



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TRUSTEES OF BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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TRUSTEES OF LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
TRUSTEES FOR THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

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**APPROVED MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 9-11, 2006  
Eastern Idaho Technical College  
Idaho Falls, Idaho**

A regular meeting of the State Board of Education was held August 9-11, 2006 at Eastern Idaho Technical College in the John E. Christofferson. Board President Laird Stone presided. Members present were:

Laird Stone, President  
Blake Hall  
Karen McGee  
Marilyn Howard, State Superintendent

Paul Agidius, Secretary  
Rod Lewis  
Sue Thilo

Absent: Milford Terrell

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2006 in Room 331 of the John E. Christofferson Building at Eastern Idaho Technical College. Board President Laird Stone was unable to attend this portion of the meeting. Paul Agidius presided.

1. Discussion of the State Board of Education Strategic Plan and Agency Profile

Executive Director Dwight Johnson presented a draft of the Board's strategic plan. He outlined the process for submitting the final document to the Division of Financial Management. The Board discussed the draft and recommended several changes. Recommendations for edits were noted by Board staff.

2. Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**M/S (Hall/Thilo): To move into executive session at 4:40 p.m., pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1), on August 9, 2006 in Room 331 of the John E. Christofferson Building at Eastern Idaho Technical College. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.**

**M/S (McGee/Hall): To go out of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

In executive session, the Board (a) considered hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; (b) considered the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; (c) conducted deliberations concerning labor negotiation or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; (d) considered records that are exempt from public inspection; and, (f) considered and advised its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

## **OPEN SESSION**

Open session was called to order by Board President Stone at 8:15 a.m. on August 10, 2006. He mentioned that Milford Terrell was excused due to illness. Greeting cards for Mr. Terrell were circulated for people to sign.

## **BOARDWORK**

### 1. Agenda Review

The Board agreed to table item number 7 (EPSCoR) under the Instruction, Research and Student Affairs agenda.

**By consensus, the Board agreed to accept the agenda as modified.**

### 2. Minutes Approval

**M/S (Lewis/McGee): To approve the minutes from June 14-16, 2006 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Rolling Calendar

**M/S (McGee/Howard): To approve August 9-10, 2007 as the date, and College of Southern Idaho as the location for the August 2007 regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **OPEN FORUM**

Representative Janice McGeachin thanked the Board for their dedication to the students of Idaho. She encouraged an economic focus as the Board continued to address high school reform and the community college initiative. She pointed out that a community college system would allow more high school graduates to go to college because it would make education more affordable and accessible. Representative McGeachin explained that approximately 50% of Idaho's population is rural, and that rural communities often rely on a single industry. She observed that delivering college courses at various community, school district, or industry buildings would keep costs down. She asked the Board to involve more parents in the reform effort and reported that a group of Idaho Falls parents were interested in a program called Project Appleseed. Board member Thilo thanked Representative McGeachin for her input.

Fred Gunderson, Professor of Engineering at University of Idaho in Idaho Falls and a member of the Eastern Idaho Technical College Advisory Council, discussed the purpose and the

activities of the Advisory Council. He reported that the Advisory Council had demonstrated successful contributions to professional-technical education and that it had also worked effectively to meet the needs of the community. He pointed out that Idaho Falls has representatives from the University of Idaho and Idaho State University located there along with EITC. Mr. Gunderson noted that more effective coordination and collaboration between the institutions had taken place in recent years. He encouraged the Board to not be influenced by parochial or political pressures when considering the future of EITC. He offered the assistance of the EITC Advisory Council to the Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Board member Lewis asked to have item 10 of the Consent agenda (the second reading of the Board's Bylaws) moved to the Planning, Policy and Governmental Affairs Committee agenda.

**By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to this change.**

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

1. BAHR - Section I -- Boise State University – New Positions & Changes to Positions

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Boise State University for thirty-one (31) new positions supported by appropriated and local funds; and title, term, salary and FTE changes to four (4) positions.**

2. BAHR – Section I – Idaho State University – New Positions & Changes to Positions

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Idaho State University for seven (7) new positions, to increase the FTE on two (2) positions supported by local and grant funds, and to change the term on two (2) positions supported by local funds.**

3. BAHR – Section I – University of Idaho – New Positions

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by the University of Idaho to establish sixteen (16) new positions supported by appropriated and non-appropriated funds.**

4. BAHR – Section I – Lewis-Clark State College – New Positions

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Lewis-Clark State College for four (4) new positions supported by appropriated, grant, local and vocational funds; changes in FTE for two (2) positions supported by appropriated and local funds and the deletion of four (4) positions.**

5. BAHR – Section I – Eastern Idaho Technical College – New Position

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Eastern Idaho Technical College for one (1) new position supported by appropriated funds.**

6. BAHR – Section II – Idaho State University – Renaming of Building

Information item only.

7. BAHR – Section II – Amendment of Board Policy – Amendment to Board Policy Section V.R. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Establishment of Tuition and Fees

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved for second and final reading revisions to the Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures, Sections V.R., Establishment of Tuition and Fees.**

8. PPGAC – Alcohol Permits Issued by University President

Information item only.

9 PPGAC – Second Reading of Amendment to Board Policy – I.A.1., I.M.1.b., IV.A., V.A.1., V.B.1., V.B.8., and IV.H. – Idaho State Library

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the second reading of the amendment to Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies I.A.1., I.M.1.b., IV.A., V.A.1., V.B.1., V.B.8., and IV.H.; Idaho State Library**

10. PPGAC – Second Reading of Amendment to Bylaws H. and J.

This item was moved to the regular agenda.

11. IRSA – Quarterly Report: Program changes Approved by Executive Director

Information item only.

12. Pending Rule Governing Thoroughness – Rewards

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved the pending amendment to IDAPA 08.02.03., Rules Governing Thoroughness, Rewards.**

**PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

1. Presidents Council Report

Board President Stone introduced President Vailas, Idaho State University's new president and welcomed him to Idaho. President Tim White, University of Idaho, reported that the presidents met with Governor Risch on August 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, the presidents held their retreat on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. White explained that the presidents shared concerns related to the funding, accessibility, affordability and tax reform. Board member McGee reported on the GEAR UP grant which was obtained as a result of the combined efforts of the Department of Education, Professional-Technical Education and the Career Information System.

Board member Hall encouraged the presidents to continue addressing access. Board President Stone asked the presidents to remember the middle-ground students caught between need and

merit; they may also need financial assistance. Board member Thilo indicated that the Board had a task force to work on the issue of financial aid; they will bring it to the attention of the legislature. President Dene Thomas, Lewis-Clark State College, mentioned that the Promise scholarships do not provide for students who don't go to college directly from high school. President Bob Kustra, Boise State University, suggested that the Board keep in mind that the cost of professional-technical education at North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho and Eastern Idaho Technical Colleges is much less than at BSU and ISU. Dr. Vailas urged the Board to engage the private sector in future discussions about industry partnerships.

## 2. Eastern Idaho Technical College Progress Report

President Bill Robertson welcomed the Board to EITC and reported on the progress and activities currently underway at college. He reviewed the mission of the institution and discussed the various areas it serves. He reminded the Board that they offer a number of pre-employment credit programs. Many of these programs are attended by non-traditional students. In addition to the credit programs a wide array of workforce training programs are offered based on the needs and requests of business and industry and governmental agencies. They are typically short-term in nature. Mr. Robertson discussed the cooperative education programs underway with the high schools. He noted that community education is also an activity EITC tries to accommodate when possible. He explained that over 60% of EITC's students receive financial aid and that EITC is a commuter college. It also has a number of outreach programs to the surrounding counties in order to reach those students who can't commute. Mr. Robertson spoke about the community partnerships and indicated that the EITC Foundation had been supportive and able to provide scholarships. He reported on the progress of the Health Science Building and mentioned that ISU will also occupy that building.

Dr. Howard thanked Mr. Robertson for the presentation. She agreed that the outreach efforts of EITC are an essential component of the college. She asked about the types of training offered to the prison populations. Mr. Robertson noted that EITC has a number of activities going on in the city jails and at St. Anthony Juvenile facility. Mr. Robertson noted that a mix of state and federal funds that are targeted to that population.

## 3. Idaho Commission for Libraries Progress Report

Ann Joslin reported to the Board on the Idaho Commission for Libraries. She introduced Dr. Frank Nelson from the Commission, who works out of the Idaho Falls office. Ms. Joslin noted that the change in the Library's status to a Commission was effective July 1, 2006. She reported on the LiLi data base system. The Commission plans to help library staff learn how to use LiLi as well the how to promote it to their communities including schools and patrons. The Commission distributes state public documents through the state depository system. It is an old system and the Commission hopes to move to new approaches and methodologies. An implementation plan is being developed along with a budget request to address this effort. The Commission has the Read-To-Me program in place to help increase the number of Idaho children who are reading as well as improving the reading skills of children. The strategic issue of reaching digital natives is one the Commission is working to address. Digital natives are those people who grew up using and relying on electronic devices almost exclusively. Ms. Joslin noted that a group of people are looking at trends in this area and hope to locate research studies. As far as resources for parents, there are some things available on the Commission's website. Ms. Joslin indicated that the Commission will look at what it can do to provide more information to parents.

4. Approval of Eastern Idaho Technical College Board Members

**M/S (McGee/Agidius): To approve the appointment of Dr. Mary Girling and Dr. Susan Arnold to the Eastern Idaho Technical College Advisory Council for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Approval of Temporary and Proposed Rules for Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Governing Employment Services.

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve the temporary and proposed Rules and minimum Standards Governing Extended Employment Services. Motion carried (McGee and Howard absent during this vote).**

6. Approval of UI Alcohol Waiver for 2006 Football Season

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve the request by the University of Idaho to establish secure areas for the purpose of allowing the above specified pre-game activities (Vandal Game Day, Corporate Tent Area, and President's Circle Pre-Game Function) for the 2006 home football season, such events to be in compliance with Board policy, Section I.J., and the following conditions:**

- 1. The service area shall be secure, surrounded by a fence to control access to and from the area.**
- 2. The pre-game events shall be limited to four hours, ending at kick-off.**
- 3. Alcohol making or distributing companies may not sponsor the activities or tents.**
- 4. UI shall use a color-coded wrist band or pass admission system to identify attendees and invited guests.**
- 5. UI shall send companies sponsoring a corporate tent a letter outlining the Board alcohol policy and further conditions set by the Board. The letter will state that the minimum drinking age in Idaho is 21 and that at no time may they allow any underage drinking and/or serving or alcohol to visibly intoxicated patrons.**
- 6. There must be two entry points manned by security personnel for the secure area.**
- 7. Security personnel shall be located throughout the secure service area to monitor use of wristbands, patron behavior, and entrance and exit.**
- 8. No person may exit the secure area with alcoholic beverages.**
- 9. Tent sponsors shall insure and indemnify the State of Idaho, the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho and the University of Idaho for a minimum of \$2,000,000, and shall obtain the proper permits and licenses.**
- 10. The area is for sponsors to entertain clients/guests for the Fall, 2006 home football games, including the sales and service of alcohol.**
- 11. This exception is only for the 2006 football season; the University of Idaho shall bring the matter back to the Board after the conclusion of the 2006 football season for reconsideration for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Tim White presented this item. Board member Lewis noted that the motion needed to be clear as to who is represented when any reference to school or groups is made.

7. Approval of institution and Agency Strategic Plans and Agency Profiles

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve the institution and agency strategic plans and agency profiles as submitted with the exception of the SBOE as amended, and also granting consent to ISU to make modifications in the in the next 72 hours should they so choose. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board member Hall presented this item and noted that the plans were adopted with the understanding they will be modified consistent with the discussion on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Board member Lewis encouraged ISU to make greater mention and clarification of its mission related to nuclear science. Dr. Vailas agreed to do so within the allowed timeframe.

10. Second Reading of Amendment to Bylaws H. and J. (This item was brought forward from the Consent Agenda)

**M/S (Lewis/Stone): To postpone these five items until a future Board meeting to allow time for further review and consideration. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board member Lewis asked if the definition of “independent” as it appears in the first paragraph of subsection b (Composition) under section 4 (the Audit Committee) had been clarified since the discussion at the last meeting. It appeared that it had not.

Board member Hall pointed to other references to committee membership and powers that appear in the bylaws. Under Section 2 (Instruction, Research and Student Affairs), subsection b (Composition), he suggested that the language be modified to include specific mention of agencies such as the Division of Professional-Technical Education. In addition, he made the same recommendation with regard to the membership of Business Affairs and Human Resources Committee. Under subsection c (Responsibilities and Procedures) of section 5 (Executive Committee), Board member Lewis raised a concern as to whether the Board understands and agrees to the scope of the power that the bylaws grants to the Executive Committee. Board member Hall questioned whether the Board had the authority to delegate those duties. Board member Lewis noted it would be appropriate to designate the specific powers and authority for specific purposes, as the need arises to cover specific topics. Dr. Tim White reminded the Board to give consideration to the Presidents’ Council duties that are outlined under section J (Presidents’ Council) as well. The Board agreed to postpone this item until these five points could be addressed.

At this time Board President Stone introduced Senator Mel Richardson who was in the audience.

## **INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Board members McGee and Thilo introduced this portion of the agenda.

### 1. Dream Act Presentation

Fernando Mejia, a student at BSU and a member of the Idaho Community Action Network introduced himself along with other students to present this item to the Board. They reported that undocumented immigrant students cannot pursue postsecondary education in the United States. In addition, they are barred from receiving federal financial aid. The DREAM Act (the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act) would provide qualified undocumented high school students who wish to attend college or serve in the armed forces an opportunity to

adjust to a lawful status and pursue those goals. Mr. Mejia indicated that there are about 400 students each year in Idaho who are unable to pursue a college education. Board member Hall explained that it would be helpful to know exactly how many immigrant students are limited due to affordability and how many immigrant students pay out-of-state tuition.

At this time, Board member McGee recognized Representative Jack Barraclough in the audience.

2. Approval of Eight-Year Institutional Regional Plans

**M/S (Hall/Thilo): To approve the updated eight-year plan for academic years 2006-2007 to 2013-2014. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board member McGee introduced this item and explained that programs on the wish-lists aren't guaranteed to be approved. Tony Fernandez of LCSC explained that memorandums of understanding are best developed when the Notices of Intent have been fully vetted. He reinforced that the purpose of the eight-year plans are to assure that no institution or Board member is caught off guard. Dan Petersen of the Division of Professional-Technical Education explained that PTE programs often require a quick response. He explained that those outside of policy go through the appropriate process to qualify. Dr. Claudeen Buettner, College of Southern Idaho, clarified a program not included in the five- or eight-year plan can be brought to the Board if accompanied by a justification for doing so. Board member Lewis received clarification on several of the programs that were listed. Dr. Howard asked for information related to engineering. It was noted that the institutions are planning to bring those details forward at the October meeting.

3. Instructional Unit: Center for Materials Characterization – Boise State University

**M/S (Thilo/McGee): To approve Boise State University's request to establish a new Center for Materials Characterization as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. University of Washington School of Medicine Committee of Admissions for the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) Program

**M/S (Thilo/McGee): To approve the three-year rotating terms for the University of Washington School of Medicine Committee on Admissions and the appointments of Dr. Roger Boe, Dr. David Anderson and Dr. Peter Kozisek as Idaho members of the Committee, noting that Dr. Boe will be serving for one year. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board member Thilo confirmed that three seats were being vacated, however, Dr. Roger Boe agreed to stay another year to provide consistency. She expressed concern that northern Idaho is not represented and recommended that Dr. Boe's replacement be someone from northern Idaho. Board member McGee requested that the Board be notified when the nominations open next year to allow time to participate in the process.

5. This item was pulled from the agenda

6. Approval of Temporary and Proposed Rules Governing Registration

**M/S (Hall/Thilo): To approve the temporary and proposed rule for the registration of postsecondary institutions and proprietary schools. Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Howard explained that this rule relates to monitoring the registration of proprietary schools, a responsibility assigned to the Department of Education. She expressed concern about the lack of adequate staff and funds to take on more work. Karen Echeverria recommended grandfathering the existing schools and reviewing new schools when they apply. She suggested approving the proposed and temporary rule at this meeting to give Board staff time before the second reading to look at Dr. Howard's concerns. Dr. Howard indicated that a bigger issue is whether or not there are quality control indicators in place to ensure compliance because the public perception is that the State Board is accountable when an approved proprietary school fails to perform as promised. Board member Lewis agreed. Ms. Echeverria explained that schools are currently required to register, but that the SDE does not have the staff to enforce that requirement.

7. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCOR) Appointments.

**M/S (Stone/Thilo): To postpone this item indefinitely. Motion carried 5-2 (Lewis and Hall dissenting).**

At this time the Board recognized Dr. Mike Rush of the Division of Professional-Technical Education. He announced that Dr. Dan Petersen would retire from the agency on August 31st. The Board thanked Dr. Petersen for his many years of state service. Dr. Rush went on to introduce Dr. Richard Ledington who will be taking his place as the Director of Research.

8. Approval of Rules Governing Public Charter Schools

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve an amendment to IDAPA 08.02.04.300, Rules Governing Public Charter Schools.**

**Substitute M/S (Lewis/Hall) To approve an amendment to IDAPA 08.02.04.300, Rules Governing Public Charter Schools with the following amendment that the word "residency" be substituted with the word "domicile" with respect with 300.05 Motion carried unanimously.**

Karen Echeverria explained that this rule went to the legislature during the last session, but wasn't approved. The Board has included language related to proof of residency in the rule and will send the rule back to the legislature in 2007 for review. There was discussion about the meaning of the word "residency" and Board member Hall suggested it be changed to "domicile" rather than "residency." Dr. Howard noted that Idaho has a number of group homes where students in attendance come from outside of Idaho. That raises the question of what constitutes residency or domicile when out-of-state parents sign over guardianship to an Idaho institution and whether or not Idaho should be required to bear the burden.

9. Approval of Proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – High School Graduation Requirements

**M/S (Hall/Howard): To approve the Proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – High School Graduation Requirements, as set forth in proposal 4 (c).**

**Amended M/S (Hall/Howard): To approve the Proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – High School Graduation Requirements, as set forth in proposal 4 (c). And, to amend the motion to include the change in the language related to the math requirement to say, “Algebra I or a class that meets Algebra I standards, Geometry or a class that meets Geometry standards and Algebra II or a class that meets Algebra II standards as approved by the State Department of Education”. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board member Thilo and Executive Director Johnson presented this item. They summarized the various actions taken since 2005 when the new high school graduation requirements were proposed. They noted that the 2006 Legislature approved the proposed rules, but had not provided funding. Since then, the Board adopted a temporary rule to remove the additional requirements. Mr. Johnson presented four separate proposals for the Board to consider and Christine Ivie of the Board office explained that the primary difference between the proposals is in the math requirement. In addition, the number of elective credits differs depending on the number of required math credits.

Representative Jack Barraclough was invited to make comments and he thanked the Board for working on this issue. He agreed that incorporating stakeholder input was a good approach and noted that the Board’s efforts helped all Idahoans to recognize the areas of need. He encouraged the Board to consider how to address those students who take Algebra in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Board President Stone indicated that if a student has completed one of the math courses with a grade of C or higher, prior to 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the student would get credit for it in high school. Ms. Ivie clarified that even those students will still need to meet the number of math credit requirements for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Board member Thilo noted that the option with no-course-titles for math allows districts more flexibility as to what they will offer for the math requirement. In response to a question, Mike Rush reported that PTE is working on strategies geared to meet the math requirement through professional-technical education.

Board member Lewis pointed out that the Board needed to give consideration to the major themes heard from stakeholders. He indicated that some had supported a standards-based program and others had asked for improvement at the middle, grade and preschool levels. He urged the Board to communicate that the proposed high school graduation requirements are one piece of the framework. Board member Lewis explained that other aspects of the plan such as accelerated learning and middle school requirements are still included. He discussed the issue of electives and noted that the number credits required by the schools for graduation are not the total number of credits a student can take. He urged the Board to communicate these things to the public as well.

Board member Hall clarified that special education students are exempt from the requirements. He urged that the language in the rule be clear on that point. He went on to make a motion supporting proposal c (also known as number four) which requires six credits of math. He pointed out that this proposal allows the Board to request money from the legislature in the form of incentives for districts should they desire to add more math. Board member Lewis indicated he would vote in favor of the motion, though he supports having students take four years of math. He agreed that the incentives provide for local control and Dr. Howard suggested that incentives might be targeted to students as well as districts. Board member Agidius agreed about having more math credits, but recognized the need to take smaller steps to reach that point. Board member Lewis asked that the Board give adequate emphasis on the implementation plan strategy because it is responsive to comments collected around the state.

Board President Stone again asked for clarification of how PTE fit into the equation. Mike Rush noted that as a result of the discussion, PTE teachers offered to put together a list of recommendations to address the issue because they have always been supportive of high school reform. Board member McGee agreed that PTE courses should be included in the math credits where they meet the standards. Board President Stone suggested changing the language in the proposal to read, "Algebra I or a class that meets the standards of the Algebra I requirement as outlined by the SDE," and the same for Geometry and Algebra II as well, so it allows for a PTE course to qualify.

Board member Hall explained that passage of the proposed rule at this meeting gives the Board time to make changes and also to give a detailed description of the implementation plan. Executive Director Johnson suggested that if the Board agreed on the change to the language related to the math requirement that it be incorporated into the motion. Board member Hall and Dr. Howard agreed to that friendly amendment to the original motion.

Board President Stone appointed Board member Thilo to continue to chair the committee to carry forward with the effort. She accepted the appointment.

10. ISAT Academic Achievement Standard Setting – Matching Performance Level Descriptors to ISAT Scores

**M/S (Thilo/Howard): To approve the Idaho Academic Achievement Standards, including the PLDs and ISAT Cut-Scores at each Performance Level.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

**M/S (McGee/Stone): To approve the temporary and proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

Rosemary Abell from the Board office presented this item to the Board and introduced David Chayer of Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to discuss results and recommendations. It was noted that reading and math teachers from the elementary, middle and high school levels helped to fine tune the drafted Performance Level Descriptors. The results are the required technical and alignment verification of the ISAT and will be part of the packet Idaho submits for the September peer review. They require State Board of Education approval in order to be accepted as evidence. There was discussion about the cut scores and the Board's five-year goal. Executive Director Johnson indicated that the short-term goal is to meet the federal requirement.

11. Adoption of Cut Scores for the Idaho English Language Assessment (IELA)

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve the recommended cut scores in Tables 3 and 4 for the Idaho English Language Assessment.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve the temporary and proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

Wendi St. Michell of the Board office presented this item.

12. Adoption of Accountability Plan for State Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program

**M/S (Stone/Thilo): To approve the recommended Accountability Plan for the Idaho Limited English Proficiency Program.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

**M/S (Stone/Thilo): To approve the temporary and proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

Wendi St. Michell presented this item.

13. Adoption of Revised English Language Development (ELD) Standards and English Language Proficiency Level Descriptors

**M/S (Thilo/Hall): To approve the revised English Language Development (ELD) Standards and English Language Development Level Descriptors.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

**M/S (Thilo/Hall): To approve the temporary and proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

Wendi St. Michell presented this item.

14. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program Update

**M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve the recommendation to transition the LEP program management to the SDE and retain the LEP assessment management in the OSBE office effective July 1, 2007.**

**M/S (Thilo/Howard): To postpone this item.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

Executive Director Johnson reminded the Board that Dr. Howard asked the Board at their last meeting to consider moving the LEP program to the Department of Education. Referring to Page 3 and 4 of Tab 14, he outlined the options and their fiscal impact and suggested that the Board may want to give further consideration to this item.

During discussion, Dr. Howard indicated that the SDE did not have input into the options under consideration and suggested that there were several weak points. She noted that the recommendation to move the LEP program management to the SDE while retaining the LEP assessment management in the OSBE office would result in two separate reporting streams for the districts. She indicated that the responsibility for conducting program reviews is not clearly stated and that there are other various responsibilities as well that should be explained or defined in a memorandum of understanding. Dr. Howard pointed out that the SDE does not have any FTE or funds to allocate to this effort. She concluded by asking the Board to delay this item until the concerns could be addressed. Board member Thilo noted that in view of Dr. Howard's concerns she would make a motion to postpone this item.

## **BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Senator Mel Richardson was invited to make remarks to the Board. He spoke about the Idaho Council on Technology in Learning (ICTL). He reported that many schools are facing great difficulty in doing testing because their technology is either outdated or very limited. Also, schools need more broadband capability in order to access the Internet and they have needs

related to the maintenance of equipment. Senator Richardson indicated that the ICTL will meet on August 24<sup>th</sup> with the performance audit group to discuss their recent report on education.

## **SECTION I – Human Resources**

### 1. Boise State University – Head Volleyball Coach Employment Agreement

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve the request by Boise State University for approval of the Employment Contract and Addendum to Employment Agreement for Robin Davis as head women’s volleyball coach. Motion carried 6-0 (Stone absent for the vote).**

### 2. FY 2007 Agency Head Salaries

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To set the FY 2007 salary for Peter Morrill, General Manager of Idaho Public Television, effective July 1, 2006, at an annual amount of \$84,802.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To set the FY 2007 salary for Michael Rush, Administrator of the Division of Professional-Technical Education, effective July 1, 2006, at an annual amount of \$92,643.20. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jeff Shinn of the Board office explained that these actions were required to correct a mathematical error that was found in the calculations following the last Board meeting.

## **SECTION II – Finance**

### 1. Boise State University – Student Rec Center HVAC & Plumbing Upgrades

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve the request by Boise State University to proceed with the design and construction of an upgrade to the HVAC and plumbing systems in the Student Recreation Center for a cost not to exceed \$686,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

Stacy Pearson of Boise State University reported that the upgrades are a result of undersized equipment. Board member Agidius asked for a report from all the institutions at a later date on the amount funds in their reserves accounts.

### 2. Boise State University – Parking Deck Project

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve Boise State University’s request -- in conjunction with the State Division of Public Works -- to proceed with the issuance of the Request for Proposal for selection of a design/build team to design and construct a parking structure, and to authorize the Division of Public Works to award a design/build contract to the selected team. The total project is not to exceed \$12 million, with funding to come from current bond proceeds, interest earnings on these proceeds and university reserves. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Boise State University – Authorization to Redirect Bond Proceeds

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve the request by Boise State University to authorize the use of \$8,500,000 in bond proceeds from Series 2004 and Series 2005 Bonds, and related**

interest earnings, originally allocated to the Student Services Center, for a parking deck, subject to Board approval to proceed with construction. In so doing the Board designates the parking deck as a “project” under the Higher Education Bond Act and finds the parking deck project to be necessary for the proper operation of the University and economically feasible. *A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.*

Jeff Shinn reported that he had a copy of the opinion letter from the bond counsel and that it is positive. Copies were provided to Board members. Stacy Pearson indicated that the institution has sufficient funds to complete the project in the event the Board doesn't approve future bonds.

#### 4. Idaho State University – CAES Facility Project

Ken Prolo of Idaho State University reported on this item and indicated that a request to proceed with financing and construction of the CAES project will be on the October Board agenda.

#### 5. Idaho State University – Agreement for Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence

**M/S (Agidius/Hall): To approve the request by Idaho State University to authorize the Agreement by Idaho State University to Exclude Governing Organization and a related Report of Actions by Board of Trustees of Colleges and/or Universities in connection with the University's response to security clearance requirements of the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) certification process of the National Industrial Security Program. *Motion carried unanimously.***

#### 6. University of Idaho – Barker Wealth Management Program

Lloyd Mues of the University of Idaho presented this item. He indicated that it was an opportunity for the students in the College of Business and Economics to be exposed to options and futures using a separate outside entity that Mr. Barker will establish. Board member Lewis asked Board staff to follow up on this item to assure that there is no fiscal or liability impact for the UI.

#### 7. University of Idaho – Events Pavilion Feasibility Study

Lloyd Mues presented this item related to future development consistent with the University's Long Range Campus Development Plan. He noted that the UI initiated a technical assessment feasibility study for a proposed UI Events Pavilion and proposed improvements to the ASUI Kibbie Activity Center. The funds for this technical assessment and feasibility study are gifted to the UI for this express purpose.

#### 8. University of Idaho – Amendment to Palouse Mall Associates Agreement

Board member Agidius recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

**M/S (Stone/Thilo): To approve the request by the Regents of the University of Idaho to approve an amended and restated ground lease with Palouse Mall Associates in substantial consistency with the draft submitted as part of this request, and to authorize the Vice President for Finance and Administration at the University of Idaho to execute**

**the amended and restated ground lease documents. Motion carried 6-0 (Agidius recused himself).**

Board President Stone presented this item.

9. This item was pulled from the agenda

10. Lewis-Clark State College – Athletic Fee Waiver Increase

**M/S (Agidius/Lewis): To approve 40 additional athletic fee waivers for Lewis-Clark State College to award to non-resident student-athletes for a total authorized number of athletic waivers of 110. Motion carried unanimously.**

In a response to a question from the Board, Dr. Dene Thomas indicated that the number of this type of fee waiver at LCSC has remained constant over the years even though the NAIA allowed for a significant increase of scholarships. This request allows LCSC to add women's track in the future and to add two more scholarships for women's sports, helping to bring the college into compliance with Title IX.

11. Lewis-Clark State College – Student Housing Project – Management Agreement

Ron Smith of Lewis-Clark State College presented this item and indicated that the final agreement will be brought forward to the Board in October. Board member Agidius noted that Ron Smith is leaving LCSC to take a position at Seattle University and the Board congratulated him and expressed their appreciation for his work at LCSC.

12. FY 2008 Budget Requests

Board member Agidius presented this item.

a. Motions for Supplementals, Replacement Capital Outlay and Maintenance of Current Operations

Motions on Tab 12a, Page 3 and 4

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Office of the State Board of Education to extend the contract with NWEA for Fall, 2006 testing in the amount of \$1,700,000, General Funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Office of the State Board of Education to lease test questions from DRC for the Spring, 2007 Language Usage Test, in the amount of \$300,000, General Funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Office of the State Board of Education, to continue testing in the second and ninth grades in the amount \$750,000, General Funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Office of the State Board of Education, for \$833,200 federal spending authority and two new positions for the GEAR UP grant. *Motion carried unanimously.***

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Office of the State Board of Education, for \$1,311,300 federal spending authority for the Teacher Incentive Pilot Project. *Motion carried unanimously.***

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to expand caseload services, in the amount of \$273,000. *Motion carried unanimously.***

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Idaho State Historical Society for additional Operating Expense costs at the Idaho History Center and Bureau of Reclamation building, in the amount of \$45,300, General Funds. *Motion carried unanimously.***

Motions on Tab 12a, Page 15

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve Replacement Capital Outlay items for the College and Universities, for normal operational needs, in the amount of \$4,614,500. *Motion carried unanimously.***

**M/S (Agidius/Stone) To approve Replacement Capital Outlay for Idaho Public Television, specifically for KUID/Moscow studio production equipment, translator digital conversion, and IT and other items in the amount of \$1,862,700. *Motion carried unanimously.***

**M/S (Agidius/Hall): To approve the MCO budget requests for the College and Universities, Community Colleges, Agricultural Research and Extension Service, Special and Health Programs, and the Agencies of the Board, and to delegate to the Executive Director approval of the final FY 2008 Maintenance of Current Operations budget requests for these agencies, institutions and programs as developed by following State of Idaho Budget Development Manual guidelines and Board policy. *Motion carried unanimously.***

b. College and Universities

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve for final development the following specific budget Line Items for the College and Universities as referenced on Tab 12b, page 3:**

- 1) Salary Equity
- 2) New Programs/Enhancements
- 3) Occupancy Costs

**All other items are to be submitted as part of the official budget request not in priority order, but listed by each institution's priority. *Motion carried unanimously.***

c. Community Colleges

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve for final development the following specific budget Line Items for the Community Colleges (College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College):**

- 1) Nursing Program Capacity Expansion in the amount of \$307,300

- 2) Program Outreach in the amount of \$850,000
- 3) Salary Equity in the amount of \$780,500

All other items are to be submitted as part of the office budget request not in priority order, but listed by each institution's priority. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Board member Lewis asked for more detail on Program Outreach. Dr. Jerry Beck of the College of Southern Idaho indicated it had to do with economic development and building new training programs to meet industry needs outside their taxing district. Dr. Michael Burke of North Idaho College reported that NIC has four service counties it is trying to serve.

d. Other Higher Education

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To approve for final development the following specific budget Line Items for Agricultural Research and Extension Service:**

- 1) Salary Enhancement – Additional Funds to provide a total increase of eight percent for all employee classes in the amount of \$1,112,000 (General Funds).  
*Motion carried unanimously.*

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve for final development the following specific budget Line Items for the Special Programs, as shown on the next page:**

- 1) Forest Utilization Research – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$20,800 (General Funds)
- 2) Forest Utilization Research – Increasing Value of Idaho Forest Resources at \$119,500 (General Funds)
- 3) Forest Utilization Research – Enhanced Policy Analysis at \$105,000 (General Funds)
- 4) Idaho Geological Survey – Salary Enhancement – 4.5% above CEC at \$32,800 (General Funds)
- 5) Idaho Geological Survey – Operation Base Enhancement at \$94,000 (General Funds)
- 6) Idaho Geological Survey – Mission Capability Enhancement at \$75,600
- 7) Scholarships and Grants – Increase Promise A Scholarships at \$120,000 (General Funds)
- 8) Idaho Museum of Natural History – Salary Enhancement – 4.5% above CEC at \$20,300 (General Funds)
- 9) Idaho Museum of Natural History -- Program Enhancement at \$106,100 (General Funds)
- 10) Idaho Small Business Development Centers – Hispanic Outreach at \$83,700 (General Funds)
- 11) Idaho Small Business Development Centers – Rural Video Conferencing at \$40,000 (General Funds)
- 12) Idaho Small Business Development Centers – Salary Competitiveness at \$12,500 (General Funds)

**Substitute M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To amend the motion by removing items 7, 10, 11 and 12 so that the motion reads:**

- 1) Forest Utilization Research – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$20,800 (General Funds)
- 2) Forest Utilization Research – Increasing Value of Idaho Forest Resources at \$119,500 (General Funds)

- 3) Forest Utilization Research – Enhanced Policy Analysis at \$105,000 (General Funds)
- 4) Idaho Geological Survey – Salary Enhancement – 4.5% above CEC at \$32,800 (General Funds)
- 5) Idaho Geological Survey – Operation Base Enhancement at \$94,000 (General Funds)
- 6) Idaho Geological Survey – Mission Capability Enhancement at \$75,600
- 7) Removed from the motion
- 8) Idaho Museum of Natural History – Salary Enhancement – 4.5% above CEC at \$20,300 (General Funds)
- 9) Idaho Museum of Natural History -- Program Enhancement at \$106,100 (General Funds)
- 10) Removed from the motion
- 11) Removed from the motion
- 12) Removed from the motion

*Motion carried 6-1 (Stone dissenting).*

Board member Lewis and Hall raised concerns about several enhancement requests listed in this item. Board member Agidius offered to remove the line items related to the Idaho Small Business Development Centers from the motion. Board President Stone indicated it might be good to set item 7 related to Scholarships and Grants aside as well for a separate motion.

Tab 12d – Special Programs – Line Item 7 – Promise A Scholarships

**M/S (Stone/Agidius): To request an increase in the Promise A scholarships in the amount of \$250,000 out of General Funds.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

In discussion of line item 7 on Scholarships and Grants, Jeff Shinn reported that the Board received more applications than it could grant for the Promise A Scholarships last year. Each Promise A Scholarship is for \$3,000. Board President Stone suggested making a request that was sufficient to cover all the qualified applicants that applied last year.

Tab 12d – Special Programs – Line Items 10-12 – Idaho Small Business Development Centers

**M/S (Agidius/): To forward items 10-12 to the legislature without endorsement or prioritization.**

**Substitute M/S (Stone/Howard): To forward items 10-12 to the legislature in the priority submitted to them by ISBDC without endorsement.** *Motion failed 3-4 (Agidius, McGee, Hall and Lewis dissenting).*

Board member Hall expressed several concerns about these requests. Jim Hogue of the Idaho Small Business Development Centers noted a strategic plan was provided to the State Board of Education. He indicated that the Small Business Development Centers partner with the Department of Commerce and Labor which allows them to deliver services to rural counties. As far as the Hispanic Outreach, this request would allow them to focus on the growing Hispanic community in Idaho.

Board member Hall noted that he was not prepared to endorse this program at this time. Board member McGee asked if there could be a presentation in the future to assure that there isn't

duplication. Mr. Hogue indicated that about a third of the program is funded by federal funds. Mr. Hogue reported that a study is conducted at the end of each year to evaluate how the program has done for accountability.

Dr. Howard noted that these items appear to serve the economic needs and would help advance opportunities for workforce development. She pointed out that the amounts of money being requested were small.

Motion on Tab 12d – page 27

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve for final development the following specific budget line items for the Health Programs:**

- 1) **WOI – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$21,000 (General Funds)**
- 2) **WWAMI – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$29,200 (General Funds)**
- 3) **WWAMI – Additional Seats: Add 2 (two) seats in medical education program for Idaho Residents at \$28,400 (Dedicated Funds)**
- 4) **IDEP – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$13,900 (General Funds)**
- 5) **IDEP – Expansion of Dental Program at \$26,300 (\$9,700 General Funds and \$16,600 Dedicated Funds)**
- 6) **University of Utah – Additional Seats at \$67,600 (General Funds)**
- 7) **Family Practice Residencies – Salary Enhancement -- 4.5% above CEC at \$18,500 (General Funds) Motion carried unanimously.**

Jeff Shinn provided detail on the line items for the Health Programs. It was suggested that the Board study the student numbers in these programs to determine what the funding level should be.

e. Agencies

(1) Office of the State Board of Education

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line Items, for Office of the State Board of Education, as displayed on Page 3.**

- 1) **GEAR UP – Federal Spending Authority only @ \$624,000**
- 2) **LEP Assessment @ \$625,00 (General Funds)**
- 3) **Longitudinal Data Pilot @ \$500,000 (General Funds)**
- 4) **Teacher Incentive Pilot @ \$5,286,600 (\$2,976,600 General Funds, \$2,310,000 Other Funds)**
- 5) **Assessment/Accountability – Alignment/Academic Achievement @ \$500,000 (General Funds)**
- 6) **Increase Space Costs @ \$25,000 (General Funds)**
- 7) **Grant Writer @ \$72,300 and 1.00 (one) FTP (General Funds)**

Dr. Howard asked why the LEP Assessment isn't paid out of federal funds. Jeff Shinn noted that up until this year that has been paid with federal money. However, additional money is needed to cover the costs of the assessment test which is due, in part, to the change in testing vendors.

Dr. Howard noted concerns as well with the Longitudinal Data request because it appeared to be a fragmented effort. Board member Lewis asked for clarification related to the Longitudinal

Data Pilot project requests. Karen Echeverria explained it will be for the K-20 system. Board member Lewis encouraged the Board to coordinate closely with higher education. Dr. Howard agreed that the Longitudinal Data project would provide an opportunity to work with higher education in order to gain leverage on current data gathering programs. Board member Lewis encouraged Board staff to work expeditiously on identifying first steps to get us down the path.

**Substitute Motion (Howard/Lewis): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line Items, for Office of the State Board of Education, as displayed on Page 3.**

- 1) **GEAR UP – Federal Spending Authority only @ \$624,000**
- 2) **LEP Assessment @ \$625,00 (General Funds)**
- 3) **Teacher Incentive Pilot @ \$5,286,600 (\$2,976,600 General Funds, \$2,310,000 Other Funds)**
- 4) **Assessment/Accountability – Alignment/Academic Achievement @ \$500,000 (General Funds)**
- 5) **Increase Space Costs @ \$25,000 (General Funds)**
- 6) **Grant Writer @ \$72,300 and 1.00 (one) FTP (General Funds)**

*Motion carried 4-3 (McGee, Thilo and Stone dissenting).*

#### (2) School for the Deaf and Blind

Board member Agidius suggested that with all that is happening with the School for the Deaf and Blind, it would be prudent to postpone any action on this budget request. The Board agreed.

#### (3) Professional-Technical Education

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line items, in priority order, for Professional-Technical Education, as displayed on Page 25.**

- 1) **New Occupancy – EITC @ \$299,000 (General Funds)**
- 2) **Postsecondary Programs Expansion @ \$2,169,000 (General Funds)**
- 3) **Secondary Programs (high school) Added Cost Formula at \$644,200**
- 4) **Postsecondary Instructional Equipment @ \$1,088,000 (General Funds)**
- 5) **Short-Term Training @ \$650,000 (General Funds)**
- 6) **Postsecondary Programs Salary Equity @ \$535,000 (General Funds)**
- 7) **Career Information System @ \$0 (\$237,000 General Funds, -\$237,000 Miscellaneous Funds)**

**Substitute Motion/S (Hall/McGee): To endorse the first four items and allow the remainder to go forward. *Motion carried unanimously.***

Board member Hall noted that the Board endorsed the top three requests by the universities while allowing them to go forward. He suggested that the Board endorse the first four items and allow the remainder to go through without endorsement.

#### (4) Vocational Rehabilitation

- 1) **M/S (Agidius/McGee): To include for final FY 2008 budget development a total increase for General Fund Line Items at 3.5% above the FY 2008 Base; the Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, in consultation with the Office of the State Board of Education, shall determine which Line Items will be included in the identified percentage cap. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jeff Shinn summarized this item and noted Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has experienced an increased client base in all of these areas.

(5) Idaho Public Television

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line Items, in priority order, for Idaho Public Television, as displayed on Page 49.**

- 1) **Idaho Experience Production @ \$284,500 and 3.00 (three) FTP (General Funds)**  
*Motion failed 1-5-0 (Howard voting Aye and McGee absent during the vote).*

Jeff Shinn explained that this request is to expand IPTV's production to include a stand alone new program called the *Idaho Experience Production*. Board member Hall indicated he would vote against it because of the limited resources and the need to target other areas of need such as nursing programs.

(6) Idaho State Historical Society

**M/S (Agidius/Hall): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line Items, in priority order, for the Idaho State Historical Society, as displayed on Page 53, with the first four being the priority items and the remainder going forward without the Board's prioritization.**

- 1) **Museum Restoration Initiative @ \$118,600 (General Funds)**
- 2) **Historic Records Reclamation Initiative @ \$125,600 (General Funds)**
- 3) **Historic Day Enhancement Project @ \$49,300 (General Funds)**
- 4) **Centennial Heritage Revitalization Initiative @ \$226,700 (General Funds)**
- 5) **Historic Property Preservation and Conservation @ \$146,800 (General Funds)**
- 6) **Cemetery Preservation Initiative @ \$199,300 (General Funds)**

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Steve Guerber of the Idaho State Historical Society reported that the need has continued to grow compelling the State Historical Society Board to continue requesting increased funding.

(7) Idaho Commission for Libraries

**M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To include for final FY 2008 budget development the following specific Line Items, in priority order, for the Idaho Commission for Libraries, as displayed on Page 69.**

- 1) **Read to Me @ \$207,200 (General Funds)**

*Motion carried unanimously.*

f. Capital Budget Requests

**M/S (Agidius/Hall): To recommend to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council that Alteration and Repair projects continue to be emphasized for FY 2008, and to forward, for information purposes only, the current list of requested projects to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council so it is aware of the ongoing needs of the institutions and agencies. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Amendment to Board Policy Section V.J.4.c., Travel and Moving Expense – First Reading

**M/S (Agidius/Hall): To approve for first reading the changes to Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures, Section V.J.4.c., Travel and Moving Expense. Motion carried unanimously.**

14. Idaho State University – New License Plate Logo

**M/S (Agidius/McGee): To approve the request by Idaho State University to approve a new Collegiate License Plate design. Motion carried unanimously.**

15. BSU – Purchase of Real Property

**M/S (Agidius/Stone): To authorize BSU to expend institutional resources to purchase real property as part of the campus master plan acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Howard reported that, since the last Board meeting, the superintendents held their annual meeting in Boise and the new superintendents met as well. She discussed the continuing need for updating equipment and addressing staffing shortages. Dr. Howard noted that the SDE will increase staff allowance for districts to help them meet the needs and demands of preparing their students. In the area of professional development, schools have had to cut back due to a lack of funds. In response, the SDE will be promoting a professional development component in their budget request. The SDE will also address the need to adequately prepare students for math in the early years. Dr. Howard noted that the professional development aspect of early math learning needs to be addressed as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Department of Education**

After discussion, the Board agreed to put items C and G on a Consent Agenda.

**M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the SDE Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Adoption of Curricular Materials

**By unanimous consent, the Board approved adoption of curricular materials and related instructional materials as recommended by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee as submitted.**

G. Proposal to Rezone Meadows Valley School District No. 11

**By unanimous consent the Board agreed to approve proposal for rezoning Meadows Valley School District No. 11.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS – Department of Education**

B. Professional Standards Commission Reappointments and Appointments

**M/S (Howard/Hall): To approve the reappointments and appointments to the Professional Standards Commission. Motion carried 6-0 (Lewis absent).**

Dr. Jana Jones indicated she had distributed packets of information to the Board per request at the previous Board meeting. There was no further discussion on this item.

D. Requests for Permission to Transport Students Less Than One and One-Half Miles

**M/S (Howard/Thilo): To approve the requests to transport students less than one and one-half miles. Motion carried 6-0 (Lewis absent).**

Dr. Jones clarified that this request complies with federal standards.

E. Approval of Idaho Council for Technology in Learning Administrative Budget

**M/S (Howard/Hall): To approve the FY 2007 budget for the Idaho Council for Technology in Learning. Motion carried 6-0 (Lewis absent).**

Dr. Jones briefed the Board on this item. She noted that ICTL is required to get Board approval for ICTL activities. There is a decrease in the higher education technology budget with an increase in staff allowance to bring it into compliance with what the state did last year. Board member McGee suggested having a technology plan brought forward at the October meeting. It was noted that there will be a special meeting of the ICTL on August 24<sup>th</sup> so it will be timely.

F. Revisions to IDAPA 08.02.03.110.01, Rules Governing Thoroughness: Definition at At-Risk Youth

**M/S (Howard/McGee): To approve the request to proceed with proposed rule making by adding LEP students to the definition of “At-Risk Youth” in IDAPA 08.02.03.110.01. Motion carried 6-0 (Lewis absent).**

Dr. Jones presented this item noting it is just permissive, but not a requirement

H. Procedural Update Regarding Idaho Accreditation

This item was postponed until a later meeting. Dr. Jones asked the Board to review the Board materials. Board President Stone suggested having this on the Higher Education committee agenda at the next Board meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**M/S (McGee/Agidius): To adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**