

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Wednesday, January 30, 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 Bateman
- GUESTS:** Christina Linder, State Department of Education; Harold Ott, Idaho Rural Schools Association; Tracie Bent, State Board of Education; Selena Grace, State Board of Education; Allison McClintick, State Board of Education; Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Phil Homer, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Michael Meyers, College of Western Idaho; Tyler Mallard, Risch Pisca; Christian Zimmermann, Cascade Schools/Chinese; Lin Meichun, student Northwest Nazarene University/China; Luci Willits State Department of Education
- Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15th, January 17th and January 22nd, 2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Dr. Diane Boothe**, Professor and Dean of the College of Education at Boise State University, introduced herself and the deans of other Idaho institutions. She explained that the deans and board of directors meet collectively five or six times a year. She responded to questions regarding tracking teacher effectiveness and working toward using feedback by stating they work closely with schools and agencies. She said most often they request improvement in classroom management and standardized testing. **Dr. Cori Mantel-Bromley**, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Idaho stated they have devised a number system that follow the teacher to help provide data and they work with a formal feedback group. **Dr. Paula Kellerer**, Program Director Education Specialist, Superintendent and Educational Leadership at Northwest Nazarene University, stated they follow up with students and principle surveys.
- Christina Linder**, Director of Certification and Professional Standards at the State Department of Education explained they are working with all the deans and will now have placement data on how teachers were placed. She said this will provide a final performance assessment where all teachers will be assessed using that rubric and principles will be able to see how teachers are performing.
- Dr. Diane Boothe** responded to questions regarding teacher preparations to working within the Common Core Standards by explaining they are working cooperatively with Common Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. She said they will revamp the professional year to measure the Common Core experiences which will provide professional development at BSU. She explained they are helping their students move into project based learning environments and to incorporate those learning activities and hands on learning into the curriculum.

**Dr. Cori Mantel-Bromley** explained the state has required a mathematical thinking structure course and other areas of professional development around the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) areas with national funding in science education specific to the STEM fields. She stated almost all deans are working with school districts in the STEM fields. In answer to questions regarding teachers taking refresher courses to count as continuing education, she explained there is nothing to prohibit a teacher from taking an algebra class, for example, but it may not fit within a particular degree structure.

**Dr. Diane Boothe** explained the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will measure the student progress of the Common Core Standards. **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer at the State Board of Education confirmed the state of Idaho has been involved in a multi state effort to make Common Core, it was not a federal mandate. She said the standards were approved by the State Board of Education.

**Christian Zimmermann**, former representative, presented his pilot program for teaching Chinese language in elementary schools. He explained the Chinese language can be taught if done at a young age. He outlined how the pilot program came into place from the Department of Education. He said they have a student that teaches for free one day a week to second graders. He explained his ultimate goal is to continue this program. He said if the Chinese language is started in 2nd grade and kept up with, the student could be fluent by college. He explained this program provides a cultural interaction as well and teaches children about other countries. He believes it is scalable to expand to other areas around the pilot program and possibly the whole state. He introduced **Julie Lin Meichun**. She teaches the second graders Chinese every Friday. She explained the program helps the brain open up a certain area to learn different languages.

**RS 21621:** **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer at Idaho State Board of Education reviewed this legislation. She stated it removes the sunset clause and allows institutions to continue to have sole discretion on state purchasing contracts. She said after a three year review, all parties concluded to remove the sunset clause.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nielsen** made motion to introduce **RS 21621. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 21631:** **Marilyn Whitney**, presented this legislation by saying it aligns workers compensation laws so that post secondary students will receive the same coverage as K-12 students. She said it allows universities or colleges to purchase coverage through the State Insurance Fund.

**Ms. Whitney** explained the need for the legislation by stating there had been a change to the K-12 students that did not include post secondary students. This legislation remedies that.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Agidius** made a motion to introduce **RS 21631. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 21668:** **Marilyn Whitney** explained this will allow flexibility in establishing surety bond requirements by allowing them to obtain an alternative source as approved.

**Ms. Whitney** gave some examples of options to include another insurance or collateral insurance.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 21668. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 21669:** **Marilyn Whitney** presented this legislation. She said it amended existing cooperative funding to specify that all projects remain under the funding panel until finalized. She said it will eliminate jurisdiction issues with local agencies by specifying the Division of Building Safety responsible.

**Ms. Whitney** explained the need for this legislation by saying there has been confusion with local agencies as to who certifies new projects. This would make it clear the Division of Building Safety would provide certificate of occupancy and other certifications.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to introduce **RS 21669. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Jackie Wright  
Secretary