

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 29, 2016
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Johnson, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayne, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Malek,, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon
Horman

CONVENED: **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

PRESENTER: **Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education**
Office of the State Board of Education

Mr. Freeman presented to the budget committee the accomplishments and challenges for the The State Board of Education and the FY 2017 Budget recommendation. The board carries a facet of responsibilities to serve the educators in the State of Idaho. An interesting comparison to the State of Rhode Island illustrated the need for more full-time positions within the State Board of Education. The State of Rhode Island has approximately 143,000 public school students and 43,000 postsecondary students. Whereas in Idaho we serve nearly 300,000 public school students and approximately 72,300 postsecondary students with a quarter size the staff on the State Board of Education.

Mr. Freeman then went into the budget and planning time line. Current staff salaries remain at the bottom of the list across national in comparison, making the ability to recruit, train, and retain valuable staff members very difficult. Maintenance of current operations include Benefits, Contract Inflation, Replacement Items, SWCAP, and the 3% CEC increase are all line items recommended by the Governor. A request has been made for funding a Human Resources Specialist position, a Teacher Effectiveness Program Manager, and SLDS Analyst.

Mr. Freeman continued the presentation with an illustration of the Idaho High School Feed Back Report, which revealed high-school students post-secondary progress through spring of 2015. Community College Expansion, Carryover Authority, and Committee Updates were items presented furthering the request to approve the Governor's Budget Recommendation. Special programs operated through the State Board of Education include; Armed Forces, GEAR UP Idaho Scholarship, Idaho Opportunity Scholarship (that would be an approved \$5 million dollars toward the Eligible Applicants, New Awards, and Renewal Awards. Systemwide needs include; Higher Education Research Council, and Tuition Lock Program Specialist.

Mr. Freeman stood for questions regarding the State Board of Education and the

responsibilities of the Budget Committee disbursing funds to the Universities in the State of Idaho. Throughout Education week during this Legislative Session, University Presidents have voiced their concerns regarding the disparity in funds dispersed to Universities. **David Hohn** with the Division of Financial Management stood in support of the Governor's Budget Recommendation. [Office of the State Board of Education Special Programs Systemwide Programs](#)

PRESENTER: Dwight Johnson, State Administrator

Professional-Technical Education

Administrator Johnson presented a high-level overview regarding the Budget Recommendation for the Division of Professional-Technical Education. The mission behind Professional-Technical Education is to prepare Idaho's youth and adults for high-skill, in-demand careers and create a skilled talent pipeline for Idaho's industry. The Workforce Gap: is an illustration comparing the skilled workforce in the State of Idaho and the amount of jobs estimated to be *in-need* of a skilled workforce by year 2025. This illustration reveals that Idaho will have a shortage of nearly 63,000 positions that will not be filled by Idaho's skilled workforce due to the need for Professional-Technical Education. The Governor's Budget Recommendation for the Department of PTE for higher education includes; program advancements in Health Care including pharmacy technicians and all health occupations, IT in areas of web-design software security and health information technology, Manufacturing including tool machining and Aerospace technology and food processing, and Transportation including aircraft maintenance and diesel technology.

Administrator Johnson continued his presentation urging the approval of Program Alignment. This program is giving high-school students a smooth transition in to secondary and post-secondary PTE Schools through career exploration, skill introduction, workplace readiness and college credit. "Skillstack Idaho" is a "Badging Platform" where students can communicate their PT achievements more efficiently to employers in the State of Idaho. Mr. Johnson urged the approval of the expansion of the Digital PTE courses, making note of our highly rural areas and the need of online education being made available. Administrator Johnson then stood for questions regarding the Governor's Budget Recommendation for the Division of Professional-Technical Education. [Professional-Technical Education](#)

PRESENTER: Angela Hemingway, Director, Office of the Governor

STEM Action Center

Director Angela Hemingway presented a high-level overview of the Budget Recommendation for the STEM Action Center. As dictated by Idaho Code the STEM Action Center will; conduct analyses of STEM industry and education needs, coordinate STEM education activities and workforce needs, support high-quality professional development for educators and support student STEM competitions. The mission and vision of the STEM Action Center is to connect STEM education and industry to ensure Idaho's long-term economic prosperity, and to produce a competitive workforce by implementing Idaho's k-career STEM education programs aligned with industry needs.

Director Hemingway continued to explain the Governor's proposed computer science initiative. The Stem Action Center will partner with the State Board of

Education, PTE, and other institutions of higher education to create opportunities for educators and the workforce to receive training in areas related to computer science. As a part of his recommendation, **Governor Otter** has included the funding request for a Program Manager for the computer science program. Other STEM Action Center projects include; Professional Development, STEM-Driven Competitions, and Grant Pursuit (including: school dronology, library makerspace, and STEM camp for the blind and visually impaired). Director Hemingway then stood for questions regarding the Governor’s recommendation. [STEM Action Center](#)

PRESENTER: Ron Pisaneschi, General Manager, Idaho Public Television

Idaho Public Television

This year Idaho Public Television is celebrating it’s 50th year in serving the people of Idaho. Growing services include “Idaho in Session”, where live streaming takes place not only for the Idaho Legislature, but also the Supreme Court, Governor’s Office events and other government entities. New this year is the live streaming of the powerpoints created by State Agencies to be seen live by the general public. PBS Learning Media, an online service for students and teachers feature more than 100,000 videos accessible free to anyone who signs up. A new position has been incorporated to facilitate the relationships with educational intitues throughout the State of Idaho, the Education Specialist.

Mr. Pisaneschi then moved into the FY 2017 Budget Recommendation. The Governor is recommending funding to cover the health care costs increases of all employees from the General Fund, the 3% CEC increase, and the nine part time positions be converted to 4.48 FTP classified. Alternative funding choices are limited as IPTV cannot air commercials or charge cable and satellite companies for programming and with the FCC Spectrum Auction Impact scheduled to take place next year, concerns about the limited resources and restricted access to the public were made known to the budget committee. Mr. Pisaneschi then stood for questions. [IDPTV](#)

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee **Chairman Bell** adjourned the committee at 10:25 AM.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary