



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUSTEES OF BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
TRUSTEES OF IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
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**

**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 27-28, 2008
Boise, Idaho**

A regular meeting of the State Board of Education was held February 27-28, 2008 in Boise, Idaho. Board Vice President Paul Agidius presided.

Present:

Paul Agidius, Vice President

Sue Thilo, Secretary

Blake Hall

Laird Stone

Richard Westerberg

Tom Luna, State Superintendent (Mr. Luna joined the Executive Session on February 27 at 5:15 p.m. and was able to attend only a portion of the Open Session on February 28)

Absent:

Milford Terrell

Rod Lewis

The Board met on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 5:00 p.m., LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, 3rd floor PTE Conference Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S (Stone/Thilo): To move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code on February 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

(1) Pursuant to Idaho Code sections 67-2345(d) and (f), and as the Trustees of Idaho State University, for the purpose of considering public documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and exempt from public disclosure, and to consider and advise the Boards' legal representatives in a matter of probable litigation.

(2) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(c), and as the Trustees of Lewis-Clark State College, for the purpose of conducting deliberations regarding a potential acquisition by Lewis-Clark State college of an interest in real property that is currently owned by private parties.

A roll call vote was taken (Members Terrell, Lewis, and Luna were absent); motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Stone/Thilo): To go out of Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Stone/Hall): To amend the Executive Session agenda to include an Idaho State University personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Stone/Hall): To move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code on February 27, 2008 at 5:10 p.m. to discuss the following:

(1) Pursuant to Idaho Code sections 67-2345(d) and (f), and as the Trustees of Idaho State University, for the purpose of considering public documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and exempt from public disclosure, and to consider and advise the Boards' legal representatives in a matter of probable litigation.

(2) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b), and as Trustees of Idaho State University, to consider 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;

(3) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(c), and as the Trustees of Lewis-Clark State College, for the purpose of conducting deliberations regarding a potential acquisition by Lewis-Clark State college of an interest in real property that is currently owned by private parties.

A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Note: State Superintendent Luna joined the Executive Session meeting at 5:15 p.m.

During Executive Session the Board: (1) as Trustees for Idaho State University, discussed a potential settlement with respect to pending litigation; (2) as Trustees for Idaho State University, discussed a personnel issue relating to a particular employee of the institution; and (3) as Trustees for Lewis-Clark State College, discussed a potential real property acquisition by the institution from a private party.

M/S (Westerberg/Stone): To go out of Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

The Open Session portion of the meeting convened on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 8:40 a.m., at the Boise State University Interactive Learning Center (Daryl Jones Lecture Hall), Room 118. A roll call of members was taken; members Terrell and Lewis were absent.

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Approval

M/S (Hall/Stone): To adopt the agenda as currently submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes Approval

M/S (Thilo/Hall): To approve the minutes from November 2, 2007, December 6, 2007, and January 14, 2008, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rolling Calendar

M/S (Thilo/Westerberg): To approve February 26-27, 2009 as the dates and Boise State University as the location for the February 2009 regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Vice President Agidius congratulated the University of Idaho on behalf of the Board for being the 2007 recipient of the National Medal of Arts award. The national recognition was awarded to the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival. Board member Thilo reported that the award was presented by President Bush on November 15, 2007 in an East Room ceremony. She pointed out that the festival received the award for preserving and promoting the uniquely American art of jazz, educating teachers and young musicians, and for continuing to explore diverse cultural connections forged by Lionel Hampton. The National Medal of Arts is a presidential initiative managed by the National Endowment for the Arts.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S (Thilo/Stone): To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-1 (Stone voted nay).

1. BAHR – Section I – Boise State University – New Positions, Changes to Positions and Deletions of Positions

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Boise State University for twelve (12) new positions (11.75 FTE); term, salary, FTE change to five (5) positions (4.80 FTE); and delete seven (7) positions (7.0 FTE).

2. BAHR – Section I – Idaho State University – New Positions and Reactivation of Position

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Idaho State University for seven (7) new professional staff positions (7.0 FTE) supported by appropriated funds reallocation and local funds; to reactivate one (1) professional staff position (1.0 FTE) supported by local funds; and one (1) new classified staff position (1.0 FTE) supported by appropriated funds reallocation.

3. BAHR – Section I – University of Idaho – New Positions and Reactivation of Position

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by the University of Idaho to establish three (3) new positions and reactivate three (3) positions (6.0 Total FTE), all supported by appropriated and non-appropriated funds.

4. BAHR – Section I – Lewis-Clark State College – Deleted Position and Change to Position

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the request by Lewis-Clark State College for one (1) deleted position (.5 FTE), and one (1) change in positions (.5 to 1.0 FTE) supported by local and grant funding.

5. PPGAC – Alcohol Permits Issued by University Presidents

Information item only.

6. IRSA – Quarterly Report on Programs Approved by the Executive Director

Information item only.

REGULAR AGENDA

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. Office of Performance Evaluations

Board member Thilo introduced Rakesh Mohan, Director of the Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE), to report. He briefly updated the Board members on the role of the Office, noting that it reports to the Legislature.

Mr. Mohan reported that OPE had been directed by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to conduct a study pertaining to the consolidation of school district services. The study will focus on the types of services school districts provide and the amounts and costs of these services. The study will also focus on the feasibility of consolidating services and the potential impacts of consolidation. The study will not focus on instructional staff, administrators, or school boards. The project is projected to be completed by October of 2008.

2. Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind – Leasing of Campus Property

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To not authorize the lease of the Round Building for as long as it is being used by CSI. This motion was withdrawn by both Mr. Stone and Mr. Westerberg.

M (Stone): To postpone the motion until a date certain, the April Board meeting. This motion was withdrawn by Mr. Stone.

Board member Thilo presented this item pertaining to the leasing of Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind (ISDB) facilities to the North Valley Academy (NVA), which is a new charter school in Gooding. It was explained that ISDB had considered leasing some or all of the Round Building to NVA for its charter school. As things progressed, however, ISDB had to reconsider the idea because the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) presently occupies a major portion that building for delivery of various classes and services. It was pointed out that while CSI does not have a formal lease with ISDB, over time the College has invested close to half a million dollars in infrastructure in that facility. Their investment has provided significant benefits to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

There was lengthy discussion about the many issues and concerns the proposed lease agreement between ISDB and NVA generated. Among the issues discussed were: the negative impact on NVA if it had to find another location for its classes; the loss of potential revenue for ISDB; the liability for ISDB of not leasing the space to the NVA; and the importance of CSI's involvement and contributions to ISDB and to the community of Gooding.

State Superintendent Luna wondered why ISDB had entered into an agreement with the charter school without bringing the action to the Board. Board member Stone indicated that when the

original study of ISDB was undertaken it was observed that a number of facilities on campus were available for lease. At that time, ISDB was encouraged to look around the state to see what options were available. Since the time of that study both the Superintendent of ISDB and the Executive Director of the office of SBOE have changed. Mr. Stone pointed out that the former Interim Executive Director of the office of SBOE had instructed Mary Dunne, the current Superintendent of ISDB, to carry on with negotiations with the charter school.

Tamara Baysinger, Charter School Program Manager for the Office of the State Board of Education provided clarification for the Board in regard to NVA. She indicated that, in accordance with the Public Charter School Commission's requirement for approval, NVA does have alternative plan for its facilities involving portable buildings on an unimproved piece of property. It was noted that leasing space at the alternate site would cost more, but NVA had already provided for that possibility in its budget.

State Superintendent Luna suggested that the Board should direct ISDB to report back to SBOE with a solution to the issue. As a point of clarification, it was noted that there is not a signed lease agreement between ISDB and NVA for the use of the Round Building.

Board member Hall pointed out that the motion prohibits ISDB from moving forward with the charter school lease, which would benefit ISDB financially. The motion also requires ISDB to continue its relationship with CSI, which brings no financial gain to ISDB. He asked how the Board intended to reconcile its fiduciary responsibility to ISDB in this regard.

President Jerry Beck from CSI explained that CSI started using ISDB facilities about 15 years ago. At the time they moved into the Round Building it had been vacant for a number of years and was in need of improvements and upgrades. CSI made the necessary improvements and upgrades so that it was operational. He pointed out that the relationship between ISDB and CSI does benefit ISDB because CSI provides educational services to Gooding and the surrounding communities.

Allison McClintick of the Board office reported that Mary Dunne of ISDB is working with both CSI and NVA to come up with a good solution. Board member Hall noted that there appears to be a good faith effort taking place to accommodate all of the parties involved. He suggested that the Board give ISDB and the other entities time to do that.

Both motions were withdrawn. Board Vice President Agidius asked that the Board be provided with a progress report on this issue.

3. The Idaho Alternate Assessment Achievement Standards – Science (IAA-S) Proficiency Levels – Approval of Temporary Rule, 08.02.03.004.07 – Incorporation by Reference

M/S (Thilo/Stone): To approve the Proficiency Level Cut Scores and Performance Level Descriptors for the Idaho Alternate Assessment Science for grades five, seven, and ten, and to incorporate them into the Idaho Alternate Assessment Achievement Standards – IDAPA 08.02.03.004.07. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S (Thilo/Westerberg): To approve the temporary and proposed Rule Governing Thoroughness – Incorporation by Reference, IDAPA 08.02.03.004.07. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Thilo presented this item.

4. College Access Challenge Grants – New Federal/State Program

M/S (Thilo/Luna): To direct OSBE staff to proceed with the planning and preparation for submission of a College Access Challenge Grant application, to include working with the Governor's staff, Division of Financial Management, and Legislative Services Office.
Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Thilo presented this item. She noted that the application is due in June and that Board staff will complete the grant application. Dana Kelly of the Board office indicated that the amount of time required to administer the grant will depend on the components of the grant application.

Board member Hall suggested that the institutions of higher education be involved in the writing of the grant and the implementation of the grant. Ms. Kelly noted that it is the intention of the Board office to do just that.

As a point of clarification, Board member Stone explained that this assignment would be considered one of the normal job-related responsibilities of Board office staff whose regular assigned duties include the writing and administration of grants.

The Board directed Board staff to work with the institutions in developing the grant application. Interim Executive Director Rush said the Board will have the opportunity to review the grant application prior to its submission.

5. New Instructional Unit- Center for Archaeology, Materials, and Applied Spectroscopy (CAMAS) – Idaho State University

M/S (Thilo/Westerberg): To approve Idaho State University's request to establish a new Center for Archaeology, Materials, and Applied Spectroscopy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Thilo presented this item.

6. Northern Local Operations Committee Summary Report

Board member Thilo presented this information item.

At this time, State Superintendent Luna was excused in order to attend to business at the Legislature.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Section I Human Resources

1. Idaho State University – Request for Waiver of Tenure Policy – Vice President of Research

M/S (Stone/Hall): To waive application of Board Policy Section II.G.6.i. to allow Idaho State University to offer a tenured faculty position to the qualified candidate selected by ISU for the position of VP for Research. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Stone presented this item.

Section II – Finance

1. Intercollegiate Athletics – Financial Reports

Board member Stone presented this information item.

2. Intercollegiate Athletics – Employee Compensation Reports

Board member Stone presented this information item.

3. Boise State University – Verizon Sponsorship Agreement

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To approve Boise State University's request to enter into the attached corporate sponsorship agreement with Verizon. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

4. Boise State University – Library Publishing License Agreement

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To approve the request by Boise State University to enter into the attached five-year license agreement with Elsevier for a cost not to exceed \$1,422,260. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Stone presented this item. Board Vice President Agidius asked whether or not more than one institution can be part of the same agreement. Stacy Pearson of Boise State University indicated that there are tight licensing restrictions on these types of subscriptions. Marilyn Moody, Dean of the University Library, pointed out that BSU had considered sharing this license agreement with the University of Idaho, however the two universities have different roles and missions so that didn't work out. Ms. Moody explained that BSU does have other shared agreements in place. She noted that even with a shared agreement, each institution still has to pay for materials.

5. Boise State University – Capital Projects Update

Board member Stone presented this information item. Stacy Pearson of Boise State University made a brief presentation to the Board. She noted that the Board approved the BSU updated master plan in October of 2005. Since then, BSU has made steady progress to plan, finance, and construct facilities to meet its strategic vision. Ms. Pearson reviewed the various projects and the progress to-date on those projects. She indicated that BSU will bring the Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development (CESED) building to the Board for approval at the April meeting. At that time, BSU will update the Board on the estimated cost and debt projections.

6. Boise State University -- Purchase Furnishings, Fixtures, and Equipment for Stadium Press Box/Sky Suite Addition

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To authorize Boise State University to procure furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for the Press Box/Sky Suite addition at a cost not to exceed \$1,650,000. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Stone presented this item. Board member Hall asked for clarification on the pledge dollars. Stacy Pearson of Boise State University noted that because the pledge funds will come in over time, BSU is requesting to use reserve and operating budget funds from the Athletic Department funds to pay for the request. As the pledge funds come in, the funds will go back to the Athletic Department. She noted that no university funds will be used outside of the Athletic Department for this project.

7. Boise State University – Purchase Furnishings, Fixtures, and Equipment for Student Union Building Expansion

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To authorize Boise State University to enter into contract(s) to purchase the furnishing and equipment in accordance with the terms herein, at a cost not to exceed \$1,250,000. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

8. Boise State University – Foundation Land Swap

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To authorize Boise State University to take such actions necessary to complete the land exchange between Boise State University and the Boise State University Foundation, and to authorize the Executive Director of the State Board of Education to approve the final contract before execution by the University, subject to review by the Board's legal counsel. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Stacy Pearson of Boise State University explained that BSU had taken great care to clarify boundaries and deeds and all other pertinent details related to the property under consideration prior to bringing this item to the Board.

9. Boise State University – Extension of Expansion Zone

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the designation of property bordered by Boise Avenue, University Drive, Lincoln Avenue, and Beacon Street as part of the official Boise State University expansion zone. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Stacy Pearson of Boise State University indicated that this property was included in their earlier presentation. This is a long-range expansion area; however BSU wanted to put people on notice of their intent to grow in that direction.

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To approve the designation of the Oakland Street side of block 5 and the north and south sides of Potter Drive for current priority acquisition. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna excused absent).

Stacy Pearson indicated that this property was depicted in their earlier presentation. Ms. Pearson noted that this area had been identified as a better location for future resident halls because it is closer to the Student Union Building, the Student Health Center, and other student services. It moved into priority consideration because BSU is at capacity as far as student housing at this time.

Board Vice President Agidius asked if BSU had professional-technical education (PTE) students from the Seland College of Applied Technology living in student housing. Ms. Pearson indicated she didn't have current numbers available. In addition, the relocation of the PTE programs to the College of Western Idaho won't take place for some time, so it's not possible to predict the impact that will have on the student housing situation at BSU.

10. Boise State University – Land Gift and Building Lease – Supervalu, Inc.

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To approve the request by BSU to proceed with the preparation of a lease of the building located at 220 Park Center Blvd in Boise for Board review and approval at the April 2008 meeting. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Hall asked for clarification on this item. Stacy Pearson of Boise State University explained that the University was requesting permission to accept a gift of land from Supervalu, Inc., and to lease office space in the building located on that land. She noted that the BSU Foundation plans to purchase the property.

Board member Hall asked if the terms of the lease include a purchase or gift clause that requires that the property be given to the institution. President Kustra of Boise State University indicated that BSU plans to purchase the property if possible, with donor dollars. So far BSU has a \$5 million gift for the property, which leaves a \$2 million balance. BSU is meeting with other donors to secure the remaining dollars. If BSU is able to purchase the property, the BSU Foundation won't need to be involved. Dr. Kustra indicated that if the Foundation does have to purchase the property, a statement of intent as far as the property goes would be provided to the Board. Board member Hall suggested that the intent language be incorporated into the lease itself.

There was discussion about the location of the property and its intended use. President Kustra noted it is about a five-minute drive from campus and about a 15 minute walk. BSU envisions the building as a research park for faculty engaged in research. It will also be an ideal location for BSU's radio station. He pointed out that by moving these types of activities off the main campus, space on the main campus would be freed up to be used for labs and student learning.

Board member Hall asked about costs associated with repairs, modifications, and upgrades. President Kustra noted that BSU has toured and examined the building and that it is move-in ready. They are meeting with the owners to determine how much of the office infrastructure Supervalu will be taking with them. BSU is budgeting to make the building useable for its operations.

Board member Hall noted that the Legislature is always concerned about potential occupancy costs of any buildings. He asked for clarification on what BSU plans for occupancy costs. Ms. Pearson noted that BSU plans to set aside three years of those expenses to cover the costs. The Legislature has indicated that they will allow BSU to request occupancy costs once the lease is finalized. That will be done through the Board's budget process.

Board Vice President clarified that the Board is only considering the acceptance of a gift of land at this time, and not any related occupancy costs or expenses related to improvements, upgrades, or equipment purchases.

11. Idaho State University – Meridian Facility Project

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve Idaho State University's request to proceed with construction of the renovation of the Meridian Facility and to authorize the Division of Public Works to award a construction management delivery contract to Sletten Companies of Boise for a total project budget not to exceed \$13,882,990. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

12. University of Idaho – Progress Report on Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies (ICLES)

Lloyd Mues of the University of Idaho presented this item. He introduced Kent Nelson of the University of Idaho to discuss the item. Mr. Nelson reported that UI has fulfilled all of the preconditions set forth in HB 325. The University will continue to update the Board on a regular basis. He noted that funds will be eligible to be released as soon as they are approved by the Legislature.

13. University of Idaho – Settlement Agreement

This item was pulled from the agenda.

14. University of Idaho – Request for Capital Project Authorization Increase- Aberdeen Research and Extension Center

M/S (Stone/Thilo): To approve the request by the University of Idaho to increase the Capital Project Authorization for the HVAC and Roof Upgrades, the Joe Marshall Potato Research Building, Aberdeen Research and Extension Center, University of Idaho, Aberdeen, Idaho, from \$800,000 to \$1,370,000, to allow for the full implementation of the construction phase based upon actual bids received by the University. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Lloyd Mues of the University of Idaho presented this item. He explained that there were additional items not included in the original estimate, including equipment improvements. Also, since the original proposal, the costs of materials have increased significantly. For those reasons, the University is requesting an increase in funds.

15. Eastern Idaho Technical College – Potential Professional-Technical High School Project

Board member Stone presented this information item.

16. Proposed Deferred Retirement Plan Revision

M/S (Stone/Hall): To direct the Interim Executive Director for the Office of the State Board of Education to proceed with revising the State Board of Education's ORP and 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Plan, as needed, and to prepare a State Board of Education 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan to replace the separate 403(b) plans that have been offered by the institutions. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Stone explained that this item is necessary to update the deferred compensation plan in order to meet the new IRS requirements.

17. Idaho State University – Settlement Agreement

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the settlement and to authorize Idaho State University to sign all necessary settlement documents. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

18. College of Western Idaho – Property Transfer – moved to end of agenda

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the MOU between the College of Western Idaho and Boise State University as presented, and to authorize the Executive Director of the State Board of Education to develop final agreements consistent with the MOU. Agreements will be brought before the Board for final approval. Motion carried 4-1-0 (Stone voted Nay; Luna absent).

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Presidents' Council Report

President Art Valais reported that the Presidents' Council had unanimously agreed to recommend that the Higher Education Research Council include Economic Development in its future plans.

The Presidents' Council also recommended that the institutions combine efforts in terms of medical programs, delivery models, and services in order to have a more positive economic impact statewide. Dr. Valais reported that the second recommendation resulted from a proposal by the Veterans' Administration (VA) to locate a facility in the Boise area that could be used for training, research, studies, and other types of educational services by all the institutions. The Presidents agreed this effort should be a top priority.

2. Boise State University Progress Report

President Kustra presented the BSU progress report. He commented that the Board meeting is being held in the Interactive Learning Center (ILC) in order to show the Board the result of BSU's careful planning and investment of carry-forward funds. Dr. Kustra noted that the ILC was built without using state funds or donor contributions. Dr. Kustra shared that the Idaho Special Olympics event is underway in Idaho and BSU is hosting student athletes.

Dr. Kustra reviewed the BSU strategic plan and discussed some of the projects that are underway at the institution. He noted that BSU had been recognized for its efforts in the area of

research. Dr. Kustra recognized Dr. Heidi Reeder, Associate Professor in the Department of Communications, who was named Faculty of the Year.

Dr Kustra discussed recruitment and retention rates at BSU, and reported that Boise State University has implemented a new program for students who aim to graduate in four years. It is called Finish-in-Four, and it guarantees that students who follow a planned course of study can complete their degree in four years. If not, Boise State will pay for the additional required courses.

3. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Progress Report

Dave Hawkes of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) presented the agency's progress report on behalf of Dr. Michael Graham who was unable to attend the meeting. He summarized the mission and goals of the agency and discussed the various services that are provided to persons with disabilities. He explained that IDVR coordinates with several other agencies and services in serving a wide array of clients.

Mr. Hawkes noted that each counselor at IDVR has an approximate caseload of 120 clients. One of the agency's challenges is the long waiting list of severely disabled clients who are waiting for employment. Mr. Hawkes indicated that many of those clients require a level of long-term support that IDVR is not set up to provide.

4. Office of the State Board of Education –Core Values

M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve the Core Values developed by the staff for the Office of the State Board of Education, as presented. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Board member Hall presented this item. Interim Executive Director Rush noted this is part of an effort by the Board office to strengthen the fiscal operations and tighten the controls within the agency.

5. Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education – CWI Designation as Technical College

M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve a request by the College of Western Idaho to be designated as the technical college in Region III, upon final recommendation by the Division of Professional-Technical Education. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Ann Stephens, Associate Administrator of the Division of Professional Technical Education (DPTE), presented this item. She explained that DPTE has the responsibility to ensure that the College of Western Idaho (CWI) can demonstrate that it is able to deliver professional-technical education programs and services before it can be designated as a technical college. The Division will work with Boise State University and the College of Western Idaho towards this end.

6. Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education – Five year Plan Under the Perkins Act

M/S (Hall/Thilo): To approve the State Five-Year Plan required by P.L.109-270, Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Act as submitted by the Division of Professional-Technical Education. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

Ann Stephens of DPTE presented this item to the Board.

7. Idaho Public Television – Young Professionals Organization Meeting (YPO)

Peter Morrill of Idaho Public Television (IPTV) presented this information item. He noted YPO is a non-profit organization. It has asked to hold its quarterly meeting in IPTV's studio in Boise on May 9, 2008. It has also asked to be able to serve alcoholic beverages during that meeting. For clarification, all members of YPO are of legal drinking age.

Mr. Morrill reported that IPTV had asked the Deputy Attorney General to review the request from YPO to see if there are any problems granting the request. The Deputy Attorney General determined that IPTV has the latitude to do both according to its guidelines. Mr. Morrill indicated that the agreement with YPO will include the following terms: it will hold IPTV harmless; it will require that the caterer have a liquor license and do all the pouring; it will require that YPO provide liability coverage and a certificate of insurance.

The Board thanked Mr. Morrill for bringing this situation to the Board's attention. As a result of his report, the Board agreed it needed to review Board policy to determine if it is deficient in regard to the serving alcohol on properties owned or leased by the agencies who report to the Board.

8. Weiser School District No. 431 Tuition Waiver

M/S (Hall/Westerberg): To approve the request by Weiser School District No. 431 to waive a portion of the tuition rate charge for each individual student attending Weiser high School form Annex School District in Oregon for the following years: 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011. Subject to the annual review by the Weiser School District Board of Trustees. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

9. Eastern Idaho Technical College Advisory Council Vacancies

M/S (Hall/Westerberg): To approve the appointment of Lew Rodriguez and the reappointment of Louis Fatkin, Ralph Steele, and Calvin Ozaki to the EITC Advisory Council for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

At this time the Board returned to item 18 of Section II of the Business Affairs and Human Resources agenda.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES – Section II (continued)

18. College of Western Idaho – Property Transfer

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the MOU between the College of Western Idaho and Boise State University as presented, and to authorize the Executive Director of the State Board of Education to develop final agreements consistent with the MOU. Agreements will be brought before the Board for final approval. Motion carried 4-1-0 (Stone voted nay; Luna excused absent).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Superintendent's Update

State Superintendent Luna was absent from the meeting and unable to present an update.

2. Adolescent and School Health Data/Coordinated School Health Program

Shannon Page of the State Department of Education (SDE) was introduced to present this item. She introduced Nick Smith, Pat Stewart, and Matt Carter.

Ms. Page reported that the SDE collects adolescent health risk data, along with school climate and school health education information through several survey instruments. They include the Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the Substance Abuse and School Climate Survey, the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Incident Report, and the School Health Education Profile Survey.

Ms. Page noted that the information collected is critical in decision-making, program design, and policy development related to student health and school safety. She indicated that State Superintendent Luna had asked that the results be shared with the State Board of Education.

State Department of Education staff noted that the YRBS survey comes from the Centers for Disease Control, and Idaho administers it biennially to students in grades 9-12. In the spring of 2007 it was administered to 1,440 students in 45 randomly selected public high schools in Idaho.

The Idaho Substance Abuse and School Climate Survey was administered in the spring of 2006 to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. The total number of students surveyed at that time was 15,135 from a number of districts throughout the state.

The annual Safe and Drug-Free Schools incident Report includes incident data collected from building principals and summarizes the frequency of incidents regarding alcohol, tobacco, drug use, harassment, bullying, weapons on campus, truancy, insubordination, fights, expulsions, and suspensions.

The SDE have the results of these surveys posted on their website. Also, the SDE has begun development and implementation of a state-level program to assist Idaho school districts and their school buildings to better coordinate current school efforts aimed at improving student health and academic achievement.

3. Northwest Nazarene University Master's Degree in Reading

M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve the recommendation by the Professional Standards Commission to accept the State Review Team Report, thereby granting program approval of the Master's Degree in Reading Program at Northwest Nazarene University. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

4. University of Idaho, Mathematics Program Focus Visit Report

M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve the recommendation by the Professional Standards Commission to accept the State Review Team Focus Visit Report, thereby granting

program approval for the Mathematics Program, College of Education, at the University of Idaho. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

5. George Fox University Master of Arts in Teaching

M/S (Stone/Westerberg): To approve the recommendation by the Professional Standards Commission to accept the State Review Team Report, thereby granting program approval as outlined in Attachment 1 for the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at George Fox University. Motion carried 4-1-0 (Hall voted nay; Luna absent).

6. Accreditation Annual Report

M/S (Stone/Hall): To approve the request by the State Department of Education and the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools to approve the 2007-2008 Accreditation summary Report of Idaho Schools as submitted. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

7. Curricular Materials Committee Appointment

M/S (Hall/Stone): To approve the request by the State Department of Education for Chris Lyon's appointment to the Idaho State Curricular Materials Selection Committee as submitted. Motion carried 5-0 (Luna absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to recess at 2:00 p.m., and to then reconvene at 3:00 p.m. in the Barbara Morgan Conference Room (LBJ Building, 650 W. State Street, Boise) for a presentation by the Wallace Foundation.

Thursday, February 28, 2008 - Barbara Morgan Conference Room (LBJ Building, 650 W. State Street, Boise).

1. Wallace Foundation Presentation

Frederick Brown with the Wallace Foundation presented to the Board and the Senate Education Committee. The Foundation's mission is to enable institutions to expand learning and enrichment opportunities for all people. Their three main objectives are: strengthening education leadership to enhance student achievement; improving after-school learning opportunities; and expanding participation in arts and culture.

The Wallace Foundation has found that leadership is second only to teaching among school-related factors that affect student learning. Its impact is greatest in schools with the greatest needs. The Wallace Foundation is in the process of conducting a comprehensive review of school leadership. This report will be the first in a series that seeks to establish how leadership promotes student achievement, summarizes the basics of successful leadership and sets out what leaders must do - including setting a clear vision, supporting and developing a talented staff, and building a solid organizational structure - to meet the challenge of school reform.

M/S (Hall/Luna): To adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.