

## MEETING NOTICE AND WORK SESSION

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Education (SB 482)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, November 23, 1998 - 9:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Legislative Building, Room 2134

401 South Carson Street

Carson City, Nevada 89701

### **AGENDA**

1. ROLL CALL.

\*2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 1998, MEETING.

3. STATUS REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.

- Fred Dugger, Member.

4. STATUS REPORT FROM COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

- Debbie Smith, Chairperson.

5. STATUS REPORT ON REGENTS' INITIATIVE FOR TEACHER EDUCATION.

- Dr. Jane Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University and Community College System of Nevada.

6. STATUS REPORT ON TESTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

- Jeanne L. Botts, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division.

7. FINAL REPORT ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 389, NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (A.B. 610 OF 1995 SESSION).

- Holly Walton-Buchanan, Education Consultant, Department of Education.

8. PRESENTATION ON SUSTAINING EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

- ACHIEVEMENT GAINS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TEXAS – H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, and Jeanne L. Botts, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

- PARTNERS-IN-EDUCATION – Judith Simpson, Washoe County School District.

Joyce Woodhouse, Clark County School District.

8. UPDATE ON PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.

- Melinda Braun, Education Program Analyst, Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation.

- Shirley Barber and Ruth Johnson, Trustees, Clark County School Board.

9. UPDATE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICIES.

- Melinda Braun, Education Program Analyst, Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation.

10. PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

\*12. WORK SESSION: CONTINUATION OF REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION FOR THE 1999 LEGISLATURE. NOTE: RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ARE PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED WORK SESSION DOCUMENT. Additional copies may be obtained from Joi Davis, Legislative Counsel Bureau, 687-6823, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89701-4747.

\*13. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

\*Denotes items on which the committee may take action.

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## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT #3**

### **Nevada Legislature's Committee on Education**

*(Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5351 et seq.)*

This document, which supplements the work session documents of June 24, 1998, and September 24, 1998, contains a summary of recommendations for bill draft requests (BDRs) or other actions which have been presented during public hearings, through communication with individual committee members, or through correspondence submitted to the Legislative Committee on Education. It is intended to serve as a guide to assist Committee members in making decisions during this work session. The Committee may

accept, reject, modify or take no action on any of the proposals. The approved recommendations for legislation resulting from these deliberations will be prepared as bill drafts and submitted to the 1999 Legislature. The concepts contained within this document are arranged under broad topics to allow members to review related issues.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS AND TEACHING TO HIGHER STANDARDS**

### **Training and Incentives for Nevada's Teachers**

1. *°Bill draft request approved. Fiscal note, which ranges between \$5.5 and 12.1 million for the 1999-2001 biennium, is to be finalized for November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.*

Appropriate funding (directly to four districts, Clark, Douglas, Elko, and Washoe) for the next biennium to establish and equip four regional centers for professional development within the school districts to train teachers and administrators in the new standards for public schools established by the Council on Academic Standards; measuring pupil achievement and analyzing and interpreting test scores; teaching higher-level content areas; and teaching basic skills, such as reading instruction using phonics and basic mathematics computation skills. Each center will be governed by a board of directors consisting of the superintendents of the school districts within the region, or their designees; master teachers identified by their superintendents; and representatives of higher education. The centers shall use the standards-based training model followed by the Geographic Alliance in Nevada (GAIN). The GAIN model provides teachers with high quality instruction in their content area, followed immediately by instruction from Amaster teachers@ in effective methods to teach that content and follow-up training. An annual evaluation of the training programs will be required.

#### **14. *Reserved until November meeting.***

Amend the statutes to expand the authority of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to allow the Commission to license educational personnel; provide state accreditation of teacher education institutions (including initial, graduate and continuing education); and promote studies and research designed to improve teacher education (including initial, graduate and continuing education). Authority for issuing (and revoking) licenses to educational personnel and for approving courses of study for prospective teachers would be transferred from the State Department and State Board of Education, respectively, to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education. This would include the repeal of NRS 391.027 which grants to the State Board of Education authority to disapprove regulations adopted by the Commission.

#### **15. *°Bill draft request as amended at September meeting:***

Amend the statutes (NRS 391.011) to retain a 9-member Commission with five members appointed by the Governor, no more than 3 of the 5 may be educators. The remaining four are appointed by the Legislature. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the

Assembly each appoint one educator and one person who is not an educator, such as a business representative or parent.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ACADEMIC**

### **STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

***24. °Bill draft request; fiscal note to be prepared. Deferred pending recommendations of the Council to Establish Academic Standards.***

Require by statute that before entering ninth grade, students must demonstrate proficiency, as measured by a statewide achievement test, in the academic standards for eighth grade set by the Council to Establish Academic Standards. This requirement would apply to students entering ninth grade in the 2001-2002 school year (NOTE: Current law provides that the State Board of Education adopt regulations to specify the courses of study, which may include credits earned, necessary for the students to be promoted to high school. Regulations recently adopted by the State Board of Education require students receive a grade of AC@ or better in two core classes, English and math. This change would tie promotion to high school directly to the new standards and require a statewide assessment of those skills.)

## **ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR BILL DRAFTS CONCERNING**

### **MATTERS RELATED TO EDUCATION**

***A. Not approved at September meeting; to be reconsidered.***

Amend statutes (primarily NRS 391.110) to allow county school districts to hire an individual who is not a licensed school administrator to serve as the school district=s superintendent. An opinion issued by the Attorney General=s Office on June 15, 1998, concludes that a local school board cannot hire an individual who is not a licensed administrator to fill the position of superintendent in charge of operating the entire district. A person employed as a superintendent must possess: a master=s degree in school administration, public administration or business administration; or if the person has at least five years of experience in administration, a baccalaureate degree.