



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 5, 2018
Office of the State Board of Education
Len B. Jordan Building
650 W State Street, 3rd Floor
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was held April 5, 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 4:00pm 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

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES (BAHR)

1. Lewis-Clark State College – Appoint President

M/S (Westerberg/Soltman): I move to appoint Dr. Cynthia Lee A. Pemberton, as President of Lewis-Clark State College, effective July 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$225,000 and to approve the employment agreement in the form provided. The motion carried 7-0. Board member Scoggin was absent from voting.

Business Affairs and Human Resources (BAHR) Committee Chair, Mr. Richard Westerberg, introduced the item. Mr. Westerberg then thanked the search committee co-chairs and members for their work on the search committee.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board.

2. Idaho State University – Appoint President

M/S (Westerberg/Hill): I move to appoint Kevin Satterlee, as President of Idaho State University, effective June 18, 2018, at the annual salary of \$370,000 and to approve the employment agreement in substantial conformance to the form provided. The motion carried 7-0. Board member Scoggin was absent from voting.

Business Affairs and Human Resources (BAHR) Committee Chair, Mr. Richard Westerberg, introduced the item. Mr. Westerberg then thanked the search committee co-chairs and members for their work on the search committee.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board.

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (PPGA)

1. Smarty Ants Early Literacy Program

M/S (Critchfield/Soltman): I move to accept the Smarty Ants offer to provide a free early literacy resource tool for families to work with their early learners at home. The motion carried 7-0. Board member Scoggin was absent from voting.

Planning, Policy and Governmental Affairs (PPGA) Committee Chair, Ms. Debbie Critchfield, introduced the item. She then invited Superintendent Ybarra to answer any questions from members of the Board. Superintendent Ybarra explained to Board members that due to a poor connection she was having difficulty participating in the call, however, a full discussion of the Smarty Ants program was planned for the regularly scheduled Board meeting in April at which time she would be available to answer any questions Board members may have.

Dr. Clark then shared with Board members Smarty Ants has offered to donate their online program for home use absolutely free for five (5) years and the motion before the Board today is to accept this offer. Dr. Clark then stated this is not an answer to preschool but does provide a tool for families of four year olds to use to better prepare their students for Kindergarten. Finally, Dr. Clark stated her appreciation of the donation and that the Board will be looking forward to following the data and hopes families will take advantage of the program.

Board member Critchfield then asked for additional information on the aspects of the program, to which Dr. Clark responded the program is an online resource that can be accessed by any computer or handheld device with an internet connection, at home or in a public setting such as a library and is a highly interactive, age appropriate software program designed to foster student readiness.

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Board member Critchfield then asked if the program has a particular focus on reading to which Superintendent Ybarra answered in the affirmative, adding the program is tailored to accelerate student literacy and adjusts levels to accelerate student success.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

M/S (Hill/Critchfield): To adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm MST. The motion carried 7-0. Board member Scoggin was absent from voting.