

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

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**CONVENED:** **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

**DOCKET NO. 30-0101-1801:** **Stephanie Bailey-White**, Deputy State Librarian for the Commission, presented **Docket No. 30-0101-1801**, Rules of the Idaho Commission for Libraries Governing the Use of Commission Services (Commission). She said the changes update the Commission's State Funded Grant program to comply with current practices. This allows the Commission to make eligibility requirements the same for state and federally funded grant programs. It also broadens the range of eligible libraries. She stated the changes in the Talking Book Services address the current usage to digital and downloadable content, aligning with the current National Library Services guidelines.

**Ms. Bailey-White** explained the changes in detail and emphasized the updates bring the rules into the current practice. She remarked some of the changes have allowed the Commission to serve more libraries in the State.

**Chairman Mortimer** asked if the e-rate funding for broadband is affected by serving more libraries. **Ms. Bailey-White** replied those funds are included in the granting program for the libraries. She detailed the variety of grants offered to libraries.

**Senator Den Hartog** asked if libraries affiliated with religious organization are excluded from grants. **Ms. Bailey-White** replied in the affirmative. She explained the policy is consistent with the Idaho State Constitution.

**Chairman Mortimer** said the changes in the rules have expanded the library programs. He asked if the funding remains the same, what would be the impact to the Commission. **Ms. Bailey-White** replied the programs are mostly used by the small and rural libraries. The Commission does not expect an increase in the impact. The changes are to bring the language into the current practices.

**MOTION:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to accept **Docket No. 30-0101-1801**. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

**PRESENTATION:** **Kelly Brady**, Director Mastery Based Education, State Department of Education (SDE), presented Mastery Based Education. She explained the direction for Mastery Based Education is developed to meet today's changing business climate. She detailed the basis of Mastery Based Education and how a classroom is transitioned. She said Mastery Based Education is a priority for the SDE.

**Ms. Brady** explained the instructional support for the student-centered learning and outlined the four Idaho district divisions. She recounted how funding from the State has been allocated to support this program. She itemized the observations they have gathered during this incubator period and spoke about the ongoing statewide network (see Attachment 1).

**Ms. Brady** introduced Greg Bailey, Superintendent, Moscow School District, Moscow, Idaho, to describe how his school district adopted Mastery Based Education in grades K-12. **Mr. Bailey** emphasized the importance of having all grades participate in this type of learning. He reminded the Committee that change takes time and explained the process his district undertook to make the change involved empowering the staff. He said this type of education is student-centered and student driven.

**Donell McNeal**, Principal, Central Academy (Academy), West Ada School District, Meridian ID, reported his work and successes using Mastery Based Education in the Academy. He emphasized the student-centered learning has led to higher test scores and completion rates. **Mr. McNeal** introduced two students, Tyson Woods and Nora Mohammad, who spoke about their experiences and successes at the Academy.

Committee members raised questions regarding: student expectations, how districts measure student testing results, how teachers are responding to Mastery Based Education, how Mastery Based Education interfaces with Advanced Placement classes, if the current legislative policies interfere with the program, and how the school culture has changed with Mastery Based Education. The presenters responded to the individual questions.

**RECORDING  
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To hear the complete presentation, go to:  
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SEDU/>.

**ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

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Senator Dean M. Mortimer  
Chair

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LeAnn Mohr  
Secretary