



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 7, 2018**  
**Office of the State Board of Education**  
**Len B. Jordan Building**  
**650 W State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held February 7, 2018 in the large conference room of the Office of the State Board of Education, Len B. Jordan Building, in Boise Idaho. Board President Dr. Linda Clark presided and called the meeting to order at 11:01 am MST. A roll call of members was taken.

**Present:**

Dr. Linda Clark, President  
Debbie Critchfield, Vice President  
Dr. David Hill, Secretary  
Emma Atchley

Don Soltman  
Richard Westerberg  
Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent

**Absent:**

Andrew Scoggin

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SDE)**

1. Accountability – School Quality Indicator – Student Engagement Survey

**M/S (Ybarra/Atchley): I move to approve the use of the AdvancED Student Engagement Survey as the survey tool implemented in the spring of 2018 to measure school quality/student success as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act.** The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Scoggin was absent from voting.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ms. Sherri Ybarra introduced the item, reminding members the Board was presented surveys from Panorama Education and AdvancED, along with stakeholder feedback received to date, at the December 2017 Board meeting where the Board requested more information and feedback before making a final decision. Superintendent Ybarra then states that in order to implement the student survey in spring 2018 for use in the accountability system, the Board must make a final selection of the student survey and this is the item before the Board today.

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Board member Soltman then states it is his understanding AdvancED provides more than one survey and asks which of the AdvancED surveys the Idaho State Department of Education (ISDE) is proposing the Board use. Superintendent Ybarra then requests ISDE Director of Assessment and Accountability, Ms. Karlynn Laraway, provide clarification to the Board on the AdvancED survey being proposed. Ms. Laraway responds AdvancED has proposed use of the Student Engagement Survey for grade spans Third through Fifth and Sixth through Eight and that high schools use a form of the Student Engagement Survey or another survey for their accreditation. Board member Soltman then asks if the AdvancED Student Culture and Climate Survey was considered, to which Superintendent Ybarra responds in the negative. Mr. Soltman follows up by asking if the proposed Student Engagement Survey satisfies the requirements of the state's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan to which Superintendent Ybarra responds the survey satisfies both the requirements of the ESSA plan and stakeholder groups. She then reminds Board members AdvancED offers a suite of services the Board can review after this initial year and make changes to the survey moving forward, adding this flexibility is something both stakeholders and Superintendents liked. Board member Clark then asks if it is still the intent of ISDE at the end of this year's assessment to review the results of the survey with stakeholders and make any modifications needed to which Superintendent Ybarra responds in the affirmative. Finally, Board member Soltman asks if the Student Engagement Survey is the same survey the Boise School District raised concerns over to which Ms. Laraway responds Boise School District's concerns were received late in the feedback process. She continues AdvancED has made available to the Board the Student Engagement Survey because the survey has been used in other states, specifically North Dakota, to comply with their ESSA Plan and has been field tested with a large sample of students. Ms. Laraway then states that after this initial year, the Board has the option to review all of the surveys offered by AdvancED and select a different survey for the 2019 Administration, but for the 2018 Administration, the surveys used would be the Elementary School Engagement Survey and the Middle School Engagement Survey.

Board member Critchfield then requests confirmation the AdvancED survey would be administered at no cost for the first year to which Superintendent Ybarra responds in the affirmative. Ms. Critchfield then asks if, knowing a large majority of Idaho high schools are currently using and paying for the AdvancED survey, there have been any conversations around how to handle duplication of payment if the Board were to continue using AdvancED. Ms. Laraway responds ISDE intends to work with AdvancED to secure statewide pricing that would account for payments made by school districts during the 2018 administration period.

Board member Critchfield then asks Superintendent Ybarra to update the Board on how administration of the survey for the current year will work. Superintendent Ybarra states ISDE will open the testing window for the spring assessment and will require schools to administer the survey within the window but will not micromanage the process. Board member Atchley then asks how long the assessment window will run to which Superintendent Ybarra responds the window for the testing period opens March 19, 2018

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and closes May 18, 2018. Ms. Laraway adds there is a significant amount of work required by AdvancED to configure the unique link each school district will use to access the survey that will take a number of weeks to complete. She continues it is not likely for the survey window to open at the same time as the testing window and that the survey window will most likely run from April 2, 2018 to May 31, 2018.

There were not additional questions or comments from the Board.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**M/S (Critchfield/Hill): To adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am MST.** The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Scoggin was absent from voting.