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**DRAFT MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Len B. Jordan Building
Office of the State Board of Education
650 West State Street
Boise, Idaho
September 12, 2007**

A special teleconference meeting of the State Board of Education was held September 12, 2007 and originated from the Office of the State Board of Education in Boise, Idaho. Board Vice President Paul Agidius chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with a roll call.

Present:

Milford Terrell, President	Sue Thilo, Secretary
Paul Agidius, Vice President	Laird Stone
Rod Lewis	Tom Luna
Richard Westerberg	

Absent:

Blake Hall

OPEN SESSION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of Negotiations with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

M/S (Agidius/Westerberg): To direct Board staff to implement the cost reductions outlined in the agenda item including the extension to the contract and to bring these items back to the Board in the form of a contract amendment at a later date for formal approval. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

President Terrell informed the Board that he and Superintendent Luna, along with Board staff, had been in negotiations with DRC in an attempt to reduce the cost of the contract. He indicated that they had tentatively agreed to stop development of the 2nd grade test and remove winter testing for grades 3 – 9. DRC had agreed to remove the contingency funds and to

reduce the amount of their contract by \$100,000 per year over a three year period. DRC had also agreed to carry forward some payments into the next fiscal year.

Superintendent Luna clarified that there would be no interest charged on the carry forward payments.

Board Member Thilo clarified that grades 3-10 would still be tested in the fall, that there would be a winter test for grades 11-12 for those students who had not yet passed parts of the test, and that grades 3-10 would be tested in the spring. Karen Echeverria confirmed that this was correct.

President Terrell explained that the contract amendment must be approved by the Division of Purchasing and would then be brought back to the full Board for approval.

Superintendent Luna also clarified that the contract called for two 2-year extensions. As part of the negotiations, DRC would be allowed to exercise one of those extensions.

2. Personnel – Resignation of Interim Executive Director

President Terrell indicated that he had received, and accepted, a letter of resignation of Interim Executive Director Karen McGee. He indicated that Ms. McGee's letter stated she had enjoyed working for the Board and looked forward to working on education related issues in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S (Terrell/Thilo): To enter into executive session at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1), the State Board of Education, in order to discuss one or more of the following: (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; (d) to consider records that are exempt by law from public inspection; (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

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 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; (f) considered and advised its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.