

[Exhibit D](#) is a document titled “Concepts to Establish Regional Career and Technical High Schools,” submitted by Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB.

[Exhibit E](#) is a document titled “Career and Technical Education Recent State Policies and Activities,” submitted by Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB.

This set of “Summary Minutes and Action Report” is supplied as an informational service. Exhibits in electronic format may not be complete. Copies of the complete exhibits, other materials distributed at the meeting, and the audio record are on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada. You may contact the Library online at www.leg.state.nv.us/lcb/research/library/feedbackmail.cfm or telephone: 775/684-6827.