



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 21, 2023

Office of State Board of Education

650 West State Street

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Boise, ID 83702

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the offices of the State Board of Education on June 21, 2023. Board President Dr. Linda Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (MT).

Present

Board President Dr. Linda Clark
Superintendent Debbie Critchfield
Kurt Liebich

Shawn Keough
Cindy Siddoway

Absent

William G. Gilbert, Jr.
Dr. David Hill

Cally Roach

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. University of Idaho – Naming Rights Request

Kent Nelson, General Counsel, University of Idaho shared that the University of Idaho (UI) has reached agreement with P1FCU, a credit union, for the naming rights to the Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center, also known as the Kibbie Dome.

The UI will receive five million dollars from P1FCU, in exchange for which P1FCU will own the name and logo of the Kibbie Dome for a term of ten years commencing on July 1, 2023.

Additional items included in the agreement are:

- Use of the dome for advertising and promotion.
- Official sponsor of the Better Education About Money for Students program to enhance programming for student financial literacy.
- Official sponsor for the Elevate Idaho program in UI Athletics to support student athlete financial literacy.
- Reference to existing agreement with Office of Alumni Relations agreement.

The proceeds from the agreement with P1FCU will provide five million dollars to be invested in UI priorities at the discretion of the president.



BOARD ACTION

M/S (Liebich / Siddoway) I move to waive the application of Board Policy I.K and to approve the request by the University of Idaho to enter into an Agreement for Naming Rights with P1FCU, in substantial conformance to Attachment 1, and authorize the President of the University of Idaho, or the President's designee, to execute the agreement and any related transactional documents. A roll call vote was taken and the measure passed 5-0. Dr. David Hill, Cally Roach and William G. Gilbert, Jr. were absent from voting.

Mr. Liebich asked if there would be a conflict between P1FCU and ICCU, as ICCU has the naming rights for the U of I basketball arena. Kent Nelson, UI acting General Counsel, said a careful review showed that there would be no conflict as these are two separate and independent agreements. In addition, a meeting was held with ICCU and they were comfortable with moving this item forward.

Mr. Liebich asked Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education to explain the language surrounding waiving the application of Board Policy I.K. Mr. Freeman said Board Policy I.K. relates to the naming of facilities, but its typically naming a facility after an individual to honor them. The policy does not contemplate the naming of a facility for financial benefit to the institution so the waiving of this policy is being made out of an abundance of caution. In addition, the Board of Education office is working on an amendment to Board Policy I.K. that will be brought forward at the August 2023 Board meeting being held on August 23rd. That amendment change will specifically authorize these types of naming arrangements.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

Board Member Cally Roach was marked as present at 1:08 p.m.

2. ARP ESSER SEA Set Aside

Alison Henken, K-12 Accountability and Projects Program Manager, Idaho State Board of Education, outlined the proposal for the Board.

At Board meetings in October 2021, January 2022, and February 2022, the Board approved allocations for the majority of the SEA Set Aside funds. All of the approved proposals for spending were approved as amounts not to exceed. As actual spending is becoming clear, funds are being released for the Board's reconsideration on use for other identified priorities in alignment with the ARP ESSER State Plan. The State Plan outlines how the Set Aside funds will be used in alignment with federal law, with particular attention to how the learning loss and emergency funds will be used, as they have more flexibility than the after school or summer school spending. Idaho's State



Plan specifies that the learning loss funds will be used to address pandemic-related student achievement issues that have appeared in early literacy (grades K-4), middle grades math, and high school credit recovery.

The proposed Ampact project will be focused on the training and placement of 30 AmeriCorps members in Region 4 school districts in the 2023-2024 school year. Confirmed districts include Twin Falls, Jerome, Hansen, and Camas County. Ampact's primary goal for its Idaho project is to support partnering districts in improving their K-3 reading proficiency rates. Ampact's Reading Corps tutors will support K-3 students who are below grade-level targets through one-on-one tutoring during the school day. Students will receive 60 minutes of tutoring per week. An Ampact Idaho Reading Corps recruitment flyer with additional information about the program is provided as Attachment 1 to the agenda materials. Ampact is requesting \$450,000 to support the inaugural year of their Idaho project.

BOARD ACTION

M/ S (Liebich / Keough) I move to approve the Ampact request to use ARP ESSER SEA Set Aside funds to place reading coaches in rural, underserved districts for an amount not to exceed the \$450,000. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Dr. David Hill and William G. Gilbert, Jr. were absent from voting.

Mr. Liebich asked if the AmeriCorps volunteers would all be Idahoans or would they be out of state workers. Ms. Henken said AmeriCorps is already recruiting for these volunteers. AmeriCorps tries to prioritize instate people to volunteer in their own state, if at all possible. If all of the Idaho slots are not filled, Ampact could fill those positions with people from other states.

Board President Clark asked what the criteria will be to measure the success of this program. Ms. Henken said specific objectives have not been finalized because they were waiting on Board approval to move forward, but as soon as there is a metric for success it will be sent to the Board.

Mr. Liebich asked how was it that Region 4 was chosen as the first region to be piloted, and if demand is greater than supply who will determine which district and school will get the resources. Ms. Henken said Ampact chose Region 4 based on which district had lower reading scores and they view this as an opportunity to connect potential volunteers in the region which might help to fill teacher spots. Region 4 has traditionally had a larger challenge in recruiting teachers. In answer to Mr. Liebich's second question Ms. Henken said prioritization will be based on student performance.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.



BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCE

1. University of Idaho – Authorization for Change of Corporate Name

Kent Nelson, Acting General Counsel, University of Idaho, introduced this agenda item. At the May 18, 2023 Board meeting the State Board of Education approved the creation of a nonprofit corporation, with the Regents of the University of Idaho as the sole member, for purposes of acquiring the assets of the University of Phoenix. The nonprofit corporation has been created, however a conflict with the chosen name of the nonprofit (NewU, Inc.) has arisen with another education entity operating under the same corporate name. In light of the conflict, approval is sought from the Regents of the University of Idaho, as the sole member, to rename the corporation to Four Three Education, Inc. This requires an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

There is no financial or operational impact arising from the proposed name change.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Liebich / Siddoway) I move the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho, acting as the sole member of NewU, Inc, to approve the request to amend the Articles of Incorporation of NewU, Inc. to effect a change of the corporate name to “Four Three Education, Inc.” A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Dr. David Hill and William G. Gilbert, Jr. were absent from voting.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

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

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Liebich / Keough) I move to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 p.m. (MT). A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Dr. David Hill and William G. Gilbert, Jr. were absent from voting.