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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 12, 2004
Len B. Jordan Building
Boise, ID**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on July 12, 2004. It originated from the basement conference room of the Len B. Jordan Building (650 West State Street) in Boise, Idaho. Board President Rod Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to identify the Board members who were present, because they were attending by teleconference.

Members Present:

Rod Lewis, President	Laird Stone, Vice President
Milford Terrell, Secretary	Paul Agidius
Blake Hall	Karen McGee
Sue Thilo	

Members Absent: Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent

At this point, Board staff referenced Idaho Code 67-2342, which does not require a Board member to be physically present at a teleconference if the Director or Chief Administrative Officer is physically present. This law took effect on July 1, 2004.

Board President Lewis directed everyone's attention to the single item on the agenda.

1. Idaho State University Rendezvous Center

Jeff Shinn, of the Board office, introduced the request by Idaho State University for authorization for a final increase to the Rendezvous Project budget from \$38,810,000 to \$43,510,000. He introduced representatives from Idaho State University and the Division of Public Works to speak on the various issues related to this item.

Board member Hall objected to addressing this item via telephone conference call. His objection was so noted by Board President Lewis.

When asked, President Bowen said Idaho State University had seriously considered reducing the size of the building rather than ask for increased funding. However, decreasing the size of the building would substantially change the function of the building and result in the project being withdrawn altogether from consideration.

Board member Hall indicated he had been led to believe that re-bids usually come in higher than original bids. President Bowen said that any comment made to that effect was incorrect. Larry Osgood, of the Division of Public Works, agreed and explained that re-bids often come in lower for a variety of reasons. He went on to say that when this project was re-bid, it was significantly impacted by the huge increase in the price of building materials.

Board member Thilo asked if the university was confident in its ability to meet the increased debt load should the project be approved. Ken Prolo said Idaho State University is able to support the increased debt load.

When asked, President Bowen said that even though Idaho State University has a list of projects it would like to see carried out, this project represents its top priority.

Board member Hall reiterated his concerns related to this project.

M/S (Stone/Agidius): To approve an increase in the project budget for the Rendezvous Center at Idaho State University from \$38,810,000 to \$43,510,000. The additional costs will be the responsibility of Idaho State University and are expected to be funded from the offering of additional bonds under the University's General Revenue Bond System. Roll call vote was taken; motion passed 4-2 (Lewis and Hall dissenting; Terrell excused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest; Howard absent).

Board member Terrell noted that he was excusing himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

M/S (Stone/Agidius): To adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.