

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Quinn Perry, ISBA; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Marilyn Whitney
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Professor Heather Williams introduced Superintendents and Charter Administrators who were visiting from across the state.
Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0000-1900:** **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Office, State Board of Education, continued her overview of chapters in this docket. There are no changes in any of the chapters discussed today.
Ms. Bent introduced **Chapter 08.02.04** Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. The majority of instructions and requirements regarding charters are in statute, so this is additional clarification. Section 301 is for chartering entities that don't take action to renew a certificate; it allows the charter school to remain active even if their performance certificate has expired. In answer to Committee questions, there have only been two revocations based on financial issues in recent years. Committee members thanked charter administrators and teachers for all they do in Idaho schools.
Ms. Bent presented **Chapter 08.02.05** Rules Governing Pay for Success Contracting. This chapter outlines a process for vendors to enter into a contract to provide an evidence based program with grade level targets and receive funding. There has only been one proposal that was ever submitted, and it didn't go through the whole process. The Committee expressed concerns about the chapter's existence if it is not used.
Ms. Bent introduced **Chapter 08.03.01** Rules of the Public Charter School Commission. This section is very short because it is in code already. In response to Committee questions, she clarified the State Board oversees the Commission staff and has an annual review, but the Commission itself operates independently under the laws and rules of the state. **Debbie Critchfield**, President, State Board of Education, recognized that the Board has been less engaged than they should have been and charters did not feel supported; the Board hopes to improve.

Ms. Bent presented **Chapter 08.04.01** Rules of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA). The goal of the statute is to establish flexibility and choice, especially in recognition of Idaho's rural areas. In response to Committee questions, the statute would need to be amended for community colleges to be included in this rule. **Jacob Smith**, Director of Operations, IDLA, answered that there are partnerships to produce and provide dual credit. He also answered that IDLA is a state entity and they use Idaho certified teachers. IDLA is accountable to the State Board, although they do have their own Board of Directors.

Ms. Bent introduced **Chapter 08.05.01** Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification. This rule establishes the role of the University of Idaho's College of Agriculture for seed and plant certification. Standards are worked on with crop associations as an agent for the College of Agriculture.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

Chairman Clow asked the Subcommittees to report on their status. **Rep. Marshall** believes they will be finished on Friday after the full Committee. **Rep. Goesling** wants to wait until next week when the omnibus rule has passed.

In response to Committee questions, tomorrow the Education Committee will meet to discuss science standards. There will be four presenters each, pro and con. Any presenter from the Committee will stay in the audience until public testimony concludes; it will be limited to two minutes. This will be stated on the agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Representative Kerby
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary