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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
February 5, 2004
650 W. State St. Room 307
Boise, Idaho
2:30 pm MT/1:30 pm PT**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on February 5, 2004 at 650 West State Street, Room 307, Boise, Idaho. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. and presided over by President Blake Hall. The following members were present:

Blake Hall, President
Milford Terrell

Rod Lewis, Secretary
Paul Agidius

Karen McGee
Laird Stone

Absent: Jim Hammond, Vice President
Dr. Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Approval

M/S (McGee/Agidius): To approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Boise State University General Revenue Bonds

Jeff Shinn of the Board staff and Buster Neal of Boise State University discussed the Boise State University request for approval of the State Board of Education to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds to construct certain improvements. Mr. Shinn noted that The Series 2204A bonds will be used for projects which have been previously approved by the State Board for construction. Mr. Neal said that the bond rates on this date were excellent.

M/S (McGee/Terrell): To approve a Supplemental Resolution for the Series 2004A Bonds, the description of which is as follows: A Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$31,480,000 General Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, of the Board of Trustees of Boise State University; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement and providing for other matters relating to the authorization, issuance, sale and

payment of the Series 2004A Bonds and the creation of a single bond system. *Roll call vote taken; motion passed 6-0 (Hammond/Howard absent).*

The approval of the Bond Purchase Agreement, Official Statement and Information Reporting Agreement and Commitment were duly noted and copies were ordered to be placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Board staff announced that Mr. Neal will be leaving Boise State University to take another position out of state. Therefore, it becomes necessary to make provision for the signing authorization for the purpose of signing the documents described above.

M/S (Terrell/McGee): To adopt the following: RESOLVED, that the Supplemental Resolution be signed by the President of the Board and attested by the Secretary and recorded in the records of the Board; that the President or Vice President, Secretary and Bursar are authorized to make such changes to the Supplemental Resolution prior to delivery of the Series 2004A bonds as shall not be inconsistent with the foregoing; and that Harry E. Neel, Jr., as Vice President of Finance and Administration and Bursar, and on behalf of the University, is authorized to sign any document relating to the sale and issuance of the Series 2004A Bonds through February 13, 2004; and that Stacy Pearson, as Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration and Bursar, and on behalf of the University, is authorized to sign any document relating to the Series 2004A Bonds thereafter. *Roll call vote taken; motion passed 6-0 (Hammond/Howard absent).*

3. Technical Advisory Committee under Idaho's Compliance Agreement

Board member Hall reported that since the 2003 Legislature passed SCR 106, which re-established the Board of Education as the State Education Agency (SEA) for Idaho, the Board has systematically taken steps to fulfill its legal responsibilities to the state and the federal government. The next step is the assumption of the management of the Federal Compliance Agreement between Idaho and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Compliance Agreement, signed in 2002, defines steps Idaho must take to fully implement standards and testing. Whereas Superintendent Howard signed the original agreement on behalf of the State, now the Board is charged to manage the Agreement in its role as the State Education Agency. The Compliance Agreement includes a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) appointed to assist the State in developing the most effective and accurate testing program possible.

At this time, Board President Hall announced that the Board would reconstitute the TAC, release the current members and begin the process of appointing a new Technical Advisory Committee. He appointed Dr. Thomas Fisher to serve as the Chairman of the TAC and Dr. Willey Dobbs to serve as a member. He charged Board staff to work with Chairman Fisher to identify four additional members who can provide the skills and expertise necessary to develop the best testing system to meet the needs of Idaho schools and students.

Board member McGee agreed that this is a timely move which will provide accountability as well as close scrutiny of the work of the State Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.