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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 1, 2011
Special Teleconference Meeting
Boise, ID**

A special teleconference meeting of the State Board of Education was held April 1, 2011. It originated from the Board office in Boise Idaho. Board President Richard Westerberg presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call of members was taken.

Present:

Richard Westerberg, President
Don Soltman, Secretary
Emma Atchley

Ken Edmunds, Vice President
Rod Lewis
Tom Luna – joined at 3:05 p.m.

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH & STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. University of Idaho – Approval of Full Proposal: Doctorate, Athletic Training

The Board moves to approve the request by the University of Idaho to create an advanced clinical doctorate in Athletic Training as set forth in the (attached) Full Proposal.

M/S (Atchley/Lewis):

Discussion:

Ken Edmunds stated that the rigor of the coursework may have some concerns. He also stated that this is a self funding program

Rod Lewis commented to Mr. Edmunds' point that one of the changes the Board thought was important was the requirement that the entry qualification be a master's degree either in the accredited entry level masters in athletic training or a post professional education counsel accredited master's degree in athletic training in a closely related field, or three years of professional athletic training experience. Mr. Lewis acknowledged that this was one of the

important steps the University of Idaho had taken for this program and wanted to make sure everyone was aware of it.

Mr. Westerberg asked if anyone had additional questions or comments.

Ms. Atchley mentioned the university is planning on eliminating its bachelor's program in athletic training so as to concentrate on the graduate level and felt that move was wise because of the nature of the changes going on in the athletic training field.

Mr. Westerberg asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, Mr. Westerberg asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

The motion passed with a five-to-one vote. Mr. Westerberg voted nay on the motion, with all others voting in the affirmative. The motion was passed.

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Review and Discuss Existing and Potential Legislation Affecting Public Education

Don Soltman deferred to staff on an update of the various legislative items.

Discussion:

Superintendent Tom Luna updated the Board briefly on public school reform status stating that the third and last piece of legislation had passed the House committee with a 12-6 vote and was recently approved today on the House floor at 44-26. He further stated the last of the three bills is heading to the governor's office for signature. Mr. Luna suggested the Board sit down together soon to review a future task force and likely workload as related to this legislation. Additionally Mr. Luna indicated the budget for the Department of Education was approved by both the House and the Senate and that JFAC had set the budget for K12 education and on Monday and it would be headed to the Senate.

President Westerberg asked if there were any questions for Mr. Luna. Hearing none, he asked Dr. Rush to proceed with further updates.

Mike Rush updated the Board on two items from JFAC. He indicated that the motion to increase public school funding by \$10 million which would have come from the Public School Cooperative Facilities Fund and a separate motion to increase Higher Ed funding by \$10 million which would have come from excess money in the Veterans Administration Account both failed in JFAC.

Dr. Rush informed the Board that the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) met yesterday. He indicated they are the committee who determines what kinds of interim studies the Office of Performance Evaluation will conduct. The JLOC committee has decided to conduct a study on equity funding for higher education.

Mr. Edmunds referred to the JLOC study as the "funding formula issue" and encouraged the Board members to take a leadership role in that study.

Dr. Rush informed the Board that House Bill 222 regarding firearms on campus failed in the Senate committee.

Dr. Rush updated the Board that the Appropriations bill for OSBE and Higher Ed has passed. He commented that the Higher Education Appropriations bill was structured differently than it had been in the past in that each of the four institutions in the college and university budget were broken out in the appropriations bill. In the past it has always been just a single appropriation for the State Board to distribute. Additionally, there is a new section IV which provides the Board with exemptions from program transfer limitation which means essentially the state Board has unlimited transfers between the programs. In effect, the Board can move money amongst those categories at will.

Dr. Rush updated the Board on HB 328 which clarifies conditions and fees for public records requests. Dr. Rush indicated he felt the changes were reasonable

Dr. Rush updated the Board on HB 159 which allows the Board office to use the same contractors as its institutions and allows faculty to work in the Board office and to return to their institutions with a similar rank and tenure. He indicated it had passed the House and Senate unanimously after he was given an opportunity by Senator Goedde to explain to the legislators the bill in detail.

Dr. Rush discussed requests from Voc Rehab requesting the renal disease program be moved to Health and Welfare. Dr. Rush felt that the issue would move ahead based on the intent language.

Dr. Rush also mentioned a bill by Representative Wendy Jaquet to study the merger of Voc Rehab and the Commission for the Blind. The bill proposing the merger previously failed in the committee.

Dr. Rush indicated those items concluded the legislative update for the Board members.

President Westerberg asked if there was any further discussion regarding legislation. Hearing none, he asked if there was other business to be discussed. Staff indicated no further business.

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

M/S (Atchley/Luna): To adjourn at 3:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.