



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 7, 2008
Boise State University
Student Union Building, Jordan AB
Boise, Idaho**

A regular meeting of the State Board of Education was held April 16-18, 2008 at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Present:

Milford Terrell, President
Paul Agidius, Vice President
Sue Thilo, Secretary
Blake Hall
Rod Lewis
Richard Westerberg

Absent:

Tom Luna, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008. A roll call of members was taken.

OPEN SESSION

1. First Reading – Policy Section I.M.4. and Section III.M.3.

M/S (Terrell/Hall): To approve the first reading of the Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures, Section I.M.4. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Killworth of the Board office presented this item. He reviewed the updates to the policy for the Board's benefit. Interim Executive Director Mike Rush noted that at the beginning of this section is a list of institutions. The Board agreed with him that when the policy comes back for its second reading that the list will include the College of Western Idaho.

M/S (Terrell/Agidius): To approve the first reading of the Idaho Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures, Section III.M.3. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Killworth presented the second policy under consideration and explained that a section had been added. He briefly reviewed it for the benefit of the Board. Board member Agidius raised a point about the person designated to determine the number of Board members that are asked to take part in the accreditation process for any given institution. The Board agreed with him that the policy be changed, prior to the second reading, to say that the person designated to make that determination will be the Board President rather than the Board's Executive Director.

2. Preliminary Draft Strategic Plan

Interim Executive Director Rush explained that Board staff had thoroughly reviewed the strategic plan in order to address concerns that had been expressed by the Governor and the Legislature.

Dr. Rush discussed the proposed strategic planning schedule and suggested that October be the scheduled time each year for reviewing the plans so that the Board's final plan could be approved in December. This timeline allows the agencies and institutions to use the plan to develop their own strategic plans, which are then due in July. Dr. Rush noted that he was introducing this timeline now in order to give the Board members a chance to have time to consider it and provide input. The final version will be presented to the Board at the April 16th Board meeting.

Board member Westerberg asked if there had been any thought of updating the Board's vision and mission statements so they better reflect the agencies and institutions that the Board oversees and represents. Board President Terrell asked the Board to forward suggestions in that regard to Dr. Rush. Dr. Rush noted that the timelines may make it more practical to work on making those changes in the coming year.

3. Board Self-Evaluation Review

Mike Killworth of the Board office discussed the process for collecting and compiling the Board's self-evaluation comments. Board member Agidius suggested that the Board plan to follow up in the near future to address the areas that need improvement. Board member Thilo pointed out that some of the recommendations would not be difficult to put into practice right away, and suggested that the Board do so. During discussion the Board agreed to have the Interim Executive Director develop an action plan, based on the self-evaluation comments. He will present it to the Board in April or June. The Board members concurred that would be acceptable.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Thilo asked what the second day of the Board's May meeting was going to be used for. Board President Terrell asked Board members to forward their ideas in that regard to Dr. Rush so that the Board can review them and decide how best to use the second day.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was entertained.

M/S (Agidius/Thilo): To adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.