MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 24, 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: Reps. Shepherd and Abernathy
GUESTS: Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Tracie Bent, OSBE; Marilyn Whitney, SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

MOTION: Rep. Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020, January 15, 2020 and January 20, 2020 meetings. Motion carried by voice vote.


Professor Heather Williams, Executive Educational Leadership Program Coordinator, discussed Boise State University's (BSU) programs for principal and superintendent certification and presented on the Wallace Foundation's Principal Pipeline Study. The study found schools in districts with a pipeline outperformed comparison schools. She noted the study was in large, urban districts, but it can provide ideas on how to build a pipeline in smaller and rural districts.

In response to Committee questions, Professor Williams stated principals are often buried in compliance paperwork and they need to find ways to free up their time to focus on student achievement. In response, BSU's programs teach time management and governance, so their students understand the relationship between state policy, their local school board and themselves as administrators. She introduced her students in attendance; they are currently principals studying to become superintendents.

Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction, introduced Idaho's Teacher of the Year and gave a brief history of the Teacher of the Year program.

Stacie Lawler, Idaho's 2020 Teacher of the Year, spoke to the Committee about her passion to reduce the stigma around mental health. She told her family's experience with suicide ideation, depression and anxiety and said her mission now is to educate her students and colleagues on these topics.

In response to Committee questions, Superintendent Ybarra explained her $1 million budget request for social/emotional health and said the goal is to connect districts to the specific resources they need.

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

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Representative Clow                        Erica McGinnis
Chair                                     Secretary