

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 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

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:02 p.m.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1902 **Vice Chairman Thayn** told the Committee that the State Department of Education (Department) had written the Committee a letter regarding **Docket No. 08-0202-1902** (see Attachment 1). He went on that the Committee had already heard the full presentation for **Docket No. 08-0202-1902**.

MOTION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1902**. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: In response to Committee questions, **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Policy Advisor for the Department, explained that the letter suggests intent to rework teacher certification standards in the future and that there were concerns that the current certifications were too complex and redundant. She continued that **Docket 08-0202-1902** starts the process of addressing those concerns.

VOICE VOTE: The motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1902** passed by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

PRESENTATION: **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer for the State Board of Education (Board) presented the Board's report on the Master Educator Premium. She told the Committee that she had provided handouts (see Attachments 2, 3, and 4). She then explained the requirements for educators to receive the Master Educator Premium. She expounded that the development of the requirements ensured that only educators who had achieved the highest level of excellence would qualify for the Master Educator Premium. She then described the application and selection process for the master educator premium, as well as the appeals process. **Ms. Bent** explained that applications were not reviewed by people who knew the applicants. She concluded with an explanation of the total awards given for fiscal year 2020.

DISCUSSION: In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Bent** said that teachers who moved districts after being awarded the premium would continue to receive it and that the application portfolio can take up to 120 hours to complete, but is meant to be developed over 3 years.

Rob Winslow, Executive Director for the Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA), told the Committee that school administrators were supportive of the Board's process for the premium due to their hesitance to administer the program within their individual school districts.

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APPROVAL:**

Senator Den Hartog moved to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2020. **Vice Chairman Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Winder moved to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2020. **Senator Lent** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Vice Chairman Thayn moved to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2020. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Buckner-Webb moved to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2020. **Senator Woodward** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

Morgan Howard
Secretary