



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2022
Idaho State Board of Education
OSBE Conference Room
650 West State Street, Suite 307
Boise, ID 83720**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held via Zoom teleconference January 6, 2022, with the call originating from the Office of the State Board of Education in Boise. Board President Kurt Liebich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (MT).

Present

Kurt Liebich, President
Dr. Dave Hill, Vice-President
Dr. Linda Clark, Secretary
Shawn Keough

Bill Gilbert
Cally J. Roach
Superintendent Sherri Ybarra
Cindy Siddoway

Absent

None

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. University of Idaho – Multi-Year Employment Agreement – Head Football Coach

C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho, said the proposed contract is for an approximate five-year term, terminating on January 31, 2027. Compensation under the contract will consist of an annual base salary of \$175,000 with the ability to participate in University-wide changes in employee compensation. The contract also provides for an annual \$125,000 media payment; a courtesy car or automobile allowance; and supplemental compensation in the form of incentive payments for academic achievements and athletic achievements. The contract contains a liquidated damages clause in the event either party seeks to terminate the contract early for convenience.

This contract is in line with other contracts held by other Head Football Coach's at the other Big Sky Conference schools.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Hill / Clark) I move to approve the multi-year contract with Jason Eck for the position of University of Idaho Head Football Coach in substantial conformance to the proposed contract submitted in Attachment 1. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.

Board President Liebich asked if the 5-year contract is standard and is the media piece guaranteed or is it performance based. President Green said the answer was yes, and the media piece is a guaranteed part of the contract.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

2. Lewis-Clark State College – Surrender of Radio Station License and Frequency – Action Item

Andrew Hanson, Vice-President for Student Affairs, Lewis-Clark State College, said Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) purchased a radio station license and equipment from Lewiston High School in 2003 for \$5,000. Recent changes in Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations concerning the method for filing station activity reports created a situation in which LCSC was not in compliance. This non-compliance prompted LCSC's review of the continuation of the operation. Due to non-compliance with activity reporting, LCSC has the option to either surrender the license and radio frequency (88.9 FM) or confirm its intention to comply with the FCC reporting guidelines and create a comprehensive compliance plan. LCSC has until January 5, 2022 to either surrender the license or sign a consent decree indicating our intention to comply with reporting. The College may surrender the license at any time subsequent to filing the consent decree. Based on staffing considerations, changes in students' interfaces with various media, and the fact the radio station is among many co-curricular amenities made available to LCSC students, the College wishes to divest itself of the radio station license. The value of the license is anticipated to be similar to the cost of purchase (\$5,000) at most as other forms of broadcasting such as internet streaming have created market competition. This revenue might be realized if the College were to sell the license; however, no revenue will be generated if the College surrenders the license. Instead, the license will be made available to other entities through the FCC. LCSC will submit the decree on or before January 5, 2022 to meet the required FCC deadline as Board review to surrender the license is subsequent to this date.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Hill / Gilbert) I move to approve the request from Lewis-Clark State College to dispose of their radio station license and frequency either by surrender to the FCC or to transfer it to another Idaho public post-secondary institution and to authorize Lewis-Clark State College's Vice President for Finance and

Administration to execute all of the necessary documents. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Gilbert asked for more information on what the transfer of this license to another institution might look like. Mr. Hanson said the FCC told LCSC if they kept the license, they would have 30 days to get into compliance. If another institution absorbs the license, they would be responsible for getting that compliance in order. If this motion is approved by the Board, LCSC will reach out to the other public post-secondary institutions in Idaho to see who might be interested in the transfer of this license.

Mr. Gilbert asked if any other institution was currently interested. President Pemberton said this motion will give another Idaho institution a second FCC license instead of having to wait 7 years for another license opportunity, hence the revamped Board Action. The transfer of the license was also time sensitive with a deadline of January 5, 2022. But at this time she was not aware of any interest from another institution.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Community College Trustee Zone Boundaries – Action Item

Tracie Bent, Chief Policy and Planning Officer, Idaho State Board of Education, said the College of Eastern Idaho's proposal does not meet the equalization criteria of no more than a 10 percent variance in population between zones. Pursuant to Section 33-2104A, Idaho Code, if the Board does not approve a proposal the community college has 45 days to submit an amended proposal. The College of Eastern Idaho will present corrected data at the February 2022 Board meeting.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Clark / Keough) I move to reject the College of Eastern Idaho's trustee zone boundary legal descriptions submitted in Attachment 1. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.

AND

M/S (Clark / Keough) I move to approve the North Idaho College trustee zone boundary legal descriptions as submitted in Attachment 2. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

2. ARP ESSER Fund - SEA 10% Set Aside Funding – Action Item

Dr. Clark said the last agenda item deals with the set aside funding received from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Further, the Unfinished Learning Work Group's

recommendations focus on the three areas the Board identified as priority areas for addressing the student impacts due to the pandemic. The three areas of focus are:

- Accelerated Learning/Grow – Kindergarten – Grade 4 Literacy
- Accelerated Learning – Grades 4-9 Mathematics
- High School Credit Recovery.

Dr. Clark said this proposal should help to level the playing field especially in the rural districts. At the October 2021 Regular Board meeting, the Board approved recommendations for funding an accelerated learning mathematics collaborative and setting the methodology for distributing 2.5 percent of the funds to LEAs that received low or no funds based on the US Department of Education Title I methodology used for distributing the 90 percent of the funds to the LEAs. This request is to earmark an additional \$1.6M for a statewide professional development platform over the next two years the funds are available; \$100,000 to contract for the development of a dyslexia handbook in alignment with the work of the Dyslexia Workgroup. This handbook will help in providing tools to educators on accelerating learning for this group of students; and \$20M to aid in enhancement to ISEE to held in the collection and reporting of data from the LEAs as required by the ARP Act ESSER Fund. In addition to these three funding requests the STEM Action Center has submitted a request for \$4.4M toward a Summer Learning Program, the program would be a collaboration between the STEM Action Center, the Idaho Commission for Libraries, and the Idaho Out-of-School Network. While the majority of this work is targeted toward a summer learning and enrichment program the work would also be leveraged and made available for after school programs.

Approval of these requests would allow the Office of the State Board of Education to direct funding, up to the amounts specified for these initiatives. All state procurement laws will be followed in the selection of applicable vendors prior to the distribution of funds.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Clark / Hill) I move to approve up to \$1.6M of the ARP ESSER SEA set aside funds for use toward a statewide professional development and mentoring platform; up to \$20M for use toward ISEE enhancement for collection and reporting data required by the ARP ESSER Act; \$4.4M toward the Summer Learning initiative in substantial conformance to Attachment 1; and \$100,000 toward the development of a dyslexia handbook and to authorize Board staff to direct the use of these funds. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Gilbert asked about the drawdown of the funding. Dr. Clark said the ISEE system is the data system for the state. It's the way Idaho collects data from the school districts on attendance and enrollment. As a part of this ESSER plan, Idaho said it would update the ISEE system specifically to meet the data requirements as outlined by the US Department of Education. Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education, said the Governor set aside \$360,000 in GEER money to hire a consultant to

do a gap analysis to see what exactly needs to happen prior to the ISEE system enhancements. They will also develop the RFP for the vendor selection. Mr. Gilbert said he hoped the consultant's recommendation would come back to the Board before moving forward. Tracie Bent said part of the consultant's mandate would be to bring together the stakeholders involved to get their input and take those recommendations into account before moving forward.

Dr. Clark mentioned the dyslexia handbook which is part of this Board Action and said that Idaho will need Legislative help in developing legislation to deal with dyslexia.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

At this time Board President Liebich introduced Matthew Reiber to the members of the Committee. Mr. Reiber is the new Senior Advisor for Education to Governor Brad Little.

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

M/S (Keough / Ybarra) I move to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m. (MT). A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 8-0.