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**APPROVED MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 20, 2013  
Special Board Meeting  
Boise, ID**

A special teleconference meeting of the State Board of Education was held November 20, 2013. It originated from the State Board of Education office in Boise, Idaho. Board President Don Soltman presided and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. MST. A roll call of members was taken.

**Present:**

Don Soltman, President  
Emma Atchley, Vice President  
Rod Lewis, Secretary  
Bill Goesling

Milford Terrell (joined at 3:36)  
Richard Westerberg  
Tom Luna  
Ken Edmunds

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS & HUMAN RESOURCES (BAHR)**

**1. State Department of Education (SDE) – Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver**

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Luna/Atchley): To approve Idaho’s application for the Elementary Secondary Education Act flexibility waiver as submitted.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Mr. Luna indicated this item deals with a number of the components of the ESEA waiver and transition to the new SBAC test. He said it is important to move forward with this rule to avoid double testing students this Spring, and also that all students have the opportunity to experience this assessment before it becomes effective. He indicated materials were provided for review in the agenda and the item has been voted on before and is now being brought forward at the end of the public comment period.

Dr. Goesling asked what kind of comments were received. Ms. Willits from the Department of Education responded that some comments were in support, while some expressed frustration about testing. Ms. Willits indicated the Department has been very transparent with districts and parents on how the testing will work and have collaborated with the districts to communicate clearly about it. Overall it appears that the districts are supportive. Dr. Rush added that the

waiver requested has been reviewed by the Accountability Oversight Committee who was supportive of it.

Ms. Willits clarified further that because there is not a statewide assessment with reportable student information for this year, the amendment to the waiver is necessary to waive part of the accountability determinations. There will be a level of accountability but there will not be a traditional Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Mr. Soltman asked what would happen if the waiver is not approved. Ms. Willits responded it would result in students being double tested. Mr. Luna added that if it is not approved they would likely need to double test all students which would not be a favorable approach, but it would be the most likely outcome to occur.

Ms. Atchley asked if the SBAC test would replace the ISAT and asked when it would be ready. Mr. Luna responded it is part of the roll-out and transition of pilot tests, field tests, and then the new state accountability exam.

**Other Business:**

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

**M/S (Terrell/Goesling): To adjourn at 3:41 p.m. MST. The motion carried unanimously.**