

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 21, 2019

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

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

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Den Hartog

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m. He opened with a reading from the book, *A Heap O 'Living Along Life's Highway*, by Eager A. Guest, the poem, "Can't."

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Matt Freeman**, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBE) presented on behalf of Mike Keckler, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer, SBE, introduced Deborah Critchfield, Oakley, ID re-appointed to the State Board of Education (Board) to serve a term commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring July 1, 2023.

Ms. Critchfield introduced herself and spoke about the reasons she serves on the Board and detailed the variety of positions she has served. She said it is important to make education more accessible for Idahoans. She emphasized the need for workforce development and the continued implementation of the Board's strategic goals.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Critchfield** said the new Public School Funding Formula is necessary; it is time to do something different. She said a Board committee has reviewed the non-financial barriers students encounter when deciding to "Go On" after high school and detailed those barriers. **Ms. Critchfield** reported she would like to see the Board increase its efforts on the Pathways program, workforce development, and addressing the social and emotional needs of students.

Chairman Mortimer thanked Ms. Critchfield for her service to the Board.

PRESENTATION: **Dr. Bert Glandon**, President, College of Western Idaho (CWI) presented the update for the State's Community Colleges. He introduced the other Community College Presidents: Dr. Jeff Fox, College of Southern Idaho (CSI), Dr. Rick MacLennan, North Idaho College (NIC), and Dr. Rick Aman, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI). They in turn introduced their staff and board members who were in the audience.

Dr. Glandon thanked the Committee for allowing all four of the State Community Colleges (CC) to present as a team. He detailed each of the specific regions CC's serve, the individual annual budgets, student enrollment, total credits taught, and total dual credits taught. **Dr. Glandon** highlighted how each CC responds to their community's educational needs. Each of the CC Presidents addressed the specific programs unique to their CC (Attachment 1).

In response to Committee questions, the **CC Presidents** explained the challenges they encounter with dual credits, detailed how the reduction of credit hours for the completion of some degrees have contained costs for students, discussed Career Technical Education adjustments, and detailed the shift from traditional learning to mastery based education.

**RECORDING
LINK:**

To hear the complete presentation of Idaho's Community Colleges, go to:
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SEDU/>.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0202-1801**

Helen Price, Program Specialist, Board Materials and Rules, State Department of Education (SDE), presented **Docket No. 08-0202-1801**: Rules Governing Uniformity; Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel, a Document Incorporated by Reference. She explained the process taken to develop the changes in the document and reported the stakeholders who participated in the process. **Ms. Price** detailed each change and said the proposed changes are to update the language to meet current practices.

Vice Chairman Thayn asked if there were concerns during the negotiation of rules. **Ms. Price** responded in the negative.

MOTION:

Senator Ward-Engelking moved to accept **Docket No. 08-0202-1801**. **Senator Lent** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary