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BOARD THANKS PRESIDENT SATTERLEE FOR HIS SERVICE TO ISU; SETS TIMELINE FOR FINDING REPLACEMENT

Forty-eight hours after announcing his retirement, Idaho State University President Kevin Satterlee used his annual report time before the Idaho State Board of Education to tout the positive changes occurring at ISU under his leadership.

The Board sat as Board of Trustees of Idaho State University during its regular Board meeting held today on the Pocatello campus.

Enrollment, student retention, research grants and donor and community support have all increased at ISU during President Satterlee's tenure. But after working in high-stress jobs for 30 years, he says he is ready to tackle a list of travel destinations kept in his desk for years.

“It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this university and our students,” Satterlee said. “I have been beyond grateful to be able to serve ISU and its mission that resonates so deeply with me, to help students better their lives through education and I have done so with a team that has shown more dedication over the last several years than I could ever have imagined.”

Board President Dr. Linda Clark praised Satterlee and the change she has observed at ISU during his presidency. “There is no way to adequately thank you for the

leadership that you have shown here at Idaho State,” Dr. Clark said. “Actually, what you have done here is probably something close to a miracle. Along with the great team that you have put in place, it has been exciting to watch.”

Board Members Cally Roach and Cindy Siddoway will serve as co-chairs of the search committee that will find Satterlee’s replacement. That search is set to begin in the fall. “As a graduate of ISU, I would like to thank you for what you have done not only yourself but your team,” said Board Member Roach to President Satterlee. “You have built an incredible team here. I for one am deeply committed to try to seek out another person that hopefully has the commitment and passion that you have for this university.”

Satterlee officially retires at the end of the year. The Board will appoint an interim president to lead ISU during the spring 2024 semester. The goal is to have a new president in place at Idaho State University on July 1, 2024.

Board actions taken during today’s meeting include:

- Authorized Boise State University to issue nearly \$79 million in tax-exempt bonds to construct a six story 140,000 square foot student housing facility.
- Approved updated strategic plans for each of Idaho’s public 4-year higher education institutions.
- Approved five legislative ideas for the 2024 legislative session that will be submitted to the Governor’s office for consideration.

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