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BOARD TAKES POSITIONS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Idaho State Board of Education voted to support nine separate education-related legislative bills and proposals and to oppose one during its meeting today at Boise State University.

Bills/proposals supported by the Board include:

- HCR 6 – proclaiming March as Music in Our Schools Month in Idaho.
- SB 1029 – School Turnaround Act
- SB 1057 – School Improvement Plans (Superintendent Sherri Ybarra)
- SB 1059 – Mastery-based Education (Superintendent Sherri Ybarra)
- HB 153 – Starting Teacher Pay (Governor’s Office)
- RS 26561 - Rural Educator Loan Assistance Program
- Teacher Pipeline Initiative (Superintendent Sherri Ybarra)
- Authorized the Board’s Executive Director to submit legislation authorizing the Board to waive resident tuition.
- Supported Governor Brad Little’s education-related budget recommendations.

The Board voted to oppose SB 1058 – creating a standalone certificate for Charter School Administrators.

Other Board actions included:

- Approved proposed changes to the Board’s K-20 Public Education Strategic Plan.

- Approved a request by the Lemhi County Commission to add Lemhi County to the College of Eastern Idaho Community College District. If Lemhi County voters approve the request, residents will no longer pay higher “out-of-district” fees to attend CEI.
- Approved request by the University of Idaho to purchase property in Minidoka County as part of the College of Agricultural and Life Science’s planned Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFÉ) research dairy operation. The purchase will require cooperation with a foundation established by the Idaho Dairymen’s Association.
- Authorized Idaho State University to spend \$450,000 to study and develop renovation plans for Davis Field on the ISU campus.

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