

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 09, 2017

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representative(s) Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Kloc, McCrostie, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Shepherd, DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Tim Hill, SDE; Harold Ott, IASA & IRSA; Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News

Chairman VanOrden called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

HCR 26 **Rep. McCrostie** presented **HCR 26** relating to honoring **Sonia Galaviz** for her exemplary conduct as an Idaho teacher. She recently received the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. He stated Ms. Galaviz graduated from high school in Kellogg, Idaho, is a BSU graduate, and started her teaching career in Nampa Idaho. She believes the most important thing is to know each student as an individual and does that through home visits before school starts and throughout the year enabling her to know the students family, home and culture. Rep. McCrostie, a friend and colleague, introduced Sonia Galaviz.

Sonia Galaviz stated she was humbled **Rep. McCrostie, Senator Janie Ward-Engleking** and the Education Committee would take the time to honor her work in their committee meeting. She explained she grew up in a small mining town in northern Idaho. Her parents believed education and hard work were important. Because both of her parents had to leave school at a young age, they were fierce in their dedication towards her education, and doing well in school was not an option. When Ms. Galaviz came to BSU, she was interested in political science, and communication was her major. She started volunteering at the summer library at the Farmway Village Labor Camp in Caldwell and fell in love with teaching. She then began working with a Family Literacy Program teaching families English and basic literacy skills through children's books. Education is where her calling lay and she wanted to teach in the public school system as she was taught. She is proud to be a member of the Idaho Education Association. She takes her job very seriously, saying there is a legal term, "in loco parentis", that refers to child's guardian or caregiver. It means, "in place of a parent". So she stands in place of the parent. She holds her students to the same high standard she does with her own children. Her students are an extension of her family and the classroom is an extension of her home.

Ms. Galaviz said teaching is a challenge everyday. She works at Garfield Elementary with a high population. Garfield was made a Community School last year. Around 80% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch and they are an English language learning school where they have a growing refugee population with over 30% minority ethnic students and 18 languages spoken. She explained teachers need the support of the families they serve, the community and the legislature. It seems too easy to focus on the negative in the news and in education. However, there is so much good in the community that is happening everyday in the public schools, and they are achieving small victories everyday with the students. Supporting public schools is a worthy investment, and it takes understanding of what the teachers do everyday, and funding. She has worked

hard to build her practice so she can provide the best education possible for her students. Above all, she loves and is an advocate for them as she raises and teaches the next generation.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **HCR 26** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1094 **Sen. Ward-Engleking** presented **S 1094** relating to criminal history checks to authorize the provision of a criminal history check to the employing school district and allowing the State Department to share a background check with the school districts within six months. This will reduce paper work and money.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **S 1094** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 253: **Blake Youde**, State Board of Education, presented **H 253** relating to the definition of the "Instructional Staff" including certified teachers working in a mentoring capacity, and the definition of "professional compensation rung performance criteria".

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 253** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kerby** will be the sponsor on the floor.

H 252: **Duncan Robb**, Chief Policy Advisor of Public Instruction, presented **H 252** relating to funding for school's educational advisors for college and career support. It recommends 40% or a \$2 million increase in the appropriation for school districts and charter schools. The minimum would increase from \$10,000 to \$14,000 for schools with 100 or more students in grades 8 through 12, and increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for schools with fewer than 100 students.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 252** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 254: **Chairman VanOrden** presented **H 254** relating to removing term limits for commissioners on the public charter school commission. This bill would help prevent valuable commission members from needing to leave when their term renewal is up.

MOTION; **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to send **H 254** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1123: **Chairman VanOrden** presented **S 1123** relating to providing for the costs of transportation to and from certain approved school activities in the transportation support program for school districts.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **S 1123** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.

Representative VanOrden
Chair

Ann Tippetts
Secretary