

OFFICIAL MINUTES
MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
TRUSTEES OF IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
TRUSTEES OF LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE
TRUSTEES OF BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION
TRUSTEES FOR THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

October 19-20, 2000
North Idaho College
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

The meeting notice was posted and distributed in compliance with Idaho Open Meeting Law requirements. With a quorum present, the meeting was lawfully convened at 8:00 a.m., on October 19, 2000, with Mr. Tom Boyd, President of the State Board of Education and Board of Regents of the University of Idaho, presiding.

Members Present

Tom Boyd, President
Karen McGee, Vice President
James C. Hammond, Secretary
Curtis H. Eaton
Blake Hall
Severina Haws
Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Members Absent

Roderic W. Lewis

All exhibits, appendices and items referenced in these minutes are on file as permanent exhibits with the Office of the State Board of Education.

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Compensated days for members of the State Board of Education/Board of Regents of the University of Idaho for the month of October, 2000.

<u>James Hammond</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Curtis H. Eaton</u>	<u>Days</u>
10/03,10,11,18-20	3.5	10/26,27	1.0
<u>Severina Haws</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Tom Boyd</u>	<u>Days</u>
10/10,18-20,27	4.5	10/16,18-20	3.0
<u>Karen McGee</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Blake Hall</u>	<u>Days</u>
09/29	1.0	10/16,18-20	4.0
10/18-20	3.0		
<u>Rod Lewis</u>	<u>Days</u>		

None Reported

Non-compensated days for members of the State Board of Education/Board of Regents of the University of Idaho for the month of October, 2000.

<u>Curtis H. Eaton</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Marilyn Howard</u>	<u>Days</u>
10/18-20	3.0	09/29	.5
		10/02,16, 18-20	4.5
<u>Blake Hall</u>			

09/28	.5
10/12,24	1.5

Among the persons meeting with the State Board of Education/Board of Regents of the University of Idaho were:

Office of the State Board of Education

Gregory G. Fitch, Executive Director
Robin A. Dodson, Chief Academic Officer
Kevin Satterlee, Chief Legal Officer
Keith Hasselquist, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mike Killworth, Policy and Planning Officer
Laurie Boston, Public Information Officer
Nancy Szofran, Learning Technology Officer

State Department of Education

Robert West, Chief Deputy Superintendent
Don Robertson, Chief Legal Officer
Allison Westfall, Public Information Officer

Idaho Public Television

Peter Morrill, General Manager

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

Ron Darcy, Superintendent

Division of Professional-Technical Education

Mike Rush, Administrator
Kirk Dennis, Chief Fiscal Officer

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Barry Thompson, Interim Administrator
Richard Sloneker, Chief Fiscal Officer

Boise State University

Charles Ruch, President

Daryl Jones, Provost

Harry Neel, Financial Vice President & Bursar

Brent Winiger, Budget Officer

Eastern Idaho Technical College

Miles LaRowe, President

Mary Ann Carlson, Dean of Instruction

Robert Smart, Finance Officer

Idaho State University

Richard L. Bowen, President

Jonathan Lawson, Academic Vice President

Ken Prolo, Financial Vice President

Lewis-Clark State College

Niel Zimmerman, Interim President

Rita Rice Morris, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dean A. Froehlich, Financial Vice President

University of Idaho

Robert A. Hoover, President

Brian L. Pitcher, Provost, Academic Affairs

Jerry Wallace, Financial Vice President

College of Southern Idaho

Gerald Meyerhoeffer, President,

Gerald Beck, Vice President of Instruction

J. Mike Mason, Dean of Finance

North Idaho College

Michael Burke, President

Jerry Gee, Dean of Instruction

Rolly Jurgens, Dean of Administration

Idaho State Historical Society

Steve Guerber, Director

Idaho State Library

Charles Bolles, Director

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Ms. Haws and carried (7-0) to approve the agenda for the October 19-20, 2000 meeting. (Motion #1)

2. Rolling Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Ms. Haws and carried (7-0) to approve October 18-19, 2001 as the dates and the College of Southern Idaho (October 18) and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind (October 19) as the locations of the October 2001 regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Motion #2)

Mr. Hammond asked that consideration be given to holding a meeting each year in Coeur d'Alene. Recommendations will be brought back in November.

3. Minutes Approval

It was moved by Ms. Haws, seconded by Ms. McGee and carried (7-0) to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2000 Board meeting. (Motion #3)

Boardwork materials on file as Exhibit #1 with the Office of the State Board of Education.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS and HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Section I

1. Minutes of the September, 2000 Meeting

Approved in committee.

2. Routine Institution/Agency Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to approve the Routine Finance agendas for the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and the University of Idaho, except for the Form Leases for the UI Research Park at Post Falls. (Motion #5)

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to approve the Form Leases for the UI Research Park at Post Falls. (Motion #6)

It was moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) to ask the UI to submit an annual report on the activities at the UI Research Park in Post Falls, including lease activities. (Motion #7)

Mr. Eaton said the intent of Motion #7 was to have current quarterly reports summarized and brought to the Board on an annual basis.

3. Non-Routine Institution/Agency Agenda Items

University of Idaho

5.41 Kibbie ASUI Activity Center - Lighting Grid, Curtain and Scoreboard

Mr. Eaton said the committee voted 2-1 to send the request to the Board with an approval recommendation. He said he cast the nay vote because he felt it was an example of the Board being apprized over time of the evolution of a project and by the time the last development is presented, what was initially approved has been forgotten. He felt there needed to be a context statement for each modification of contractual arrangements.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (6-1) to approve the revised project scope and increase the budget from \$600,000 to \$950,000 for the Kibbie ASUI Activity Center. (Motion #8)

5.42 Kibbie ASUI Activity Center - East End Renovation Phase I

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (6-1) to approve an increased budget from \$2M to \$2.7M to be funded from private donations for the Kibbie ASUI Activity Center East End Renovation Phase One. (Motion #9)

4. Intercollegiate Athletic Reports

Mr. Hammond advised the Board that the UI report in the packet was not the same as what was accepted by the committee. Revised information was distributed.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to receive the Intercollegiate Athletic Reports. (Motion #10)

5. BSU - Intercollegiate Athletic Five-Year Plan

Dr. Ruch said internal management changes were made in order to keep closer track of the financial situation in all auxiliaries. He also advised that BSU administrators meet for a monthly review of all auxiliaries.

Dr. Ruch said the Five-Year Plan is the plan for the financial future of the athletic program and it projects balanced budget by the end of five years.

Mr. Eaton said the committee asked Dr. Ruch to:

- 1) Look at stability in athletic coaching and see if there is a way to determine what that additional cost might be over a five-year period.
- 2) Assure that there is budget stability year-after-year and that it would not fall below zero. Dr. Ruch told the committee that was the goal and that while there may be a deficit on occasion, the goal is to assure fiscal soundness.
- 3) Rewrite the definition of "fiscal stability" so there is a goal of no deficit spending as an essential part of the program.

Mr. Hall asked what level of ticket sales would be needed in order to meet the projected revenue. Dr. Ruch said it would be different for different games, but assumptions are based on the amount of tickets sold for past games. He said average attendance is approximately 25,000; he will get the exact number to Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall asked how conference participation would affect attendance. Dr. Ruch said they looked at projections when BSU moved from the Big Sky to the Big West and found revenue was ahead of what was projected. It is anticipated that the change to the WAC will further

increase revenues. If the projected revenues do not materialize in a specific year, expenses will be reviewed over a two or more year period and appropriate action will be taken. He felt that in addition to cutting expenses, there could be additional fund raising and other activities to increase revenue. Mr. Hall said he would feel more comfortable if those steps were listed in the document.

Mr. Eaton said the procedure now in place is for Dr. Ruch to review the athletic budget on a monthly basis so there will be opportunities to adjustment within a fiscal year. Additionally, prior to salary increases in the Athletic Department, its fiscal status will be taken into account.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to receive BSU's Intercollegiate Athletic Five-Year Plan. (Motion #10)

Dr. Ruch said they are still in negotiations with Infinity Sports Group and that the OSBE has reviewed the proposed contract and made suggestions.

6. Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Report

Information only, no report.

7. Optional Retirement Program

Information only, no report.

8. FY02 Budget Request - Independent Living Council

The Board's budget request guidelines for FY02 limited enhancement requests to 5 percent of the budget base. In September the Board agreed to allow the Independent Living Council (ILC) to submit an additional FY02 budget request for review.

Mr. Eaton said the committee supports the work of the ILC. However, did not approve the request because it did not want to set caps and then allow exemptions. However, the committee felt the arguments were good and should be brought forward in the next fiscal year.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) disapprove the Independent Living Council's supplemental budget request. (Motion #12)

Mr. Hall clarified that in Motion #12 the Board was disapproving the ICL's request for funds over the 5 percent cap, but approving the request up to 5 percent. There was consensus that he was correct.

9. Differential Mandatory Fee Proposal

Mr. Eaton said a request was made to authorize the institutions to charge additional fees to students depending on the course provided, the time and/or the location. Dr. Pitcher said approval of the request would enable the institutions to expand access and program offerings in other areas, both on and off campus. If approved, the institutions will work with Board staff to develop a proposal that will be brought to the Board for review.

Several students addressed the Board with concerns about the proposed fees.

Mr. Satterlee provided definitions for:

- 1) Tuition - *Idaho Code* does not allow tuition to be charged to Idaho residents.
- 2) Matriculation Fees - charged at an even amount at an institution. The fees can only be used for operation and maintenance of the physical plant, institutional support or institutional services.
- 3) Professional Fees - the cost of instruction an institution is allowed to recover.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to support the effort from higher education staff and Board staff to collaborate on the effort to develop a proposal relating to differentiated mandatory fees. (Motion #13)

10. Business Affairs Committee Task Force Update

Mr. Eaton asked the Task Force to include student debt in its review.

11. GASBE Update

Mr. Eaton said Mr. J. D. Williams has asked to meet with the Board regarding the changes. Mr. Hasselquist will see if he is still interested in a meeting.

Section II

1. Minutes of the September, 2000 Meeting

The minutes were approved in committee.

2. Routine Institution/Agency Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and carried (7-0) to approve the Routine Personnel agendas for the Office of the State Board of Education, Idaho Educational Public Broadcasting System, the State Division of Professional-Technical Education, Boise State University, Eastern Idaho Technical College Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College and the University of Idaho. (Motion #14)

3. Non-Routine Institution/Agency Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) to approve the Personnel/Student Affairs Non-routine agenda item for Boise State University. (Motion #15)

4. LCSC Presidential Search Update

Dr. Fitch distributed a list of individuals proposed for membership on the search committee. In addition to those listed, an additional four members will need to be appointed. Ms. Sam Haws and Dr. Rita Morris will serve as co-chairs of the committee.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Hammond to approve the names listed and to include Ms. Sam Haws. **No vote taken—the motion died.** (Motion #16)

Mr. Hall asked if Motion #16 gave the President the authority to appoint the additional four members without having to come back to the Board. Dr. Fitch said he was planning to bring the names of those four members to the Board in November.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) to approve the list of names and to authorize the Board President to appoint the State Board member and the four community members. (Motion #17)

Dr. Morris reviewed the process that is being used to ensure a fair and confidential search.

BAHR Committee agenda on file as Exhibit #s 4 & 5 with the Office of the State Board of Education.

INSTRUCTION, RESOURCE and STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Minutes of the September, 2000 Meeting

Approved in committee.

2. Minutes of the September CAAP Meeting

Approved in committee.

3. New Programs: Notices of Intent

a. A.A.S., Accounting Clerk, ISU

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (5-0) to approve the request from ISU to offer an A.A.S. degree in the Office Technology program, Accounting Clerk option. (Motion #18)

b. A.A.S., Business Office Technology, North Idaho College

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (6-0) to approve the request from North Idaho College to offer an A.A.S. degree with Medical Claims Assistant and Medical Transcriptionist options (Motion #19)

c. A.A.S., Information Technology, College of Southern Idaho

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (6-0) to approve the request from the College of Southern Idaho to offer an A.A.S. degree in Computer Support Technician, Network Technician and Internet Technologies. (Motion #20)

d. Emergency Medical Technician, North Idaho College

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (6-0) to approve the request from North Idaho College to offer the following Emergency Medical Technician programs: a Technical Certificate, EMT-Intermediate; an Associate of Applied Science, EMT - Administrative; and Associate of Applied Science, EMT - Clinical. (Motion #21)

e. A.A.S., Heavy Duty Mechanics-Diesel Technology, Boise State University

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (6-0) to approve the request from BSU to offer an A.A.S. degree in the Heavy Duty Mechanics - Diesel Tech. program. (Motion #22)

4. Final Reading: Admission Standards

GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: III

SUBSECTION: Q - Math Placement Scores

It was moved by Dr. Howard and carried (7-0) to approve for Final Reading the revision to the Board's Admission Standards Policy. (Motion #23)

Dr. Dodson said a white paper dealing with math and science will be brought to the Board in November.

5. Program Approval & Discontinuance Policy

Dr. Howard said the CAAP is working with the SDPTE to revise the policy relating to a seamless and more efficient system for program review. The revisions will be brought to the Board in November.

6. Title II Reporting Requirements

A report will be brought to the Board in November.

7. Student Participation /Dual Enrollment/Retention

The committee is beginning the process of identifying areas of concern. A report will be brought to the Board at a future date.

Dr. Howard said the committee has discussed funding issues relating to students being housed at a high school, but receiving college credit. Mr. Hammond said high school students in Washington do not pay additional to attend college classes as the state reimburses both the school district and the college. Dr. Dodson said that is the issue and that in those states, the dollars follow the student. That funding method has not been implemented in Idaho due to resistance from school districts. The committee will bring recommendations to the Board.

8. Program Review Update

A draft report on engineering and computer science will be brought to the Board in November. Reports on the education of health care professions will be brought to the Board over time.

Dr. Dodson said one of the problems that is becoming apparent with regard to educating health care professionals is the lack of resources to do so, i.e. a shortage of faculty. Mr. Eaton

felt that since there is an identified problem, it should be addressed now. He suggested pathways to health technicians, engineering and information technology be identified as emphasis areas and that there be a request that some of the state's surplus money to be set aside for funding.

9. Residency Changes to Idaho Code

A review will be conducted to address the problem of workers who are recruited to Idaho, but whose children are considered non-residents at the postsecondary institutions.

10. Idaho's MOST Update

Dr. Toney updated the Board on the status of the Idaho's MOST program and gave an review of the Title II Grant.

PLANNING, POLICY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Ms. McDermott reported:
 - 1) Invitations have been sent out for the November videoconference. Mr. Boyd asked Board members to consider whether or not a videoconference should be held this year and let him know.
 - 2) November will be the first PPGAC meeting.

OTHER

1. Idaho Public Television

Mr. Morrill updated the Board on:

- 1) The privatization study—the study is moving along and should be completed prior to the legislative session.
- 2) PTFP Grant—IPTV has received a \$473,000 grant from the US Dept. of Commerce to assist with the digital conversion.
- 3) DVD of Idaho—A Portrait.

2. APA Rules: Hearing and Approval

- 1) 08.01.011.106.01 - Proprietary Schools
- 2) 08.01.04.005.07 -Residency Classification

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

- 3) 08.01.02 (All Sections) - Personnel

Ms. McDermott said the intent is to bring personnel rules to the Board for First Reading in November. If approved by the legislature, the repeal will not take effect until July 1, 2000. .

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

- 4) 08.01.03 (All Sections) - Financial Affairs

Ms. McDermott said the intent is to bring finance rules to the Board for First Reading in November.

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

- 5) 08.01.09 (All Sections) - Intellectual Property & Conflict of Interest

The rules will be brought to the Board for First Reading in November.

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

- 6) 08.02.03.105 & 08.02.03 - Achievement Standards

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

7) 08.02.02 - Teacher Certification Standards

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

8) 08.02.02.100.01.04 - Teacher Education Programs

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

9) 55.01.03 - Professional-Technical Schools

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

10) 47.01.01; 47.01.02; 47.01.03 - Vocational Rehabilitation

Mr. Boyd called for public testimony. No one testified.

It was moved by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Ms. McGee and carried (7-0) to approve the APA rule changes as presented, Items 1-10. (Motion #4)

Exhibit #2

3. NICHE Report

Dr. Michael Burke and Ms. Judy Meyer provided the Board with a review and update on the Northern Idaho Center for Higher Education (NICHE).

Exhibit #3

4. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Hall and carried by Ms. McGee to enter into Executive Session “pursuant to Section 67-2345, 1, (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation. A roll call vote was taken: (Motion #24)

AYES: Mr. Hall, Ms. McGee, Ms. Haws, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Eaton, Dr. Howard, Mr. Boyd
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Lewis

- 1) The Board considered the performance evaluations of a public employee.
- 2) The Board heard advise of legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

(Minutes taken by Kevin Satterlee)

5. Open Forum

The speakers were:

- 1) David Rawls - Achievement Standards
- 2) Brad Murray - Riverbend Professional Technical Academy
- 3) Denise Clark - IPTV
- 4) Carole Lindsay - Early Childhood Programs
- 5) Doug Fagerness - Early Childhood Programs
- 6) Brad St. John - K12 Education

Exhibit #7

6. Achievement Standards Update

Mr. Eaton asked for an update on the Assessment process. Ms. McGee said letters had been sent out soliciting applications for Assessment Committee positions and for the Consultant Specialist Assessment position. There was discussion of who received the notices.

Mr. Eaton felt Ms. Guerra's position fitted in with the assessment portion of the standards in order to preserve continuity. Ms. McGee said the committee had discussed it and agreed on the importance of continuity.

Mr. Eaton suggested someone from the Board staff contact each of the Achievement Standards commissioners and extend a personal invitation to apply for one of the new positions.

Exhibit #9

7. Good of the Order

- 1) Mr. Eaton asked that the November agenda included:
 - a. A discussion on holding a summer conference with Boards in neighboring states.
 - b. A discussion on Pathways and a request to the Governor and the

legislature to set aside a substantial amount of the surplus to go into a fund in which only the interest would be expended to fund that program.

- 2) Ms. Haws asked for discussion regarding the receipt of agenda information the Board receives.
- 3) Mr. Hall asked the staff to look into having some of the information given to members via CD-ROMs and the utilization of personal computers. Mr. Hammond agreed. Dr. Fitch advised that the Board's web site included the meeting minutes and agenda materials.

Exhibit Materials on file with the Office of the State Board of Education.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A. Career Pathways

Ms. Ann Wilson, Don Soltman, Vicki Trefz and Mary Jean Tranfo gave a presentation on the efforts of the Kootenai Business Education Partnership's efforts and success with Pathways.

B. Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking

The SDOE requested approval to prepare a Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking for publication in the December 2000 Administrative Bulletin.

The goal of the procedure is to clarify Board rule language, establish equitable reimbursement criteria (a Matrix), develop minimum standards for school bus construction, develop a school bus out-of-service matrix, provide for increased local control in driver training methods and establish a district accountability process.

Subsequent to the Negotiated Rulemaking process, the SDOE will return to the Board seeking approval to proceed with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

It was moved by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) to approve the request to begin the Negotiated Rulemaking process, as submitted, by publication in the December 2000 Administrative Bulletin. (Motion #25)

C. Gifted and Talented Program

It was moved by Dr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Haws and carried (7-0) to approve the request for a pending rule, subject to completion of the Administrative Procedure Act process. (Motion #26)

Note: There was discussion regarding this item, but the recording quality was poor and it could not be transcribed.

D. Letters of Authorization

The SDOE asked approval for the Letters of Authorization that were submitted as approved by the Professional Standards Commission at its September 14-15 meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Howard, seconded by Ms. McGee and carried (6-1) to approve the request for Letters of Authorization as submitted by the Professional Standards Commission and as listed on the attachments. (Motion #27)

Mr. Eaton said for several years there has been a problem with a shortage of Special Education instructors and suggested specific attention be paid to the problem. Ms. McGee felt Career Pathways and Grow Your Own could be vehicles to show students who may be thinking about entering education what Special Education is about.

Mr. Eaton said discussions he has had reflect a part of the problem as being federal paperwork requirements. He felt we probably did not have any control over that, but that we could identify what we do have control over and see if changes can be made. He asked if it could be reviewed and a report brought back within a reasonable time.

E. Boundary Change - Boise to Meridian

A hearing was held of February 4, 2000 and the hearing officer's report and recommendation together with any supporting documentation has been forwarded to the Board.

Mr. Satterlee said there has been a substantial change as one of the original petitioners has moved to another area and that changes by 50 percent the number of children impacted. The Boise SD has filed a request to dismiss the petition based on that occurrence. There is a change in the number of children in an area and a new family with children has moved in, but how those children will be impacted is not reflected in the record.

Mr. Satterlee recommended that rather than issue an order, it remand it back to the hearing officer with an order to reopen the record, take additional evidence and testimony, and the determine what is in the best interest of the children.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Ms. McGee and carried (7-0) to remand this matter to the hearing officer and reopen the petition with the additional evidence as to the effect on the children in as much as some of them petitioning for the change have moved and we need current information in order to make a decision. (Motion #28)

A request was made from a member of the audience to make it a speedy process as in the past the process has taken as long as 18 months. Mr. Hall asked if the response could be brought back within 90 days. Mr. Satterlee felt that could be done.

F. SDOE Organization

Statute requires the SBOE to approve the organizational structure of the SDOE.

It was moved by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried (7-0) to approve the organizational arrangement of the State Department of Education as submitted. (Motion #29)

G. School Accreditation

Dr. Bob Haley, chair of the committee to study the State's accreditation process, gave a presentation on the process and the committee's recommendations.

The SDOE requested authorization to field test the ad hoc accreditation committee's recommendations for possible future changes in the accreditation statute and rules.

It was moved by Dr. Howard and seconded by Ms. Haws to approve the State Department of Education's request to field test the recommendations for changes in the accreditation process. **No vote taken.** (Motion #30)

Ms. McGee felt the tie to assessment should be stronger. She said she would like to be part of the process and asked to be notified of meetings.

Mr. Eaton felt it is a step forward, but he had reservations and could not approve the recommendations until the Board has had the opportunity to provide input. He suggested the framework be modified, brought back for approval and then the details identified. He felt it was premature to identify the details without framework changes.

It was moved by Ms. McGee, seconded by Mr. Hall and carried (7-0) to defer action until the November meeting. (Motion #31)

H. Superintendent's Report

Assessments

Dr. Howard reviewed what is needed to understand and use the assessments:

- 1) Strong leadership from district superintendents and local school trustees.
- 2) Support of school districts as they align curriculum to the standards.
- 3) Begin collaboration of all stakeholders immediately.
- 4) Adherence to strategic plan concepts

Idaho Reading Initiative

Dr. Howard said she has had a great deal of positive feedback from teachers on the Idaho Reading Initiative.

I. Other

Technology Competency Certification

Dr. Fitch said BSU has allowed teachers to take the competency exam at a cost of \$5.00, which is minimal, in recognition that if there was a failure, they could repeat it for an additional \$5.00. Over 600 have taken the test, been notified by letter from BSU that they passed the test, but have refused to purchase the certification for \$35.00. As a result, BSU has had to absorb over \$21,000 in lost revenue/service. He asked the Board to reaffirm their position that it be a certificate and not a letter that confers competency. He said many of the people who are refusing to pay the \$35 are people who feel they do not need it. He asked that a message be sent that they do need it as it will be an accreditation requirement.

Agenda and materials on file as Exhibit #8 with the Office of the State Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT: October 22, 4:00 p.m.
October 23, 3:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

The minutes are not verbatim. However, to the best of my knowledge, they constitute a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Recording Secretary: Vicki E. Barker