



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
March 9, 2006
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held March 9, 2006 and originated from the Office of the Board of Education, Len B. Jordan Building, Boise, Idaho. The meeting was conducted by conference call. President Rod Lewis presided.

Rod Lewis, President
Milford Terrell, Secretary
Karen McGee

Laird Stone, Vice President
Blake Hall
Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent

Paul Agidius, having just been reappointed to the Board by Governor Kempthorne, joined the conference call.

OPEN SESSION

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Consideration of Community College Legislation

M/S (Terrell/Hall): To support the proposed legislation and the concept set forth therein. *Motion carried 6-1 (Howard dissenting).*

The Board met to discuss proposed legislation for the establishment of additional community colleges in Idaho. Present for the discussion were Representative Ann Rydalch, Senator John Goedde, staff from the Governor's office, representatives from the universities and colleges, and Board staff.

Dwight Johnson, Interim Executive Director of the Board office, reviewed the proposed legislation, noting that the Governor's office had worked with Representative Rydalch and Senator Goedde to come up with legislation that brought the two sides together.

He summarized the concepts put forth in the new legislation including processes, funding, and governance.

Senator Goedde noted that if and when a new community college becomes a stand-alone entity, it will go through the same budgeting process as the current community colleges do. He also agreed that the issue of taxes will ultimately need to be resolved. Representative Rydalch indicated her desire was to see a community college system under way. In addition, she wants the three universities to be phased out of the community college business.

The Board invited comments from the representatives of the colleges and universities. Idaho State University expressed concerns related to its operation located at the University Place in Idaho Falls. Boise State University expressed support, indicating it was important to do something to get things moving. Eastern Idaho Technical College noted their support of the effort. Lewis Clark State College agreed that having a defined community college function as part of their mission was a good thing as long as funding was continued. University of Idaho indicated their support of the effort. College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College both asked to see a copy of the current draft.

Dwight Johnson reminded the participants that discussion needed to focus on the concepts rather than the finer points that will be worked out over time. It was expected that the draft legislation will continue to be fine tuned before it becomes final.

Board President Lewis thanked all those who had participated in the discussion. He noted that the legislation would allow the State Board of Education to consider future proposals which would receive careful consideration prior to any approval. Senator Goedde noted that if this legislation is passed, the real responsibility falls upon the Board to carry the concepts forward.

Dr. Howard indicated that she would vote against the motion to support the legislation to allow the stakeholders more time to study the issue. Board member Stone noted that his conversations with Idaho State University and Eastern Idaho Technical College indicated their willingness to discuss the issues.

Board member Hall expressed his support of the motion, noting that the time to move forward was now, while the funds and the support were in place. He indicated that all the stakeholders and the Association of Counties had been kept informed. Board President Lewis supported moving forward in a timely fashion and indicated his view that the time to move was now. Board member McGee and Terrell agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S (Terrell/Stone): To move into executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1), on March 9, 2006 at 4:45 p.m. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

In executive session, The Board considered hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; considered the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member of individual agent, or public school student; conducted deliberations concerning labor negotiation or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; considered records that are exempt from public inspection; considered preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations; and considered and advised its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.