

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DATE: Friday, February 01, 2013

TIME: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

PLACE: Auditorium WW02

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Agidius, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, Pence, Kloc, Ward-Engelking

Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Pearce, Fulcher, Nonini, Thayn, Patrick, Durst, Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Wills; Senators Fulcher, Thayn

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Goedde called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He welcomed guests and explained the rules of the meeting and legislative procedures. He introduced **Chairman DeMordaunt**, who gave guidelines and explained that the legislative process is open and welcome to the public.

Penni Cyr, President of the Idaho Education Association, explained their members care about the students they teach. She asked the chairmen to hold another public listening hearing so teachers can be present for comments. She discussed the recent legislation that brought back portions of Proposition 1, stating that voters rejected them. She suggested the need to collaborate.

Anne Ritter, President of the Idaho School Boards Association, explained the trustees had 17 responsibilities and are in partnership with many parents. She asked for legislative assistance. She said school districts are dependent on state funding as a result of flat financing. She said levies can only take effect for two years and fears if a levy fails they are still required to balance the budget. She explained her concerns with the change in what can be bargained as written in Proposition 1 was not what they were asking for.

Alan Dunn, Idaho Association of School Administrators, spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He said monetary rewards have helped and asked the committees to consider continuing with this plan. He explained employees should double up on tasks to save money.

Members of the public made comments about Sage International School, **Max Keller** and **Dylan Andrade**, students, spoke about the positive programs and teachings at their school. In addition, **Don Keller**, Charter School Network; **Chris Marshall**, **Frank Coprivnicar**, **Katie Bush**, **Graham Hill**, **Bryan Moore**, **Carolyn Robinson**, **Lily Gregory** and **Bailey Schieve** expressed the need to increase funding for charter schools. **Isaac Wells** and **Chris Schieve** spoke about the positives of school choice. **Keith Donahue** and **Alek Komrul** spoke of the need for more funding for charter schools and the positives of school choice. **Zach Parker** expressed the need for more funding for charter schools and explained all school boards and administrators need more flexibility.

Members of the public spoke about Village Charter School. **Penny Sites, Aidan Sites** and **Holland Stull** spoke about the positives of school choice. **Alyssa Knox** and **Berkli Smith** explained the need for more funding for charter schools. **Nichole Stull** spoke of the positives of school choice and the need for better parent involvement.

In regards to charter schools in general, **Leslie Mauldin**, Coalition of Idaho Charter School Families, explained the funding gap between public and charter schools and the need to make it equal. **Dallas Gudgell, LeAnn Simmons** and **Lalaneya Henderson** expressed the need for more funding for charter schools and the positives of school choice. **Ronalee Linsenmann** said the need for charter schools was to start and mold ideas for the public schools. She also explained the importance of teaching cursive handwriting. **Rosemarie Schmarzenberger** spoke of the positives of school choice and the need for better communication between schools.

Peter Peterson spoke in opposition to the return of the 'Luna Laws'. **Mike Lanza, Brad Cederbloom**, Idaho State American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrialized Organizations; **Penelope Manning, Ed Wardwell** and **Anne Pasley-Stuart** also expressed concern regarding the reintroduction of 'Luna Laws' of which voters voted against and explained the need to allow the Governor's task force on education to do their work. **Sue Lovelace** agreed and added the need to invest in teachers to teach high rigor classes and prep courses.

Rod Morse spoke about the Governor's task force on education and expressed the need to let them do their work. **Russ Joki** agreed and added the need to replace lost revenue and remove all inequities.

Members of the public expressed opposition against **H 67**. **Sue Philley**, Transform Idaho and **Betty Richardson** expressed their concern with the open negotiation and final say portions of this bill. **Nancy Gregory** agreed and also expressed opposition to **H 69** and **S 1040**.

Gary Smith explained the need to adopt a plan to hold the state accountable to be competitive in producing better prepared students. **Steve Smylie** said it is imperative to have all parties on the same page and a goal of those parties should be to make every school excellent, staffed by good people and safe. **Steve Berch** explained the need for more constructive funding ideas. **Victoria Young** expressed the need for a new approach to focus on school improvement.

Beth Oppenheimer, Idaho Association of the Education of Young Children, explained the benefits of early childhood education. **Anna-Marie Rhodes** agreed and added the importance of the continuance of adult and technology education.

Bill Zimmerman spoke in opposition to the Common Core Standards. **Ryan Riley** spoke about the art education at Fresco Art Academy. He said school vouchers can be put to good use and expressed interest in dual enrollment between public and private schools. **Jennifer Leuck** spoke in opposition to the current public school class sizes.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the joint Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jackie Wright
Secretary