

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
Public School Funding Formula Committee
Thursday, February 15, 2018
1:00 P.M.
Room EW42
Boise, Idaho

- MEMBERS:** Co-chairs Senator Chuck Winder and Representative Wendy Horman; Senators Dean Mortimer, Cliff Bayer, Steven Thayne, and Janie Ward-Engelking; Representatives Scott Bedke, Julie VanOrden, Sage Dixon, and John McCrostie; and nonlegislative members Dr. Linda Clark, State Board of Education, and Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Speaker Scott Bedke, Senator Dean Mortimer, Representatives Sage Dixon and John McCrostie.
- ATTENDEES:** Representative Ryan Kerby, District 9; Tim Hill, State Department of Education; Tracie Bent, Office of the State Board of Education; Gideon Tolman, Division of Financial Management; Tamara Baysinger, Idaho Charter School Commission; Quin Perry, School Boards Association; Sue Wigdorski, Idaho Education Association. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff: Paul Headlee, Robyn Lockett, Brooke Brouman, and Tetiana Powell.
- NOTE:** Copies of presentations, handouts, and reference materials can be found at www.legislature.idaho.gov and are also on file in the Legislative Services Office. The reference documents for this meeting's presentations can be viewed at: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2017/interim/psff-materials/>.
- CONVENED:** Co-chair Horman called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Co-chair Horman welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the agenda. The committee approved by voice vote the minutes from the November 13 meeting.
- DISCUSSION ON DRSB003:** Co-chair Horman invited the committee to review draft resolution DRSB003 and to recommend amendments to the language. She highlighted recommendations in the resolution:
- Moving to the student-centered formula and student-based enrollment.
 - Implementing year five of the career ladder system.
 - Considering a revision of the timing frequency in distribution of payment amounts.
 - Recognizing the desire for greater flexibility, accountability and transparency.
 - Ensuring schools are held financially harmless during the transition period.
- Co-chair Horman also noted that certain student populations' needs are to be considered for additional weights in the coming interim. Additionally, there will be an extensive local outreach presented in the future meetings.

After the discussion the committee agreed on changes to the language as follows:

- Adding "in totality of state funds" to line 5, page 2, due to Senator Bayer's comment with respect to the overall mission of this interim committee of keeping everyone financially harmless during the transition period to a new formula and building equitable distribution.
- Changing "Idaho public schools" to "Idaho public school students" in line 21, page 2, due to Senator Den Hartog's comment that the new funding formula represents students, not the institutions.
- Adding "the Idaho public school funding formula" to line 34, page 1, due to Representative McCrostie's suggestion via e-mail, in order to reflect that the intent is to transition from ADA to enrollment based funding for the purpose of changing the funding formula.
- Changing the word "desirable" to "necessary" on line 18, page 2, in order to make a more formal declaration.

MOTION: **Senator Winder made a motion to authorize DRSBB003 to be logged as an RS with recommended changes. Seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking. The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1.26 P.M.