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**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
July 16, 2003  
LBJ Building, Room 302  
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on July 16, 2003, in Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. President Blake Hall presided. The following members were present:

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

**I. Call to Order / Agenda Approval**

There was unanimous consent to proceed with the agenda as written.

**II. Nampa II Charter School – Appeal Timeliness**

Board member Hall explained that the issue before the Board is relative to the timeliness of the appeal, not the appeal itself, and stated that testimony would be limited to the timeliness issue only.

Gayle O'Donahue and Leslie Mauldin, both of Meridian, presented the issue from the perspective of the Nampa II Charter School. William "Bud" Yost and Bob Henry, both of Nampa, presented the issue from the perspective of the Nampa School Board. A discussion ensued regarding the timelines and process for appeals.

**MS (Lewis / Terrell): To waive the Board's policy related to the 21 day appeal requirement and move forward with a review of the Nampa II Charter School appeal at the Board's next regular meeting. *The motion carried 7-1 (Howard dissenting).***

### **III. Idaho Virtual Academy (IDVA) Funding Request**

Board member Howard introduced the item and explained that a letter sent to the State Department of Education (SDE) in April 2003 disputing funding for the Idaho Virtual Academy spurred the issue. Bob West, SDE, reviewed the SDE's response to the letter.

Dave Gencarella and Brian Julien, IDVA, presented their concerns over state funding and the lack of consideration currently provided for statewide, online charter school offerings.

Board member Stone noted that these issues are within the scope of the Board's Charter School Subcommittee. He noted that more information is needed, and agreed that there are no provisions currently for a statewide charter school, but that the Board's Subcommittee is interested in drafting policies in this area.

Board member Howard stated that the State Department of Education has followed the law as it is currently written relative to charter school funding, and that the Board's Subcommittee may propose changes to the laws to fix problems for statewide schools in the future. Board member McGee expressed interest in having the Board weigh in on the issues as soon as possible so the School can move forward without uncertainties over funding.

Board member Terrell raised questions on Idaho statutes relative to funding and expressed belief that the Board has authority to make decisions in this area. Board member Stone stated that the Subcommittee would consider the issues and questions raised, and bring forward recommendations at the next regular Board meeting.

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