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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 3, 2005
PTE Conference Room
650 West State Street
Boise, ID**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held on February 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. A roll call was taken to introduce the participants. Board President Lewis presided.

Members Present:

Rod Lewis, President	Laird Stone, Vice President (by phone)
Milford Terrell, Secretary	Paul Agidius (by phone)
Karen McGee	Sue Thilo (by phone)
Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent	

Absent: Blake Hall

1. Legislation to Amend Idaho Code Section 33-3717 Relating to Tuition at State Institutions

Board President Lewis introduced this item noting it had been discussed in great detail at the previous Board meeting. The action taken by the Board at that meeting was to give a directive to the Executive Director and the Board's attorney to develop new language consistent with the comments made by the Board in their discussion and to call for a special meeting with the intent for the Board to reconsider the new language and move forward with a vote.

Jeff Schrader, legal counsel for the Board, reviewed the proposed legislation. Dr. Howard and Board President Lewis briefly discussed the action at the previous meeting regarding this legislation.

Board member Terrell spoke to the purpose of the legislation. He pointed out that it will allow the Board to set fees, including tuition, at the three institutions (Boise State University, Idaho State University and Lewis Clark State College), and is not intended as a means to raise fees.

Board member Agidius commended Board staff for working to prepare the legislation. Dr. Howard expressed her understanding regarding the financial difficulties faced by the institutions that restricts their ability to move forward. She went on to note that the students who

spoke at the January meeting had expressed a lack of trust about the legislation, the future impact it could have on the cost of education, and their doubts about its benefit to them. She said she will vote against this proposed legislation.

Board President Lewis explained that a good deal of time had been spent at the previous meeting discussing the purpose of this proposed legislation with student leaders as well as others. He reiterated that this legislation is intended only to make it possible for the institutions to operate more openly in their use of fees for educational and instructional costs. It also clears up any confusion in terms of semantics. He pointed out that any increases that may take place in the future will not be based on this legislation or the terminology that is used.

M/S (Terrell/McGee): To approve the endorsement of the legislation to remove the tuition prohibition from Idaho Code Section 33-3717. Roll call vote taken; motion carried 6-1 (Howard dissenting).

M/S (Terrell/Howard): To adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.