

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** **Ron Curtis**, Idaho Music Education Association; Chris Taylor, Boise Schools; Rep. John McCrostie; Blake Youde, State Board of Education; Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association; Rana Schraeder, Idaho Educational News; Phil Homer, Helen Price, Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Harold Ott, Idaho Rural School Administrators; Charlie Foster, Lobby Idaho; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C.; Tim Corder, State Department of Education; Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association; Russ Heller, N.C.H.E.; Jon Oppenheimer, I.C.L.; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office
- Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- RS 24191:** **Rep. McCrostie** spoke in support of **RS 24191**, which recognizes March as Music in Our Schools Month. Rep. McCrostie said music education gives students a sense of pride and empowerment, and music students are the most likely to be admitted to medical school. Students who study music have increased achievement in all subjects, regardless of socio-economic status or race. National standards were changed to recognize the importance of music in a well-rounded education.
- Ron Curtis** spoke in support of **RS 24191**. The Idaho Music Education Association supports Music in Schools Month. Schools celebrate in different ways across the state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 24191** and recommend it be sent to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- DOCKET NO.  
08-0203-1510:** **Rep. Kerby** explained this docket adds physical education to the list of curricular items for which the state provides materials.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1510.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.  
08-0203-1508:** **Rep. Kerby** explained this docket brings Idaho into compliance with the Disabilities Act. The number of calendar days to implement an IEP excludes days the school is not in session.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1508.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.  
08-0202-1504:** **Rep. Kerby** explained this docket reviews standards for professional personnel and adds foreign language as a subject, which is currently not included.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-1504.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.  
47-0101-1501:** **Rep. Dixon** explained information should belong in a different manual than it currently is, and this docket remedies that.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 47-0101-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0109-1501:** **Rep. Dixon** said this docket relates to the GEAR UP Idaho Scholarship and makes it easier to retain the scholarship if a student has an interruption in post-secondary education.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0109-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0113-1501:** **Rep. Dixon** said the subcommittee recommends the committee do not approve this docket. The grade point average would be changed from a weighted to an un-weighted grade point average, which would make it more difficult for students in advanced placement classes to compete for scholarships.
- Rep. VanOrden** added the Senate Education Committee only rejected certain sections, not the entire rule. **Rep. McDonald** agreed only certain parts of the rule should be rejected. **Rep. Clow** said the sections concerning grade point average are 010.01 and 101.02a.
- Tracie Bent**, State Board of Education, said there is not currently a fair and equitable way to weight grades across every school district, as not all districts offer advanced placement classes.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-1501**, with the exceptions of section 010.01 and 101.02a.
- Rep. Harris** said many students are taking dual credit classes, and receiving college credit. Dual credit classes are available in all the school districts, and those classes are also challenging. He did not support rejecting the sections changing scholarship determination from weighted grades to non-weighted grades. **Rep. McDonald** stated he hoped the State Board of Education would consider making dual credit classes a weighted grade, as well as the advanced placement classes.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Harris** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0201-1501:** **Rep. Clow** said this rule allows passing scores on the G.E.D. to be used for a high school equivalency certificate.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0201-1502:** **Rep. Clow** said this docket brings the rule into alignment with laws from 2014, and uses the term "Continuous Improvement Plan."
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-1502. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1505:** **Rep. Clow** explained this docket replaces the term "tech prep" with "technical competency credit," and expands the definition.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1505. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1507:** **Rep. Clow** explained this docket adds language to a rule regarding younger students who take high school classes before entering high school. Grades will not be automatically transferred to the high school transcript. Parents will be notified of the grade and of the option to opt out of the grade transfer. The docket also removes the ISAT test in tenth grade as a requirement for graduation, as those students took the field test.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1507. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1509:** **Chairman DeMordaunt** said he felt a better job of getting feedback from citizens was needed. He recommended the committee reject **Docket No. 08-0203-1509**. **Rep. Kerby** said he thinks the rule is well written and an improvement, but he agreed with the need for more feedback.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 08-0203-1509**.  
**Chairman DeMordaunt** said he thinks the public should be given more opportunity to comment on all sections the rule addresses. **Rep. Clow** added he believes the standards can be written without using terminology which draws a conclusion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 392:** **Blake Youde**, State Board of Education, explained this bill repeals the Youth Education Fund, which was created in 1992 but never established in the State Treasury, and is duplicated by the Safe and Drug Free School Program. In response to a question from the committee, he added that the funds in the Safe and Drug Free School Program are not restricted to only advertisement use.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to **send H 392 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams  
Secretary