

FINAL MINUTES
State Board of Education
April 14, 2004

Seminar
Wednesday, April 14, 2004

California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Room 1101
Sacramento, California

Members Present

Reed Hastings, President
Joe Nuñez, Vice President
Don Fisher
Brent Godfrey
Ruth E. Green
Glee Johnson
Jeannine Martineau
Bonnie Reiss
Johnathan Williams

Members Absent

Ruth Bloom
Suzanne Tacheny

Secretary and Executive Officer

Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Principal Staff

Rae Belisle, Executive Director, State Board of Education
Karen Steentofte, Chief Counsel, State Board of Education
Debbie Rury, Education Policy Consultant, State Board of Education
Deborah Franklin, Education Policy Consultant, State Board of Education
Maryanna Rickner, Legal Assistant, State Board of Education
Cathy Akana, Executive Assistant, State Board of Education
Robin Jackson, Executive Secretary, State Board of Education
Gavin Payne, Chief Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education
Marsha Bedwell, General Counsel, California Department of Education
Susan Ronnback, Chief Policy Advisor to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Cindy Cunningham, Liaison to the State Board, California Department of Education

Call to Order

President Hastings called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Salute to the Flag

Mr. Godfrey led the Board, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Announcements/Communications

President Hastings announced there would not be any Board action on agenda seminar items. The meeting would be more informal than usual and would not be recorded.

President Hastings explained that the purpose of this meeting was to provide the Board with in-depth information about charter schools and about state interventions and support for high priority schools. He stated that audience comments on the seminar topics would be welcome following the completion of the staff presentations.

President Hastings outlined the schedule for the day as follows: (1) seminar presentation on charter schools; (2) lunch break; and (3) seminar presentation on intervention and support for high priority schools.

ITEM 1	Charter Schools	INFORMATION
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President Hastings set the context for this seminar on charter schools.

William Ellerbee, Deputy Superintendent of the School and District Operations Branch, introduced the panel members and their topics.

Charter School Division Director Marta Reyes' presentation topics included a description of charter schools, choice and accountability, successes and challenges, and the CDE Charter Schools Division.

San Diego City Schools Superintendent Alan Bersin reported on charter schools in his district, which currently has 21 district-authorized charter schools. Brian Bennett, San Diego City Schools Director of School Choice, gave a brief overview of the district's policies for charter schools.

Mark Kushner, Advisory Commission on Charter Schools Chair, described the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Commission.

William Haft, Associate Director of the National Association of Charter School Authorizations, spoke briefly about the role of charter authorizers and the principles of quality charter school authorizing.

President Hastings thanked the panel members for their presentations.

The following individuals addressed the Board:
Colin Miller, California Charter Schools Association

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Lunch Break: President Hastings called for the lunch break at 12:45 a.m. He reconvened the session at 1:45 p.m.

ITEM 2	Intervention and Support for High Priority Schools	INFORMATION
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Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent of the Curriculum and Instruction Branch, opened the seminar and outlined the topics that would be discussed.

Bill Padia, Director of the Policy and Evaluation Division, explained accountability indicators under the Public Schools Accountability Act (Academic Performance Index) and the *No Child Left Behind* Act (Adequate Yearly Progress and Annual Measurable Objectives).

Wendy Harris, Director of the School Improvement Division, provided information on state-funded school improvement programs (Intermediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program and High Priority Schools Grant Program) and federally funded programs (Comprehensive School Reform and Program Improvement). She informed the Board that many schools are under more than one improvement program, each with its own set of rules. Ms. Harris also outlined school interventions under state and federal law.

Laura Wagner, Intervention Assistance Office, reported on the School Assistance and Intervention Teams (SAITs) and their approach to school support. Her presentation focused on the “Essential Program Components” that are the basis for SAITs’ work with schools.

Stanislaus County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent Chris King described the Statewide System of School Support (S4) and additional support provided to districts by county offices of education.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

David Moorhouse, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Glen Thomas, Executive Director, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

President Hastings thanked the speakers for their presentations.

Adjournment of the Meeting

President Hastings adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.