A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held September 3, 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 1:00 pm Mountain Time. A roll call of members was taken.

Present:
Don Soltman, President
Richard Westerberg
Emma Atchley, Vice President
Debbie Critchfield
Bill Goesling, Secretary
Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent

Absent:
Dave Hill

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Temporary Rule, IDAPA 02.03.03.004 – Alternate Assessment Achievement Standards

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Ybarra/Atchley): To adopt the Alternate Assessment Achievement Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, grades three (3) through eight (8) and eleven (11) as submitted in Attachment 2. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 7-0. Dr. Hill was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Ybarra/Atchley): To approve the Temporary Rule amendment to IDAPA 08.02.03.004.07 Rules Governing Thoroughness, Incorporation by Reference, as
submitted in Attachment 1. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 7-0. Dr. Hill was absent from voting.

Ms. Ybarra indicated the Temporary Rule is necessary for the 2015-2016 school year to adopt the achievement levels and performance level descriptions for the Alternate Assessment, and to be in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Idaho’s Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Accountability Waiver.

Ms. Atchley asked for background on the consortium. Dr. Charlie Silva, the Department’s Director for Special Education, responded that Idaho joined the consortium in 2011 and it includes 24 states. The assessment is similar to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessment and is an adaptive assessment given to students with severe cognitive disabilities; the test is given on line. Dr. Linda Clark added that having an alternate assessment is very important for schools and these changes will be helpful in giving teachers better data to use for helping the students.

Ms. Ybarra left the meeting at 1:09.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS & HUMAN RESOURCES (BAHR)

1. Office of the State Board of Education – Chief Financial Officer

BOARD ACTION Westerberg/Goesling): To appoint Chet Herbst as the Chief Financial Officer for the Office of the State Board of Education and to set his salary at $52.89/hr ($110,011.20 annually), effective October 5, 2015. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 6-0. Dr. Hill and Ms. Ybarra were absent from voting.

Mr. Westerberg introduced the item indicating there was a selection process used to select the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and is pleased to announce that Mr. Chet Herbst was selected. Mr. Herbst comes from Lewis-Clark State College, formerly their Vice President for Finance and Administration. Mr. Freeman expressed appreciation for the Board’s support of this item.

2. Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education – Memorandum of Agreement

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Westerberg/Clark): To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Office of the State Board of Education and the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education as set forth in Attachment 1. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 6-0. Dr. Hill and Ms. Ybarra were absent from voting.
Mr. Westerberg introduced the item indicating Idaho has been working with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) since 2010 on its data exchange project. The data exchanged between states will be used to evaluate education programs in Idaho.

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (PPGA)

1. Data Management Council – Policies and Procedures

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Critchfield/Clark): To approve the Data Management Council policies and procedures as submitted in attachment 1. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 6-0. Dr. Hill and Ms. Ybarra were absent from voting.

Ms. Critchfield introduced the item and indicated the proposed amendment clarifies the interpretation of policy for when data needs to be masked so as to reduce the possibility of exposure of a student's personally identifiable information.

2. University of Idaho – Pregame Events – Alcohol Permit

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Westerberg/Atchley): To approve the University of Idaho and Boise State University alcohol service request during football games on a pilot basis, temporarily waiving the invitation requirement in Board policy, and to further provide that students and minors would not be allowed in the alcohol service areas, also with the understanding that a report will be made to the Board at its October meeting of the results of this pilot. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 6-0. Ms. Ybarra and Dr. Hill were absent from voting.

Ms. Critchfield introduced the item, pointing out in June it was on the Board’s Consent Agenda. Ms. Bent provided some background on the item related to alcohol permits, stating that in June the Board approved alcohol permits for Boise State University (BSU), Idaho State University (ISU) and the University of Idaho (UI), in accordance with Board policy to serve alcohol during football games. At this time, UI seeks approval for revisions to the service of food and beverages at pre-game activities to incorporate alcohol service to qualified ticket holding patrons prior to home football games in substantially the same manner as was approved for this activity for BSU at the June 2015 Board meeting. The University of Idaho’s request is for two (2) locations.

Mr. Westerberg expressed concern over the announcement being made public before the Board had a chance to vote on it. He also expressed concern over portions of the request may not comply with Board policy, along with the point that this request is for two separate locations. Mr. Kent Nelson from the University of Idaho provided an explanation in that there was a desire to expand the functionality of the event to ticket
holders which would require a waiver of Board policy, which they are hopeful the Board will consider. He added they are asking for a one-year trial period for ticket holding patrons and that the alcohol serving area is separate from anyone under age. There was additional discussion about how they will regulate the area that is being considered for service along with which patrons. Mr. Nelson indicated his interpretation of the motion is that it includes ticket holding patrons which are by invitation only. There was further discussion on how the invitations to these special areas are provided and whether ticket holders are considered as holding an invitation. They also reviewed the ticketing and wrist band issuing process for alcohol.

Mr. Westerberg suggested putting both BSU and UI on notice about complying with Board policy regarding alcohol permits and that the Board would expect a report at the October Board meeting. He also directed Board staff to overlay the three universities’ alcohol practices and identify if the similar policies relate to similar practices at the campuses. Continued discussion ensued over the details of alcohol service, particularly related to separating a family group in order for one family member to participate in alcohol service.

Mr. Satterlee from BSU reviewed how BSU facilitates a controlled pre-game function, clarifying they don’t allow students or minors into that event. Board members expressed willingness to proceed on approving the motion with the expectation of a report to the Board in October.

There was discussion of what the report to the Board should include. Suggestions included items such as number of participants who attended, how institutions were conforming to Board policy I.J., what the general conduct of the facility was as well as individuals after they left the event, and the event’s success. Mr. Westerberg requested staff formulate a specific list for the institutions to respond to. Ms. Atchley requested data from the institutions for similar events be included such as number of complaints, parental concerns, and if there is a decrease in the amount of tailgating. Ms. Atchley also requested the report include historical data so the Board could determine if there had been a change in behavior. Dr. Goesling asked the Board to consider a one game exemption in consideration of the University of Idaho game.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

M/S (Critchfield/Atchley): To adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m. Mountain Time. The motion carried unanimously.