

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 21, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Shepherd

GUESTS: Harold Ott, IRSA/IASA; A Burton, CSD; Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Lori Steiniker, IEA; Liam Stokes, Veritas LLP; Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News; Dwight Johnson, ICTE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 and January 16, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby.**

Chairman Clow demonstrated how to navigate the budgeting tool and emphasized the responsibility of the Committee to set policy, not appropriate funding. The budgeting tool uses FY 18 funding and enrollment numbers in its calculations and demonstrates the effects of using a student-centered funding formula. If the amount of money remains static, when you weigh certain types of students, money is shifted to these groups and away from the base; thereby, decreasing the base funding per student. These weighted groups are: Economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learners, Gifted and Talented and Special Education students. The Committee will define the weighted groups and the weight levels. The budgeting tool aids in calculating the impact of potential policy decisions, such as changing the weight of a group. Such a policy would change how funds are distributed, but would not increase the amount of funding.

Rep. Scott Bedke, Speaker of the House, spoke of the budgeting tool as giving the Committee a flavor of the policy decisions in their future and noted all those decisions will have to be tempered by budget realities. The proposed new funding formula will distribute 90% of funding on a per pupil basis and the remainder through line items, such as transportation and technology. He stated the budgeting tool uses existing definitions of the weighted groups and the Committee will decide whether to tweak the definitions. He discussed the option to hold districts harmless for three years and cap per-year increases. This would ameliorate changes for school districts that would lose money under the new formula.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Representative Kerby
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary