

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
DEMORDAUNT SUBCOMMITTEE
Rules

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2012
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Trail, Nielsen, Shepherd, Hartgen, Cronin
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Trail
GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Don Saltman, Harv Lyter, and Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education; Phil Homer, Idaho Association of School Administrators, Jerry Helgesdon; Ray Amaya, KBOI; Dennis Stevenson, Department of Administration; Penni Cyr, Karen Echeverria, and Jessica Harrison, Idaho School Boards Association; Max Greenlee, Risch Pisca; Tony Smith, Benton Ellis; Bert Marley, Idaho Education Association; Supt. Tom Luna, Luci Willits, State Department of Education; Janet Orndorff and Nancy Gregory, Boise School District, Ann Joslin, Idaho State Librarian

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 08-0104-1101: **Tracie Bent**, State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0104-1101**, relating to verification of the legitimacy requirement when a student applies to more than one institution at the same time. The rule is revised to accept eligibility to all institutions once the first institution establishes legitimacy.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding determination of residency.

MOTION: **Rep. Hartgen** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0104-1101** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0109-1101: **Ms. Bent** summarized the intent of **Docket No. 08-0109-1101** which relates to changes in the Gear Up Idaho Scholarship Program, including costs, student and institution eligibility, application process, successful completion of the program, and selection of recipients.

A thorough question-and-answer period ensued, particularly as related to determining eligibility by GPA versus need based requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Cronin** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0109-1101** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0111-1102: **Ms. Bent** explained rule changes in **Docket No. 08-0111-1102**, registration of postsecondary education, which focuses on consumer protection.

There was a thorough discussion relating to the accreditation process and definition of proprietary schools versus establishments offering arts and hobbies. In answer to **Rep. Cronin's** question on public comments, **Ms. Bent** said three public comments had been received from schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Hartgen** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0111-1102** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0114-1101: **Ms. Bent** presented **Docket No. 08-0114-1101** relating to rural physician incentives. The rule permits state funding to go directly to the physicians rather than lending institutions. Ms. Bent explained there had been difficulty in receiving response from the lending institutions, which precipitated the change.

MOTION: **Rep. Cronin** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0114-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Hartgen** and **Nielsen** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1102: **Ms. Bent** presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1102** relative to online graduation requirements. An online resident subcommittee has been added to the rules, and public comments have been heard. The majority of changes define "online school", the instructor, and requirement tests.

After a thorough question-and-answer period, **Chairman DeMordaunt** called on the individuals who had indicated a wish to testify.

Superintendent Luna spoke in favor of online learning and the need to be proactive in the 21st century. Supt. Luna read from a recent article regarding e-learning and online learning and gave an illustration relating to the importance of students having online skills prior to high school graduation.

Subcommittee members questioned **Supt. Luna** about students' discipline and ability to use online courses effectively. Supt. Luna related an experience in which an engineer from a large corporation advised a student to not mention online learning in a job interview, the point being that the student should already know about it before interviewing for a job.

Rep. Nielsen expressed concern about math and writing taking a back seat to technology. **Supt. Luna** explained that the Common Core program focuses on math, reading and language usage, along with technology.

Penni Cyr, Idaho Education Association, expressed concern regarding the need to have certified staff and first-rate online courses.

Ms. Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the online learning requirements, indicating that just one-third of the students will have access to a laptop the first year of implementation.

She took questions from the Subcommittee regarding the rollout, which will be spread over three years due to an initial lack of laptops.

Ms. Janet Orndorff, Boise School District, spoke against the rule because of inherently low completion rates, especially in the lower grades.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to recommend that **Docket No. 08-0203-1102** be sent to the full committee for approval.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Cronin** made a substitute motion, moving to delay the recommendation procedure.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the substitute motion to delay the recommendation procedure. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the original motion, to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0203-1102** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Cronin** requested that he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 30-0101-1101: **Ms. Ann Joslin**, Idaho State Librarian, presented **Docket No. 30-0101-1101**, which brings the temporary rule to the committee as a pending rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 30-0101-1101** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Representative Reed DeMordaunt
Chair

Jeanne' Clayton
Secretary