

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 06, 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: Megan Smith, Save the Children; Tracie Bent, OSBE; Quinn Perry, ISBA; Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Kathy Pele, Mackenzie Bannister

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

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 and February 4, 2020 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Beth Oppenheimer, Executive Director, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, presented on the \$3.3 million Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5), which was awarded to Idaho in December 2019. The grant will focus on research, planning, collaboration and coordination on early childhood systems across the state, with the goal of better supporting children and their families as they transition to Kindergarten. Five activities must be addressed by the grant: creating a statewide Needs Assessment Plan, creating a statewide Strategic Plan, maximizing parental choice and knowledge, sharing best practices, and improving the overall quality of early childhood care and education. All of these must be completed by the end of 2020.

In answer to Committee questions, **Ms. Oppenheimer** clarified the grant will investigate all the ways children are participating in programs, whether inside or outside the home, public, private or faith-based. It is challenging because Idaho does not currently have a system that connects all these early childhood programs. It is a planning grant and will help answer questions about where kids are prior to Kindergarten and where the challenges are. She stated quality adult-child interaction is what matters, regardless of the setting.

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

DOCKET NO. 08-0113-1901: **Rep. Marshall** reported his Subcommittee recommended rejecting lowering the eligible GPA for Opportunity Scholarship applicants.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-1901**, with the exception of **Section 101.02a changes, c changes and all of d.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-1901**. He explained the recommendation passed in the Subcommittee on a 4-3 vote. He was initially concerned about lowering the GPA, but stated the change was proposed to give disadvantaged students, who may have a lower GPA, the opportunity to participate. He expressed his preference to leave the change in place this year, then revisit the rule next year with more data.

Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education, was called upon to explain how the scholarship applicants are ranked. She stated they are weighted, 70% need and 30% academic measures, including GPA. She noted the average GPA for the last high school graduating class was 2.95.

In answer to Committee questions, **Rep. Marshall** explained the Subcommittee felt adult learners need to be on the same level as high school applicants, hence the recommendation to set the eligible GPA at 3.0 for both groups.

Reps. Marshall and Moon spoke **in support** of the original motion, in order to support the work of the Subcommittee.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE and 12 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Abernathy and Berch. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond and Wisniewski.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. McCrostie, Abernathy and Berch requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0201-1902:**

Rep. Marshall reported this docket removes two sections which were obsolete and removes references to grade range performance metrics, which are now found on a district's report card.

MOTION:

Rep. Marshall made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-1902. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0202-1901:**

Rep. Marshall reported this docket adds a short piece on suicide prevention in schools.

MOTION:

Rep. Marshall made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0202-1902:**

Rep. Marshall reported approval of this docket would override Committee action taken on the omnibus rule, rejecting the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel (Idaho Standards). He stated he would adhere to the Subcommittee's recommendation by making a motion to approve the docket, with the understanding that a substitute motion would be made to preserve the Committee's previous action.

**ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Rep. Marshall made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1902.**

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Raymond made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1902**, with the exception of **Section 004.01**.

In response to Committee questions, **Dennis Stevenson**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Division of Financial Management, clarified if the original motion passed, it would reinsert **Section 004.01** in the omnibus rule.

Rep. McCrostie spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion, saying his vote would be consistent with his vote on the omnibus rule.

Rep. Raymond spoke **in support** of the substitute motion, stating the Committee's action on the omnibus rule was the result of a healthy debate.

Rep. Berch spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion, arguing removing the Idaho Standards disrespects teachers.

Rep. Marshall stated the substitute motion does not disrespect teachers; it provides an opportunity to reexamine the Idaho Standards and potentially reel them back.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. McCrostie, Abernathy and Berch requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1903: **Rep. Marshall** reported this docket removed obsolete definitions from rules governing juvenile detention centers.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1903**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1901**, which contains CTE Content Standards. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1902**, which regards data collection. He noted the State Department of Education provided more information to the Subcommittee on what data is collected and data security. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0204-1901**, Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. **Rep. Boyle** invoked Rule 80 because she serves on a Charter Board but she would vote on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 55-0103-1901**, which concerns average daily attendance. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1903: **Rep. Goesling** reported this docket came out of Subcommittee without recommendation. He recommended holding the vote until tomorrow so the Subcommittee members could refresh their memories on the content.

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education, clarified the docket concerns moving the middle school science assessment from seventh to eighth grade. She stated the consensus from public outreach and negotiated rulemaking was to give the comprehensive assessment at the end of middle school, so students had more time to more deeply learn the science concepts.

Rep. Marshall expressed concern approving this docket would override Committee action on the omnibus rule, rejecting the Science Standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to **HOLD** the discussion until tomorrow. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Marshall stated he wished to be on record that he will move to reconsider any motion that readopted the content standards, due to lack of clarity on the relationship between the omnibus rule and the pending rule dockets.

Chairman Clow asked for clarification on what constituted an amendment in the pending rule dockets.

Mr. Stevenson stated if the unchanged, black language of the pending rule is the same as the omnibus, it would override the omnibus.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Representative Kerby
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary