



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
May 30, 2007**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held May 30, 2007 by teleconference. It originated from the Executive Director's office in Boise, Idaho. Board President Milford Terrell presided.

Present:

Milford Terrell, President

Sue Thilo, Secretary

Laird Stone

Blake Hall (was absent during the Executive Session)

Tom Luna, State Superintendent (joined the meeting during the Open Session discussion)

Paul Agidius, Vice President

Rod Lewis

Richard Westerberg

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S (Terrell/Thilo): To move into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1), at 9:00 a.m., on May 30, 2007. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Stone/Thilo): To go out of Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. and go into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

In executive session, the Board did one or more of the following: (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 of 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; (e) 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; (f) considered and advised its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

OPEN SESSION

Board President Terrell took a roll call of Board members at the beginning of Open Session. All members were present except for State Superintendent Tom Luna who joined the meeting during the discussion of the ISAT Academic Achievement Standard Setting.

BOARDWORK

1. OSBE Personnel Issues

M/S (Lewis/Westerberg): To set the annual salary of Karen McGee, Interim Executive Director for the State Board of Education at \$108,712.80, effective May 29, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. University of Idaho Physical Education Building Fire Restoration

M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To approve the request by the University of Idaho to undertake major capital improvements to the Physical Education Building and Swimming Center using insurance proceeds in the amount up to \$848,000, and institutional funds in the amount of \$2,000, for a total project cost of \$850,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Shinn of the Board office explained that the approval of this request would allow the University of Idaho to use insurance money to repair damages resulting from a fire. Lloyd Mues of the University of Idaho reported that the fire occurred on January 27, 2007 in the Physical Ed Building.

3. ISAT Academic Achievement Standard Setting

M/S (Luna/Thilo): For final approval, to approve the Idaho academic achievement standards, including the PDL's and ISAT cut scores, at each performance level for each grade. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Luna/Agidius): To approve temporary and proposed Rules Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference, PDL's and cut scores only. Motion carried unanimously.

There was lengthy discussion about this item. Karen Echeverria of the Board office noted that Subsection 01 states that the content standards need to be updated. She explained that this item would need to be removed from consideration in order to give the State Department of Education an opportunity to review it.

Sandra DeKlotz of the Board office explained that the districts need the cut scores released to them as soon as possible in order to determine whether or not they will meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), and so that they have time to file an appeal if necessary. She also explained that the Board hired a new vendor this past year (Data Recognition Corporation or DRC) who used new tests. A federal peer review showed that the cut scores needed to be revisited in order to validate their accuracy. During the report, DRC discussed the impact of the new cut scores on the proficiency results of reading, math, and language usage.

Luci Willits of the State Department of Education explained that new questions were constructed and piloted this past year. The Department reviewed those questions to ensure each had been answered in such a way as to confirm that the question was clear.

Board member Thilo reinforced that this test is tied to Idaho's standards and encouraged the Board to move ahead. Board member Westerberg recognized the time sensitive nature of the issue while also urging the Board to carefully consider the changes in order to make sure they don't create a greater barrier.

State Superintendent Luna explained that the districts are anxious to get the results. The Department has assured them that this is a one-time situation because of the new tests. He reminded the Board that the districts need enough time to be able to make decisions about AYP and student assignments for the next year. Board member Agidius concurred with Mr. Luna and urged the Board to take action now. Board member Stone indicated that he would rely on the expertise of the Department.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Board entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S (Agidius/Luna): To adjourn the meeting at 9.56 a.m. *Motion carried unanimously.*