

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HARRIS SUBCOMMITTEE
State Department of Education Rules

DATE: Friday, January 10, 2014
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Representatives Wills, Bateman, Gestrin, VanOrden, Horman, Kloc, DeMordaunt
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Wills
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes 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 Harris called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1301: **Luci Willits**, State Department of Education (SDE), presented **Docket No. 08-0202-1301**, Rules Governing Uniformity as it relates to evaluations. **Ms. Willits** explained there are two pieces to this Rule. One is the teacher certification. There is a small change to the standard and what is required in terms of Professional Practice and Student Achievement. Thirty-three percent would be tied to student achievement, with multiple measures, based on growth and the professional practice would include a menu which would include student input, parent input and portfolio. This also applies to principals. This rule creates those standards.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0202-1301** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1306: **Luci Willits**, SDE, presented **Docket No. 08-0202-1306** and explained the standards being reviewed today are based on 20 percent English/Language/Arts, Gifted and Talented Education Professionals, Library Media Specialist, and Literacy. There are changes in the standards for administrators and school superintendents as it relates to Idaho Foundational Standards, and Special Education Directors. The new standards for teachers are clearer and show higher content knowledge; especially in the area of assessment. **Ms. Willits** explained there are three Domains where administrators and superintendents are evaluated: School Climate, Collaborative Leadership, and Instructional Leadership. **Ms. Willits** explained public driver education is administered through the SDE. She stated there were rule changes concerning online courses, reimbursement claims, and parental involvement. **Ms. Willits** stated the department reviews best practices at the national level to ensure the department maintains a high standard in driver education.

In response to questions, **Ms. Willits** explained new teacher standards will help ensure early readers are at or on grade level by the third grade. SDE will also monitor the process to see if it is working.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 08-0202-1306** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0202-1308:**

Luci Willits, SDE, presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1308** and briefly summarized the changes in the Rule.

Linda Clark, Joint School District 2, expressed concerns over the proposed changes to the English endorsements. Ms. Clark explained the substantial increase in requirements in the English field is a detriment to the middle schools. Ms. Clark explained that from a practical standpoint, it is difficult to have highly certified/qualified teachers that can pick up a class period here and there. She stated in conversations with trustees and superintendents from small districts, one of the challenges was fiscal stability and certification and the districts do not have the luxury of hiring specialists in all of the subjects.

In response to questions, **Ms. Clark** explained the issue in high school has to do with the ability to fill individual class periods. **Ms. Clark** stated her recommendation is moving in smaller increments.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. DeMordaunt made a unanimous consent request to postpone consideration of **Docket No. 08-0202-1308** pending additional data from **Ms. Willits**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0203-1306:**

Luci Willits, (SDE), presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1306** which pertains to progression of middle school and high school students through school, to clarify the increase in minutes of Physical Education (PE), cardiopulmonary resuscitation to be taught in health as a graduation requirement (do not need to be certified), and to clarify that courses cannot be concurrently counted as both math and science credits.

In response to questions, **Ms. Willits** explained grade C was chosen because it is a passing grade for math and science.

Lori Gash, Joint School District No. 2 (JSC No. 2) Meridian, voiced concerns over the substitution clause.

In response to a question concerning students in an internship position that would receive grades from nonaccredited teachers, Ms. Gash stated that internships and programs in JSC No. 2. are a subset of an official course. It would be a portion of a course that was overseen by a highly qualified teacher versus someone who is not a certified teacher.

Tim Rosandick, Superintendent, Caldwell School District, and representing the Superintendent of the Southern Idaho Conference, testified that his group was very supportive of all the underlying goals and objectives of the PE requirement rule change, however the timing is not right due to budget issues.

Matt Kobe, Area Director, Boise School District, and District Athletic Director, stated the Boise School District already meets the intent of the proposed Rule. He has an issue with the opt out clause, whereby a student participating in an IEHSAA sanctioned sport or club sport could opt out of a semester of PE. The fear is the opt out option would undermine the Boise School District PE program. He believes the opt out measure would mean less students in high school PE classes, not more. He wanted the school districts to have the flexibility to meet their own needs.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. DeMordaunt made a unanimous consent request to postpone for consideration **Docket No. 08-0203-1306** pending additional data from **Ms. Willits**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Representative Harris
Chair

Lisa Hamlin
Secretary