

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**EHARDT SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Ehardt

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW41  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Ehardt, Representatives Boyle, DeMordaunt, Marshall, Raymond, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Christine Pisani, Idaho DD Council

**Chairman Ehardt** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1803:** **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Office of the State Board of Education (SBE) presented this rule docket. She explained technical changes and corrections were made to clean up the Certification requirement section of the rule for clarification and ease of understanding.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1803. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1803:** **Tracie Bent** presented this rule docket regarding graduation requirements. She reminded members the bill for a STEM diploma was approved last year. Within that section of code there was an exemption to the senior math requirement. Feedback was received during the negotiated rule-making process for a few other changes regarding the math requirements, as well as the senior project.

**Tracie Bent** discussed removing the words pre-algebra with Meet the Grade 8 Mathematics Standards. She explained that the school districts requested the terminology change. The state requirements are based on standards at the 8th grade level and they are incorporating the terminology of Integrated Math at the high school level.

**Rep. Boyle** questioned why the section requiring two credits of the required six of mathematics must be taken in the last year of high school was not struck out. In response, **Tracie Bent**, explained students that take a senior mathematics class are less likely to need remedial math, if they go on to higher education. Public comment received during negotiated rule making was in favor of maintaining the senior math requirement.

**Rep. Boyle** and other members of the committee wanted to review the bill made last year removing the senior math requirement during the student's senior year prior to voting on a motion involving this section of the docket.

In response to committee member's questions, **Tracie Bent** explained that clarification of the wording dual credit engineering and computer science can be addressed next year to add additional wording and grammar to make it clearer in meaning and not left to individual school district interpretation. Engineering must be dual credit. There are not state standards for engineering. Computer science must be aligned with state standards for high school level computer science.

**Tracie Bent** explained changes in the senior project. The senior project is a culminating project to show a student's ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and communicate that knowledge and understanding. Senior projects may be multi-year projects, group or individual projects at the discretion of the school district or charter school.

**Chairman Ehardt** advised that **Docket No. 08-0203-1803** will be carried over to the meeting of January 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. due to time constraints.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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Representative Ehardt  
Chair

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Shellie Coates  
Secretary