

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Thayn**, who reminded the Committee that except for the final docket, none of the dockets on the agenda would be voted on.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1901 **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Policy Advisor for the Idaho State Department of Education (Department), reminded the Committee of the 2018 legislation requiring that the Department create rules for training in suicide prevention. **Ms. Whitney** introduced Dr. Eric Studebaker, Director of Student Engagement for the Department, to address the rule.

Dr. Studebaker explained that this rule is intended to further define prevention, intervention, and postvention in regards to suicide prevention in schools. In response to Committee questions, **Dr. Studebaker** stated that the rule defines and frames the training for these three categories.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1902 **Ms. Whitney** introduced Lisa Colon Durham, Director of Certification and Professional Standards for the Department, to review the revisions that were suggested by industry professionals.

Ms. Durham explained those revisions, as well as the documents that were incorporated-by-reference. **Ms. Durham** stated that 20 percent of the incorporated-by-reference requirements have been updated and the majority of work on them was to eliminate redundancies.

Ms. Durham said that universities require different numbers of credits for teacher certification and they vary based on endorsements. **Ms. Durham** commented that the Department removed five endorsements and explained the requirements for a major endorsement and a major/minor endorsement.

Ms. Durham then explained the review process for the Department's 11 teacher preparation programs. **Ms. Durham** pointed out the revisions made in the incorporated-by-reference documents. The three definitions removed in the beginning of the rule were removed because they were not referenced in the rest of the rules.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Durham** clarified that temporary school psychologists are required to have a master's degree. With regard to the Idaho Interim Certificate, it has been moved from one section of the administrative rules to another. **Ms. Durham** clarified that interim teachers are allowed to teach courses and are mentored while they finish their requirements for a full teaching certificate. She explained the rules for a certified teacher to add another endorsement to their certificate. In conclusion, she stated that five definitions were removed in the final portion of the docket.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0203-1903**

Ms. Whitney affirmed that this rule was created with feedback from the Superintendent's Assessment Advisory Committee and from industry professionals. She shared that the majority of public comments on the rule were in support of the rule. **Ms. Whitney** said the rule adjusted science standards for students with significant cognitive impairment and updated the administration of the science assessment.

Ms. Whitney introduced Karlynn Laraway, Director of Assessment and Accountability for the Department. **Ms. Laraway** recapped Ms. Whitney's comments on the rule and referenced changes made in terminology to make it uniform throughout the rule.

**DOCKET NO.
30-0101-1900**

Stephanie Bailey-White, State Librarian and Agency Director for the Commission of Libraries, explained that each section of the omnibus rule had previously been reviewed by the legislature. The changes made to section 40 were made to increase clarity, but the intent of the section remained the same.

MOTION:

Chairman Mortimer moved to approve **Docket No. 30-0101-1900**. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel back to Chairman Mortimer.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

Morgan Howard
Secretary

Juanita Budell
Assistant Secretary