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**APPROVED MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 31, 2015
Office of the State Board of Education
Len B. Jordan Building, 3rd Floor
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held July 31, 2015 in the large conference room of the Office of the State Board of Education, Len B. Jordan Building, in Boise, Idaho. Board President Don Soltman presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm Mountain Time. A roll call of members was taken.

Present:

Don Soltman, President	Dave Hill
Emma Atchley, Vice President	Debbie Critchfield
Bill Goesling, Secretary	
Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent	

Absent:

Richard Westerberg

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Department)

1. ESEA Waiver Request

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Ybarra/Hill): To approve Idaho's ESEA Flexibility Waiver with additions and deletions as noted. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Superintendent Ybarra introduced the item and provided some background for the Board members. She introduced Tim McMurray, Pete Kohler, and Marcia Beckman from her office who were on the team who worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver and were present for discussion and any questions. Ms. Ybarra clarified that this is a one year waiver and discussed why the U.S. Department of Education is moving toward a one year waiver. The U.S. Department of Education wants more of a focus on on-going assessments. She pointed out some states leading

the way in innovation include New Hampshire, Kentucky and Georgia, and states are moving toward mastery based educational systems. She indicated there is a place holder in the waiver for a new accountability model which has not been thoroughly developed yet. The timeline is that a rough draft will be due to the Federal Government in January and the final version will be due in March; it will only be approved for one year at a time. Ms. Critchfield asked where Board review would fit into the timeline. Ms. Ybarra responded that the Department would present a rough draft to the Board at the December meeting. Mr. Soltman requested a final version to the Board by February. Ms. Ybarra acknowledged that request.

Ms. Ybarra clarified the three main concepts of the waiver are still the same which include pausing the accountability model until it is decided what will work best, removing the sanctions for not complying with AYP, and discontinuing the statewide instructional management system and returning it to the local district level. Accountability is still in place which includes identifying focus and priority schools and rewards schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

M/S (Goesling/Critchfield): To adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.