

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 16, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chair Yamamoto** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Chair Yamamoto** welcomed educators and asked **Rep. Clow** and the Legislative Page to introduce themselves.

**Kurt Liebich**, President of the Idaho State Board of Education, shared the State Board is a governing board with responsibilities to K12 and higher education. Idaho is a local control state. The Board's priority is to prepare students for the workforce through continuing education opportunities. He said there is a need to help improve access, make it more affordable, and consolidate services between institutions.

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Idaho State Department of Education, prioritized literacy, math, behavior health and relationships between parents and school.

**Layne McInelly**, President of the Idaho Education Association, stated concerns are students who struggle with emotions, parents who are unable to help and mental health issues.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

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Representative Yamamoto  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary