

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2013
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Agidius, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, Pence, Kloc, Ward-Engelking
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Wills
GUESTS: Bert Glandon, College of Western Idaho; Cheryl Wright, College of Western Idaho; Jeff Shirun, College of Western Idaho; Harold Ott, Idaho Rural Schools Association; Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association; Phil Homer, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News; Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education; Tracie Bent, State Board of Education; Colby Cameron, Sullivan & Reberger; Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association; Matt Keenan, Idaho Reporter; Emma Roemhildt, Idahoans for Choice in Education; Bert Marley, Idaho Education Association

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Bert Glandon, President, College of Western Idaho (CWI), presented CWI's programs. He explained one of their main goals is to provide open access to comprehensive learning that is affordable and accessible. He said CWI offers programs in four areas of emphasis to include; general education, professional technical education, workforce development and adult basic education. He stated the school began three years ago and enrollment has increased 250% in that time. He explained they strive to be a bridge for all citizens to become productive and have worked to expand their dual credit program.

Dr. Glandon reviewed several counties they are located in and outlined the campus locations that provide access to their students. He explained the new Micron center for PTE, which has two labs in which they use traditional classroom and online learning. He outlined the demographics of CWI and stated they are accredited with six fully online degrees, which provides greater flexibility to students. He stated CWI is driven by results with the majority of students being successfully placed through their professional placement program. In order to be successful in their professional placement program, he outline their components for success; to include businesses, the State of Idaho and CWI working together.

Dr. Glandon explained that in order for CWI to be an educational resource for communities it needs financial support to keep up with the demands of the work force. He showed more than half their budget is tuition and fees with other revenue areas being state funds, property taxes and other self-support. He stated they want to work toward lightening the load for students. He outlined the FY14 budget request, including funding for student success, nursing, new buildings, alterations and repairs. He explained CWI has partnerships with high schools, community centers, foundations, business/industry and government agencies. For the future, he said, they were working on a direct transcript transfer agreement for seamless transition for their students.

Dr. Glandon explained CWI has worked with the University of Idaho to develop new forms of remediation to include math labs with mentoring/tutoring to help retain more students than in the past. By doing so they help to motivate more teachers to be more involved with the remediation process. He stated using go-go labs will make it appealing to students.

In response to questions regarding CWI's most popular courses, **Dr. Glandon** said those in the health care areas. He explained CWI has a program that reaches out to businesses and provides workforce development training to help place students. In response to questions regarding CWI's source of funding for self sustainment he stated they come from business partnerships and grants. He said by running CWI more like a business, it has become self sustaining and debt free with reserves in place and they have started distributing their own financial aid. He explained it is the goal of the three community college presidents to be connected with all school districts within the next two years. He outlined the shuttle bus the CWI has in place and stated they would like to connect all sites together to provide easy access to students who have classes in multiple locations.

RS 21811: **Karen Echeverria**, Executive Director of the Idaho School Boards Association, introduced this legislation and explained it will require a master agreement negotiation be held in public and with notices. It gives school boards the last offer when an agreement is not reached. She explained it should be the decision of the locally elected school officials.

In regards to questions about the scope of the negotiations if one side has final say, **Ms. Echeverria** stated both parties are still required to negotiate in good faith. She responded to questions regarding support for Proposition 1 by explaining all of the members of the Idaho School Board voted on it and as a whole supported it.

MOTION: **Rep. Sheperd** made a motion to introduce **RS 21811**.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Rep. Pence** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 3 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Nielsen, Shepherd, Bateman, Boyle, Agidius, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, Chairman DeMordaunt. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Pence, Kloc, Ward-Engelking. Rep. Wills was absent/excused.**

RS 21814: **Ms. Echeverria** explained this legislation allows contracts to be sent via E-mail rather than the postal system. She said it will save money in postal costs.

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 21814. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21826: **Ms. Echeverria** presented this legislation stating it will provide orderly business operations for public school districts to use when considering a reduction of force. She said it still allows for seniority if other factors have first been considered, if candidates are equal then seniority can be used.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS 21826. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jackie Wright
Secretary