



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 20-21, 2003
Boise State University / Idaho Statehouse
Boise, Idaho**

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on January 20-21, 2003 in Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. President Blake Hall presided. The following members were present:

Blake Hall, President
Rod Lewis, Secretary
Paul Agidius
Karen McGee

Jim Hammond, Vice President
Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent
Laird Stone
Darrell Manning

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Review / Approval

MS (McGee/Hammond): To approve the agenda as presented. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. Rolling Calendar

MS (Hammond/McGee): To hold the regularly scheduled January 2004 Board meeting in Boise on dates that coincide with the Board's JFAC presentation. *The motion carried unanimously.*

3. Minutes Review / Approval

There were no minutes before the Board for review.

PRESENTATION – IDAHO PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

President Charles Ruch, Boise State University, presented to the Board the Idaho Professor of the Year, Dr. Todd Shallot, Boise State University.

OPEN FORUM

Floyd Strain spoke to the Board about directive psychology.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Letter of Authorization Requests

MS (Howard / Hammond): To approve the requests for Letters of Authorization as submitted by the Professional Standards Commission. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. Elementary and Secondary School Accreditation

Board member Hammond questioned the meaning of “approved with merit.” Shannon Page, SDE, explained that the criteria for merit means that a school has met or exceeded all accreditation standards.

MS (Howard / Hammond): To approve the 2002-2003 Accreditation Summary Report of Idaho Schools as submitted. *The motion carried unanimously.*

3. Albertson College of Idaho Teacher Preparation Program Approval

MS (Howard / Agidius): To approve the recommendation by the Professional Standards Commission to approve all teacher preparation programs at Albertson College of Idaho with a follow-up, on-site visit within two years of the on-site visit completed on October 26-30, 2002, to assess conditionally approved programs. *The motion carried unanimously.*

4. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Formula Report

David Breithaupt, SDE, reported to the Board on work to develop Idaho’s Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) formula. AYP is a key component of the No Child Left Behind Act and is a plan to hold each school accountable for the achievement of all students by the end of the 2013-2014 school year. AYP is to be determined for each state, district, and school for the whole student body as well as for specific subpopulations. A discussion ensued regarding the report and proposed formula, and the way it will calculate students who move during the school year.

Board member McGee expressed her desire to meet as a group to discuss the AYP again before it is finalized. She would like the Assessment & Accountability Commission to be able to review it as well.

Board member Howard noted that the formula is a work in progress, and added that there is a desire to run the data and see the impact of the formula before implementing it. She added that there is concern over creating a negative effect for those districts that have already been putting forth a great deal of effort in this area and have already moved students up considerably, that they may be held to impossible standards to move students up further.

Board member Hall shared the concern. He noted that another Board working session is needed on this issue in order to ensure a formula is constructed that accurately reflects what is happening in the schools.

5. Superintendent's Report, Marilyn Howard

Board member Howard reported that she has been working with Governor Kempthorne on solution for school facilities. She noted there will be continued meetings to identify solutions, roadblocks, and work toward some sort of resolution. She also noted her work with the Office of the State Board of Education to identify issues with the assessment program to ensure Idaho is in compliance with the federal requirements while also realizing and meeting state needs. She added that a person has been hired at the SDE to coordinate the state's involvement in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

PLANNING, POLICY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Higher Education Infrastructure – Report

Nancy Szofran, OSBE, introduced the presenters: Rich Mincer, SDE; Glenn Wilde, UI; Dave O'Neill, BSU; Art Brown, CeriStar; and Joe Hawrylak, IBM. It was explained that a feasibility study has been undertaken by IBM and its partners to determine the profitability and practicality of investing capital in high-speed networks in Idaho. Mr. Hawrylak explained that the study is grounded in existing technology, infrastructure, and a new business model. The model will treat networking and data services like other utilities (phone, water, power, etc.). He added that, so far, there is the belief that the new model can mesh and work together with what is already in place through IDANET. A discussion ensued regarding how this model would work with IDANET.

It was noted that current phase is a feasibility study, and that proper thing to do once the study is completed would be to issue a request-for-proposals and let all vendors with interest apply. The study is anticipated to be completed in February.

Board member Lewis inquired how this would tie in with the Idaho Student Information Management System (ISIMS). Mr. Mincer, SDE, noted there is interest in this proposal from a K-12 perspective because ISIMS does not include funding to create broadband services to each school district, and they will be needed in order for ISIMS to work. The system proposed here could provide a solution.

There was a general consensus from the Board to continue with the study and have a report back upon its completion.

2. Presidents' Council Report

Dr. Burke gave the report. He noted that the presidents had heard a report on the statewide analysis of scholarships in hopes of developing a strategic plan for scholarships in the state. He stated the presidents also discussed the ongoing need for regaining MCO and enrollment

workload funding. Additionally, he stated that the presidents had discussed the higher education building projects and the Governor's proposal for funding them.

Board member Hall noted that the Board had previously approved a list of higher education construction projects, but that the Governor has come forward with a new proposal for financing these projects that the Board has yet to take a position on. Board member Hammond noted that we are in a unique environment that we likely will not see again for awhile. Interest rates are low and costs for these buildings could be spread out and stimulate the economy at the same time. He noted that given the state of the economy, the Governor's proposal is appropriate at this time.

MS (Manning / Agidius): To support the building projects as proposed by Governor in the amount of \$61,058,000 for higher education. *The motion carried unanimously.*

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Rod Lewis gave an update on the progress of the search.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MS (Hammond / McGee): To enter into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code section 67-2345 (1) (a) and (b). *The roll call vote carried 7-1 (Agidius dissented).*

In executive session, the Board considered hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and considered the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

The Board adjourned on the evening of January 20, and then reconvened on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. to continue business.

OPEN FORUM FOR LEGISLATORS

Legislators addressed the Board as follows:

1. Senator Sheila Sorensen discussed her proposal for a new statewide scholarship program funding through the lottery proceeds.
2. Senator Mel Richardson spoke about technology in education.
3. Representative Eulalie Langford spoke about the good work being done by an alternative school in her district and asked the Board to look into concerns that it is being discontinued.
4. Representative Pete Nielsen addressed his concerns over the deterioration of morality in youth.
5. Representative Jack Barraclough addressed concerns and accolades on a number of issues in public education.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS & HUMAN RESOURCES

Section I – Human Resources

1. Boise State University - New Positions

MS (Manning / McGee): To approve the request by Boise State University for three new positions as detailed in the Human Resources agenda. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. Idaho State University – New Positions; Deleted Positions

MS (Manning / Hammond): To approve the request by Idaho State University for three new positions and deletion of one position as detailed in the Human Resource agenda. *The motion carried unanimously.*

3. University of Idaho - New Positions: Change in Positions

MS (Manning / Hammond): To approve the request by the University of Idaho for three new positions as detailed in the Human Resources agenda. *The motion carried unanimously.*

4. Lewis Clark State College – Change in Positions

MS (Manning / McGee): To approve the request by Lewis-Clark State College for a change in positions as detailed in the Human Resources agenda. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Section II – Finance

1. Boise State University – Contracts for Services / Agreements / Authorizations; Authorization for Issuance of Bonds

MS (Manning / Hammond): To approve the request by Boise State University as stated in the Supplemental Resolution for the 2003 Bonds, the title of which is as follows:

A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION of Boise State University authorizing issuance and sale of \$6,620,000 Student Union and Housing Revenue Bonds of The Board of Trustees of the Boise State University, Series 2003, authorizing execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement and providing for other matters relating to the authorization, issuance, sale and payment of the Series 2003 Bonds. *The roll call vote carried unanimously.*

2. University of Idaho – MK Plaza IV Lease Extension

MS (Manning / Agidius): To approve the request by the University of Idaho to exercise the option provided by the “Ninth Amendment to the Office Lease” at MK Plaza in Boise and extend the existing lease terms through September 30, 2004; and negotiate terms for further extension of the lease as needed to accommodate the scheduled completion date for the Idaho Water Center and Wright Learning Center. *The motion carried unanimously.*

3. Discussion of Governor's Budget Recommendations

Miles LaRowe, EITC, requested permission from the Board to request that the Governor and Legislature include the Healthcare Education building as one of the construction projects allowed to bond through the state for funding. A discussion ensued on the needs of Southeast Idaho in this area, where the building will be placed, and whether Idaho State University should be collaborating to serve Idaho Falls in this building.

MS (McGee / Hammond): To approve the request from EITC to seek support from the Governor's Office and the Legislature for a Healthcare Education building with the caveat that the Board will be looking at collaboration in Southeast Idaho in this area including further discussions on where the building should be located. *The motion carried unanimously.*

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH & STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. New Program Approval – University of Idaho Full Proposals

Full proposals for each of the three programs were distributed. University of Idaho officials presented the programs to the Board as follows: Charles Hatch, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Margrit von Braun, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Chemical Engineering; James Foster, Professor of Computer Science; and, Deborah Stenkamp, Assistant Professor of Zoology.

MS (Lewis / Hammond): To approve the University of Idaho's new Ph.D. program in Environmental Science, and Ph.D. and M.S. programs in Bioinformatics and Neuroscience. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. Standards, Assessment & Accountability Update

Board member McGee reported on a recent meeting to discuss getting information to parents and students about No Child Left Behind. She added that there are groups meeting currently to develop proficiency scores for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

3. Idaho Student Information Management System (ISIMS) Report

Craig Olsen, J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, made a presentation on the Idaho Student Information System. A discussion ensued regarding the presentation.

MS (Hammond / Agidius): To enter into negotiations and sign a letter of agreement stating our commitment to support the Idaho Student Information Management System for a period of ten years. *The motion carried unanimously.*

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

Board member Manning announced his intent to resign from the Board effective immediately due to his new assignment in the Governor's Office.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.