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**DRAFT MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 22, 2003
Boise State University
Boise, Idaho
Student Union Building - Bishop Barnwell Room**

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on May 22, 2003, in Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. President Blake Hall presided. The following members were present:

Blake Hall, President	Jim Hammond, Vice President	Rod Lewis, Secretary
Paul Agidius	Laird Stone	Karen McGee
Milford Terrell	Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent	

M/S (Terrell / Hammond): To approve the agenda with the addition of one item related to the EITC healthcare education building. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Executive Session

M/S (Agidius/Hammond): To enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b). *The roll call vote was unanimously approved.*

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 1:45pm.

M/S (Hammond / Lewis): To reappoint Dr. Dene Thomas as President of Lewis Clark State College. *The motion carried unanimously.*

M/S (Hammond / Lewis): To delegate to the Board's Executive Committee the authority to begin searching for an interim president at the University of Idaho. *The motion carried unanimously.*

M/S (Hammond / Agidius): To appoint Bill Robertson as Interim President at Eastern Idaho Technical College effective June 1, 2003, and give him the authority to recommence the search for a Dean of Instruction. *The motion carried unanimously.*

M/S (Hammond / Agidius): To delegate to the Executive Director the authority to develop a plan of action for the Superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. *The motion carried unanimously.*

M/S (Hammond / Terrell): To reappoint Gary Stivers as the Executive Director of the Office of the State Board of Education. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. IDANET Presentation

Pam Ahrens made a presentation to the Board. She asked for guidance from the Board on whether the education community will be involved in IDANET.

Board member Hall referred the IDANET question to the IRSA Committee, including direction to discuss with the institutions their interest in IDANET and what other opportunities they have been looking into, including the proposal recently made to the Board from IBM.

3. BSU – Request to Purchase Automated Library Network

M/S (Hammond / Lewis): To authorize Boise State University to purchase an integrated automatic library system at a cost of \$573,178 with the understanding that any cost overruns associated with the purchase of the automated system will be brought back to the Board for review. In addition, now that all the four-year institutions will be on the same system, to direct the institutions (librarians) to actively plan for and collaboratively deliver a statewide system of library services to students, faculty and staff in Idaho. *The motion carried unanimously.*

4. BSU – Appointment – Non-Delegated

M/S (Hammond / McGee): To approve the request by Boise State University to make a non-delegated appointment of Cheryl Schrader as Dean and Professor of the College of Engineering. *The motion carried unanimously.*

5. ISDB – Property Transfer

Jane Hochberg reported to the Board that the Idaho State Building Authority (ISBA) deeded back to the State of Idaho, through the State Board of Education, the final 17 acres in Gooding that were deeded to the ISBA in 1984 for financing renovations.

6. First Reading: President Emeritus Policy

M/S (Hammond / Agidius): To approve the first reading of Section I.E.5 Governing Policies and Procedures, President Emeritus/Emerita Policy. *No vote taken.*

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy change. Board member Lewis expressed concerns over the effect of having a former chief executive, conferred with such a title, being

active in the campus community while a new president is getting started, possibly clouding who is in charge.

M/S (Substitute Motion – Lewis / Terrell): To give privileges outlined to a retiring president without conferring the title of President Emeritus. *No vote taken.*

M/S (Amended Substitute Motion – Terrell / Lewis): To send the policy draft to the Presidents’ Council for further review. *The motion carried 6-2.*

7. ISIMS Agreement

M/S (Hammond / Agidius): To authorize the Board President to execute the ISIMS agreement with the J.A. Albertson Foundation as presented. *No vote taken.*

A discussion ensued regarding the need for additional advice from the Board’s legal counsel.

M/S (Substitute Motion - Terrell / McGee): To move ISIMS agreement to Item 12 on agenda. *The motion carried unanimously.*

8. Charter School Issues

Board member Hall reminded all that a subcommittee for charter schools has been appointed.

Paul Powell, President of the Idaho Coalition of School Choice, addressed the Board on charter school issues. Mr. Powell presented information from the Coalition on needs that the Coalition would like to see addressed relative to charter schools.

Board member Hall noted that in relation to the enrollment of founders kids, some Board members voiced their support at their April meeting for a mechanism allowing a percentage of seats to be set aside for founders kids.

Mayor Tom Dale addressed the Board regarding Liberty Charter School. He requested that the State Board of Education become the chartering entity for Liberty Charter School. Jim Barnes, Nampa, also addressed the Board relative to Liberty Charter School in Nampa, and reiterated the request to have the Board step in and become the chartering entity.

A discussion ensued on the Board’s authority to act as a chartering entity.

9. UI Athletic Conference Affiliation

Dr. Pitcher presented the issue of the University of Idaho joining the Sunbelt Conference.

Benny Blick and Gary Garnand addressed the Board on behalf of the Vandal Boosters and expressed their support for moving the UI to the Sunbelt Conference.

A discussion ensued regarding how donations may or may not change if the University is allowed to stay at the same athletic division level or go down.

Lewis expressed concern over the \$500,000 additional allocation to athletics in a couple of years given the current state of the economic affairs at the UI. A discussion ensued regarding the allocation and the concern over the economic situation at the UI, and the effect this move may have on it.

M/S (Stone / Agidius): To authorize the president of the University of Idaho, or his designee, to make the final decision as to whether it is in the best interest of UI to accept an invitation as an all-sports member of the Sun Belt Conference and to continue to comply with all Board policies and procedures. *The roll call vote carried 5-3. Explanations for each vote were as follows:*

Paul Agidius - Yes

Milford Terrell – No. Would vote for a motion that keeps UI the same for one year while a full financial package is put together.

Rod Lewis – Yes. With caveat that we all remember this decision by the institution when it comes to other programs and requests, and that it may be cause for sacrifices in other areas.

Marilyn Howard – Yes. Noted that UI should have an opportunity to address financial issues holistically and create the synergy needed to recover.

Blake Hall – No. Would vote for a motion that keeps UI the same for one year while a full financial package is put together that shows academics will not suffer as a result of this move.

Jim Hammond – Yes

Karen McGee – No. Would vote for a motion that keeps UI the same are for one year while a full financial package is put together.

Laird Stone - Yes

10. EITC Healthcare Education Building

Board member Hall assigned to the Board's executive committee the responsibility to develop criteria to use in the decision on where this building should be placed, and requested that Board members forward any suggestions they have in this regard. He stated he is planning to have presentations by interested parties during the August meeting in Idaho Falls.

10. Strategic Planning / Retreat Discussion

Keith Hasselquist reported to the Board on the state of the budget. He noted that the economic situation continues to generate actual revenue collections short of the projected revenue for FY03. To deal with this revenue shortfall during the legislative session, the legislature passed and the Governor signed a negative supplemental bill, reducing FY03 spending by 3½% for most agencies and programs. However, educational programs were exempt from this legislation, and held harmless from the budget cuts. The revenue collections for April were short of projections leaving a potential shortfall of \$38M for FY03 with two months of collections remaining. With this outlook, additional measures are necessary in order to balance the FY03 budget. Last year facing a similar financial situation, the presidents of the institutions developed a plan that spanned FY02 and FY03. The plan covered a potential reduction of 5% of the FY02

appropriation. For FY02, they agreed to give back to the State ½ of 1% of the general account appropriation. For FY03, they agreed to develop a reserve or contingency plans for the remaining 4½ %. In a recent meeting between the Governor and the presidents, it was agreed that some of these contingency funds would be given back at the end of this fiscal year. The amount agreed upon was 3% of the FY03 general account appropriation. Although the Special Programs and Health Programs were not specifically included in this plan, are to remain available for reversion at fiscal year end.

Dr. Howard noted that there is also some concern that public schools may not get all they were expecting in FY 03.

In relation to the Board's Strategic Plan, Board member Hammond noted that anytime the phrase "exiting standards" is used, it should be changed to "achievement standards."

Board member Hall expressed concern over public perception that committees working in advisory capacity to the Board are taking action to change education policy in the state. He noted it is important for all to understand that committees and commissions put together by the Board to advise the Board on education matters only forward recommendations, which always require review and final action by the Board to make any policy change official.

Board member Hall also made the following Board member assignments for the coming year.

Jim Hammond – Chair of Business Affairs and Human Resources Committee

Milford Terrell – Chair of the Planning, Policy and Governmental Affairs Committee

Rod Lewis – reappointed as Chair of the Instruction, Research & Student Affairs Committee

Milford Terrell – Idaho Council for Technology in Learning

Board member Hall reminded all of the Higher Education Delivery Subcommittee of the Board, which is charged with addressing questions related to governance, community college system, etc. He appointed Paul Agidius to Chair this subcommittee (other two members are Blake Hall and Rod Lewis). He noted that Rod Lewis and Laird Stone have been working with the provosts to develop a policy on postsecondary program delivery, which is one of the components of this overall issue.

Board member Terrell expressed interest in discussing funding equity for athletics. It was noted that this issue has been assigned to the athletic subcommittee for review and recommendation.

11. Executive Session

M/S (Agidius / Hammond) To enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b), (d), and (f). *The roll call vote carried.*

The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

12. ISIMS Agreement

M/S (McGee / Howard): To authorize the President of the Board to sign the ISIMS agreement as presented. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.