

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2012

TIME: **Chairman Goedde** called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. and asked the secretary to take a silent roll.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Andreason, Pearce, Fulcher, Winder, Toryanski, Malepeai, and LeFavour

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:**

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Chairman Goedde said because this is the last day before the presentation he will be making to JFAC, the committee will review the document that he emailed. He said that he wrote the document based on the prior discussion of the committee. He would like the committee to review and prioritize the items. He also sent the committee the requests from **Mr. Morrill** from Idaho Public Television (IPTV). Supporting documents related to this testimony have been archived and can be accessed in the office of the Committee Secretary (see Attachments #1 and #2).

Chairman Goedde asked the committee if he missed anything that they reviewed. Does anyone have anything that they would like to add to the list or discuss? **Vice Chairman Mortimer** asked if there was any mention of maintenance funds for buildings. **Chairman Goedde** said the last paragraph under the K-12 budget mentions silos and facilities maintenance is one of those silos.

Vice Chairman Mortimer emphasized the need to support IPTV. They have received no facilities allocation; they need some consideration for capital replacement money. **Chairman Goedde** said there were some suggestions for establishing a line item for replacement capital and this might fall under that request.

Senator Winder said that while being a task force participant he was made aware of importance of staff training and professional development for helping the teacher in the classroom. He strongly emphasized the need to find the money for the first year of training. **Chairman Goedde** agreed with **Senator Winder's** suggestion. He said at a district level the IT staff will have to be available to assist teachers in maintaining the devices and make sure they are working. As devices are deployed to students, that task will be even greater. He wasn't sure if \$2.5 million is realistic. Maybe for the first year that amount is sufficient, but in the following years that amount will or could be higher.

Vice Chairman Mortimer asked **Chairman Goedde** regarding the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) whether a specific amount should be added to their budget. The House and the Senate have discussed the needed increase. Will **Representative Thayne's** bill address those costs?

Chairman Goedde explained to the education committee that there has been an ad hoc committee comprised of **Vice Chairman Mortimer**, IDLA representatives, **Jason Hancock**, **Representative Shirley**, and himself. The committee has been meeting a couple times a week for the last several weeks to determine the correct funding for IDLA. The committee has suggested that \$5 million seems to be an adequate amount to cover the work of IDLA. The cost of **Representative Thayne's** bill will be offset by that amount.

Chairman Goedde asked the committee what their opinion was regarding IPTV. **Senator Andreason** said he thinks the programming has excellent options for the citizens of Idaho; it brings a good message and informs people about Idaho's landscape and culture. **Chairman Goedde** replied he absolutely agreed with this comment. He wants to know if the committee wants to address additional funding for IPTV knowing that resources will be limited to fund this program. **Chairman Goedde** suggested the Education Committee should propose that this program should continue to be funded at least at the present level. **Vice Chairman Mortimer** said he would like that suggestion to go to JFAC. He suggested that IPTV have all the critical needs on the list and use that number for a budget amount.

Chairman Goedde asked the committee to prioritize the K-12 budget items based on his proposal and the desires of the committee: 1. Statutory items will have to be funded first; 2. Support units need to be reemphasized; 3. Salary grid—backfill 4. IDLA; 5. Training; 6. Discretionary Fund; 7. IPTV; 8. PESF; and 9. Silos;

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Chairman Goedde then addressed the funding issues for higher education. **Senator Andreason** called attention to the committee's recommendation for the three percent one time bonus. He said Commerce and Human Resources is considering a two percent across the board for an on going salary increase. He would hate to have the Education Committee recommend the three percent bonus. In light of this **Chairman Goedde** replied he was unaware of any other discussions. He asked **Mr. Headlee** if he was aware of anything. **Mr. Headlee** said yes there have been discussions of the two percent on going salary increase. JFAC will take action on that in the next few days.

Senator Toryanski said the salaries for the employees at the colleges and universities are different than public school teacher. What is done at the colleges and universities regarding salaries compared to what the salaries are throughout the remainder of state government is so different. He said that he would feel more comfortable with a general statement such as the committee supports compensation increases rather than state a specific amount or mention the Governor's recommendation.

Chairman Goedde asked the committee if there was anything more to discuss. Hearing none, he asked the committee to prioritize the list: 1. Enrollment work load adjustments; 2. Compensation; 3. IGEM; and JFAC can decide the priority of the remaining items

Chairman Goedde introduced **Jason Hancock**, of the State Department of Education, to present bills S1327, S1328, and S1329.

S1327:

Mr. Hancock said **S 1327** makes some clarifications and adjustments to S1108, which was the labor portion of the Student Comes First Legislation. He explained the changes line by line. There were a few questions asked by the Senators and **Mr. Hancock** was able to answer them satisfactorily.

Having no more explanations or questions for **S 1327**, **Chairman Goedde** asked if there was any testimony to the bill.

- TESTIMONY:** **Penny Cyr**, President, Idaho Education Association, stands in opposition to the amendment because the association is in opposition to the law.
- Rob Winslow**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA), is in favor of this and all adjustments to the three bills.
- Karen Echeverria**, Executive Director, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA), is in full support of the bill adjustments. She said we believe and support any clarification that makes the bill clearer and had no other issues with the bill.
- MOTION:** Having no more testimony, **Vice Chairman Mortimer** moved, second by **Senator Winder**, that **S 1327** be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senators Malepeai** and **LeFavour** asked that their vote be recorded as nay. **Chairman Goedde** will carry the bill on the floor.
- S 1328:** **Mr. Hancock** introduced **S 1328** which is to clarify questions from S 1184 from the Students Come First Legislation. The first change was a clerical mistake that needed to be fixed. This bill outlines how to qualify to have the state pay for online course work. Senators had questions regarding credit loads, qualifications as to how to get the state to pay for dual credits, and recording the average daily attendance when students are taking online courses. **Mr. Hancock** answered the questions sufficiently.
- Having no more questions from the committee, **Chairman Goedde** asked if there was testimony from the audience.
- TESTIMONY:** **Rob Winslow**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of School Administrators, is in support of **S 1328**.
- MOTION:** **Senator Fulcher** moved, seconded by **Senator Pearce** to send **S 1328** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator LeFavour** asked that her vote be recorded as nay. **Senator Goedde** will carry the bill on the floor.
- S 1329:** **Chairman Goedde** explained to the committee there is a second revised statement of purpose (SOP): Item number five is new on the SOP but has always been in the bill. He then asked **Mr. Hancock** to introduce **S 1329**. **Mr. Hancock** stated these are revisions and clarifications to S 1110 the pay for performance portion of the from Student's Come First Legislation. In the prior bill it was easy to interpret the language to read that benefits would have been calculated twice, which was not the intent. **Mr. Hancock** continued to review the changes one by one. Senators had questions regarding the schedule of pay for performance dates. **Mr. Hancock** explained the questions to the Senators' satisfaction.
- Senator Winder** moved, seconded by **Vice Chairman Mortimer**, to send **S 1329** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Chairman Goedde** will carry the bill on the floor.
- PRESENTATION:** **Chairman Goedde** introduced **Ann Joslin** from the Idaho Commission of Libraries. **Ms. Joslin** said the Idaho Board of Library Commissioners is meeting in Boise on February 17th and introduced **Bruce Noble** from Post Falls, Idaho.
- Ms. Joslin** said that at a prior time **Chairman Goedde** asked about e-books in state libraries. **Ms. Joslin** replied about 35 percent of the libraries, which serve 70 percent of the state's population, offer e-book reading through a popular reading service. It is the small libraries in the state that don't have the recourses to offer that service.

Ms. Joslin handed out her presentation to the committee and gave them a brochure outlining "From Readers to Leaders," and state policies for internet use in libraries. There is a new statute on internet use in public libraries which becomes effective in October of 2012. The commission staff has developed a page on the website with Library internet policy information to help the public libraries meet the requirements. Some libraries have made the needed change to meet the statute others are working on changes, and some have costs constraints to complete the requirement. Some have reported complaints from users that can no longer purchase specific online items as some of the items sites are restricted; guns and lingerie. **Ms. Joslin** continued her presentation. Supporting documents related to this testimony have been archived and can be accessed in the office of the Committee Secretary (see Attachment #1).

Senator Winder thanked **Ms. Joslin** for the great presentation. He said in his work in Boise looking for sites he was told that libraries would die. In hearing about how libraries are adapting to the change he has seen he is impressed. He knows they will continue to be the center of communities.

MINUTES: **Chairman Goedde** said there are minutes that need approving.

MOTION: **Senator Fulcher** moved, seconded by **Senator Toryanski** to approve the minutes from **January 23, 2012**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MOTION: **Senator Toryanski** moved, seconded by **Senator Winder** to approve the minutes from **January 24, 2012** and **January 26, 2012**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Chairman Goedde** welcomed **Renae Feist**, Senate Page, to the podium. He asked her to speak about her experience as a Senate Page.

Ms. Feist thanked the committee for the wonderful opportunity she had as a Senate Page. She loved being on the education committee and having an opportunity to learn more about procedures. She also stated that she learned from the Senators the importance of listening to others and then to vote for what you believe is the best for Idaho citizens. She said she is excited for her future at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT.

ADJOURN: Having no questions, **Chairman Goedde** adjourned the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

Senator Goedde
Chairman

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Secretary