STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 4, 2021

Office of the State Board of Education
Len B. Jordan Building
650 W State Street, 3rd Floor
Boise, Idaho

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held via Zoom teleconference on Friday, June 4, 2021. Board President Kurt Liebich presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm (MT). A roll call of members was taken.

Present
Kurt Liebich, President
Dr. Dave Hill, Vice President
Dr. Linda Clark, Secretary
Debbie Critchfield

Andy Scoggin
Shawn Keough
Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent

Absent
Emma Atchley

Friday, June 4, 2021, 3:00 p.m. (MT)

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES
1. Chief Executive Officer Compensation

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Hill/Scoggin): I move to approve an hourly rate of $79.63 (annual salary of $165,636) for Matt Freeman as Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Education, effective June 4, 2021. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Hill/Clark): I move to approve an hourly rate of $59.43 (annual salary of $123,608) for Jane Donnellan as Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, effective June 4, 2021. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.
M/S (Hill/Keough): I move to approve an hourly rate of $62.50 (annual salary of $130,008) for Clay Long as Administrator of the Division of Career Technical Education, effective June 16, 2021. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Hill/Scoggin): I move to approve the first amendment to Scott Green’s contract as President of the University of Idaho, as provided in Attachment 2. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Hill/Critchfield): I move to approve Cynthia Pemberton’s contract as President of Lewis-Clark State College, as provided in Attachment 3. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Hill/Ybarra): I move to approve Kevin Satterlee’s contract as President of Idaho State University, as provided in Attachment 4. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

AND

M/S (Hill/Clark): I move to approve the first amendment to Marlene Tromp’s contract as President of Boise State University, as provided in Attachment 5. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

Board Member Hill introduced the item and discussed the meeting agenda materials summarize information pertaining to the compensation of several Chief Executive Officers (Executive Director of the State Board of Education, Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Administration of the Division of Career Technical Education), which are annually approved by the Board. Board Member Hill discussed that the Board would normally also approve the annual compensation for the General Manager of Idaho Public Television, and noted that since Ron Pisaneschi, the current General Manager of Idaho Public Television, will be retiring within several weeks, the Board will approve Mr. Pisaneschi’s successor’s position and salary during the upcoming regular August Board Meeting.

Board President Liebich discussed that following the May Board Retreat, the Board reviewed the goals and objectives for each of the four, four-year public institutions of
higher education and added that the Board was pleased with the institutions’ performance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that all four Presidents requested to maintain their current salaries in light of the budget cuts that were made during the previous year. Board Member Scoggin echoed these comments.

After reading the motion, Board Member Hill noted an error in the written motion for Kevin Satterlee’s compensation (the exclusion of the word “approve”), and added that he read the motion with the correct verbiage.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2. American Rescue Plan Act – State Education Agency (SEA) ESSER State Plan

The Board did not take action on this item.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Ybarra/Clark): I move to remove this agenda item and place it on the agenda for the June 16, 2021 regular Board Meeting. A role call vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.

Supt. Ybarra discussed that she received concerns from fellow Board Members that there was not adequate time to review the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act State Education Agency (SEA) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) State Plan prior to the Special Board Meeting following the required public comment period. She added that the US Department of Education granted an extension to the deadline in order to provide adequate time for the Board to fully review the plan and provide input.

Board President Liebich expressed his gratitude for Supt. Ybarra and her staff for drafting the plan so quickly, and noted that the timeframe between the end of the public comment period and the Special Board Meeting was to brief to allow time for the Board to review the plan. He directed the Board to review the plan in advance of the June Board Meeting and send input to Board Staff.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board.

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

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Scoggin/Hill): I move to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 pm (MT). The motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Atchley was absent from voting.