

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle (Purdy), Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Taylor Raney, JoAnn Bujarski, Audra Urie and Tim Hill, State Department of Education; Tracie Bent and Blake Youde, State Board of Education; Kelcie Moseley, Idaho Press-Tribune; Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News; Krissy Lamont, Idaho School Boards Association; Brad Hunt, OARC; Mike Ryals and Mike Arnell, Idaho Association of Professional Drivers Businesses; Ben Brocksome, Kestrel West; Dale Kleinert, Advanced

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 McDonald Subcommittee Meeting on Administrative Rules. She asked members of the subcommittee to pay attention to additional information put into the minutes explaining funding sources for the Incentive and Start-Up Grants for agricultural and natural resources education programs. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman DeMordaunt referred to a letter (See attachment 1.) pertaining to the Idaho Education Network (IEN) from the State Department of Education, the Department of Administration and the Industrial Electronics, Technology, Automation Agency. He told the Committee the letter updates the status of the IEN lawsuit and the adverse judgment. He said the letter calls for each school district within the State of Idaho to file a Form 470 with the Universal Service Administrative Company requesting E-Rate dollars. Chairman DeMordaunt said legislators need to check with their school districts to insure the forms are completed within the required timeline. He also said for the schools who have never filed this form, **William Goodman**, in the State Department of Education is the specialist who is designated to assist all school districts. He indicated the action must be taken for Internet connectivity to continue in Idaho high schools. He said a Form 471 must be filed after the Form 470 to lock-in the request.

In response to questions from the committee, **Chairman DeMordaunt** said some schools may have previously filed a Form 470 to bring internet into their elementary schools. He said the courts are still interpreting the repercussions of the IEN adverse judgment and that action by school districts will insure the IEN will not go dark.

RS 23251: **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE) presented **RS 23251**. She said the proposal is to amend language in Section 58-335 of the Idaho Code to include property owned by the State Board of Education to be listed as "exempt property." This will clarify the Board will not need to go through the Idaho Land Board process when disposing of surplus property. She said Section 33-107, Idaho Code already gives the Board the authority to "acquire, hold and dispose of title, rights and interests in real and personal property." Ms. Bent indicated the two sections of Code are currently in conflict.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 23251. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23257: **Tracie Bent**, SBOE, presented **RS 23257**. She said the proposed legislation would remove the requirement that the Board must approve any curriculum change in a nursing program that may alter existing articulation agreements between educational institutions.

Responding to a question regarding articulation agreements, **Ms. Bent** said an example would be if Stevens-Henager College offered a nursing program and if Boise State University (BSU) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stating that the two year nursing program of Stevens-Henager College was sufficient to fulfill the requirements for the first two years of the BSU nursing program without having to take additional credits, that would be an articulation agreement. In addition, she said few agreements exist between state institutions and they are not required. Ms. Bent indicated the State wants to leave those decisions to the institutions and not to micromanage the process.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 23257. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23259: **Tracie Bent**, SBOE, presented **RS 23259**. She explained the proposed amendment would repeal Section 33-503A, Idaho Code which laid out timelines for public school Boards of Trustees to transition from three year terms to four year terms. Since the final dates specified the process would be completed by July 1, 2013, the legislation is no longer necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to introduce **RS 23259. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary