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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 27, 2013
Special Teleconference Meeting
Boise, ID**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held March 27, 2013. It originated from the University of Idaho in Moscow Idaho. Board President Ken Edmunds presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A roll call of members was taken.

Present:

Ken Edmunds, President
Don Soltman, Vice President
Emma Atchley, Secretary
Richard Westerberg
Bill Goesling
Milford Terrell
Rod Lewis
Tom Luna (Joined the meeting at 4:05)

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. University of Idaho – Athletics Conference

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Terrell/Lewis): To approve the request by the University of Idaho to authorize the President of the University of Idaho to negotiate the final terms and determine whether to accept an invitation to the Sunbelt Conference as a football only member, in compliance with all Board policies and procedures. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terrell introduced the item, asking Board member Lewis from the Athletics Committee to comment. Mr. Lewis reported that discussion on the Athletics Committee was productive and positive, and that they support this move by the University of Idaho to accept an invitation to join the Sunbelt Conference. Mr. Terrell summarized the staff comments of the item which indicate support and approval of the motion. He indicated that with no entry or exit fees, the University of Idaho gains maximum flexibility during a time of volatile conference realignments while ensuring stability for the program.

Dr. Nellis also commented on the advantages of the program and that it will help move the program from an independent status to a more solid status.

2. University of Idaho – Interim Chief Executive Officer

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Soltman/Goesling): To appoint Don Burnett as the Interim President for the University of Idaho at an annual salary of \$240,000, effective June 1, 2013 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the appointment letter outlining the standard terms and conditions for the position. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Soltman introduced the item and commented on Mr. Burnett's extensive background and career. Mr. Burnett is originally from Pocatello and received his JD from the University of Chicago and an LLM degree from the University of Virginia. He returned to Idaho where he entered into private practice and also became president of the Idaho State Bar among other accomplishments. Mr. Burnett accepted the deanship at the University of Louisville in 1990 and in 2002 returned again to Idaho to accept the deanship for the University of Idaho.

Mr. Terrell also commented positively on Mr. Burnett's career and indicated he is an exceptional choice for the appointment of Interim President.

Other Business:

Mr. Soltman indicated there would be press conferences to follow on both the appointment of the Interim University President as well as the University's possible invitation to join the Sunbelt Conference.

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

M/S (Goesling/Terrell): To adjourn at 4:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.