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STATE BOARD WORKS ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN IDAHO

(Boise). The continued and future success of education in Idaho depends on aggressive vision, planning and execution. That was the over-riding theme throughout a lengthy State Board of Education (SBOE) strategic planning session Monday, November 09, 2009 at Boise State University.

"We are the constitutionally mandated governing board for education in Idaho," said Board President Paul Agidius of Moscow. *"It's a tremendous responsibility and the people of Idaho are counting on us to lead the way."* Idaho public institutions of higher learning as well as agencies that report directly to the Idaho State Board of Education all coordinate their individual strategic plans with the Board's to ensure cohesiveness within the entire system. *"We must vigorously push to keep our students viable in an aggressive global environment,"* added Board Vice-President Richard Westerberg of Preston.

The strategic planning work session was followed by approval of several administrative rules as proposed by the Idaho State Department of Education.

The Board also approved a request by Boise State University to modify an employment contract between the university and Head Football Coach Chris Peterson. The modification allows Boise State to utilize a new deferred compensation plan, a 415(m) and a 403(b) in addition to its current offerings. The 415(m) plan specifically allows larger contributions compared to the other plans but does not increase the total amount the University is already contractually committed to pay Mr. Peterson. Peterson's current contract is set to expire in February 2011.

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is set for December 9-10, 2009 in Twin Falls on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.