



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**APPROVED MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 10, 2014  
Special Board Meeting  
Boise, ID**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held January 10, 2014 via teleconference. It originated from the Board office's large conference room in Boise Idaho. Board President Don Soltman presided and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. MST. A roll call of members was taken.

**Present:**

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

Richard Westerberg  
Bill Goesling  
Tom Luna

**Absent:**

Milford Terrell

**PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (PPGA)**

**1. Task Force for Implementation of Education Improvement (discussion of Governor's recommendation)**

Mr. Soltman introduced the item indicating that this meeting is intended to provide an update on the legislative items discussed recently at past meetings. He indicated that this first item came about as a result of the Governor's State of the State address on Monday. Mr. Soltman reported that the Governor did request the State Board of Education continue its work on the various items identified in the Governor's Task Force Recommendations. Mr. Soltman clarified the item will require an appropriated amount before it goes forward, but in anticipation he has asked Mr. Westerberg to head up the Task Force which will include three special committees that will function under the oversight of the Board.

Dr. Rush advised that another Special Board meeting will be scheduled for Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> when more information is available on legislative items.

Mr. Goesling asked if the Board wants to address how new teachers are educated before they get into the system. Mr. Luna responded that recommendation, teacher prep, is one of the Task Force recommendations and it is being addressed through the Task Force. He read aloud the language of the recommendation from the Task Force for the benefit of the other Board

members. Dr. Rush reminded the group that the Board chair and the Board office's new Chief Academic Affairs Officer will be attending a meeting in Savannah, Georgia, later this month on that very subject.

## 2. State Board of Education Legislation

**M/S (Westerberg/Atchley): To approve the proposed legislation in substantial conformance to the form submitted as attachments 1 and to authorize the Executive Director to make additional non-substantive changes as necessary as the legislation moves forward through the legislative process.** The motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Ms. Bent from the Board office provided a brief summary on the legislative items the Board is anticipating. A summary of those items were provided to Board members in the agenda materials.

Ms. Bent indicated there is a new piece of legislation regarding the Public School Cooperative Facilities Repair Fund. The current code is not flexible enough to allow the Panel to reevaluate the approved scope of work. The changes would allow the Panel to reevaluate the approved scope of work up to termination of the project; and addresses the ability to reduce the scope if necessary. The electorate citizens within that district would still be responsible for paying back any funds that were expended on their behalf from the fund.

Ms. Atchley asked about the changes to the Board member appointments item. Ms. Bent responded the appointment time would still be five years. For existing Board members, it would add four months because instead of expiring in March, it would expire in July.

Mr. Luna asked about the changes to the legislation for the Public School Cooperative Facilities Repair Fund and what brought them about. Dr. Rush responded with details about the Salmon project, indicating the district may want to close the middle school down which has created a whole new element to the project. The law presently does not allow any flexibility to reduce the scope of the work or explore a better alternative which is what the changes to the legislation provide.

Mr. Luna asked about the University Administrative Flexibility bill. Ms. Bent responded the bill would provide increased flexibility to the state Board to govern the state colleges and universities and allow the institutions to request permission from the Board to "opt out" of identified state services. Ms. Bent responded that the Board would still have the authority to allow the institutions to look at other areas for efficiencies within their system.

Mr. Lewis asked about the Charter School Commission item and asked if the Board still has oversight and authority over appeals. Ms. Bent responded that the Board would still have oversight over public education and all rule amendments and legislation would come before the Board for approval. Appeals would still come before the Board also. The item makes the Board's staff no longer the Commission staff, so when the appeals come forward, there is no longer a conflict of interest. The largest change would be the Commission Executive Director would be hired by the Commission instead of the Board. Mr. Lewis asked about the appeals process and how it would work structurally outside of the Board. Dr. Rush clarified additional details about the Charter Commission legislation for Mr. Lewis, providing that it is ultimately a housing issue and not an operation issue. Mr. Soltman reiterated that it does eliminate the conflict of interest with the Executive Director.

Ms. Bent provided additional information related to self-governing agencies. Dr. Rush added that the Charter Commission still has to follow the rules set by the Board. Mr. Lewis cautioned about making a technical change that would result in a major structural change instead. Mr. Goesling asked if Ms. Baysinger should report directly to the Board. Dr. Rush responded that it is problematic to separate authority and responsibility. Mr. Lewis asked if it should be set up like an agency such as Public Television, who responds to the Board. Ms. Bent indicated that may be an option and she could work on additional language. Mr. Lewis added that the Board may want to retain oversight but turn over administrative responsibilities. Ms. Bent commented they would have an update at next Friday's special Board meeting on the item and additional discussion to address legislative concerns.

### 3. Education Related Legislation

Ms. Whitney from the Board office provided a summary of the draft legislation that will likely be introduced this year. A written summary was also provided to the Board members in their agenda materials. Staff reminded Board members that once a piece of legislation is printed in the germane legislative committee and becomes public, the actual language will be brought back to the Board for consideration. Ms. Whitney pointed out that the House Education Committee has indicated they would be taking a good look at the Task Force recommendations.

Ms. Whitney commented on the student privacy and data collection bill that Senator Goedde is introducing. She was pleased to report the Senator had shared that bill with the Board office and was able to work with him on it. Several individuals from the Board office and Department were able to provide feedback and clarify what data is collected, how it is reported, and clarify the treatment of personally identifiable information. She added that the Board does have responsibility for this legislation with respect to the data elements that are collected, and if there are data elements to be added it will require approval through the rulemaking process at the legislature.

Mr. Luna added that there is also legislation related to academic standards being determined at the state level, and that curriculum and text books are local decisions. He offered to provide an update at the next special meeting on the Department's rules that are being presented to the Committees. Mr. Luna will be presenting to joint House and Senate Education Committees on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and he will present to JFAC on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He mentioned on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the House and Senate Ed Committees will hold a joint hearing on common core. Mr. Soltman added that Mr. Westerberg will be presenting an update on the Task Force on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Luna added that on January 30<sup>th</sup> the Department of Education will host an open house reception for legislators.

Mr. Lewis asked for Board members to be sent a weekly update on legislative events. Dr. Rush indicated that on February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Higher Education Legislative Luncheon will take place. Mr. Soltman indicated he would be attending.

### **Other Business:**

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

**M/S (Atchley/Lewis): To adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m.** The motion carried unanimously.