

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019
- 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 Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.
- PRESENTATION:** **Dr. Cynthia Pemberton**, President, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), presented the annual report to the Committee. She said education matters and provided her personal story of how advanced education changed her life. **Dr. Pemberton** said LCSC is a special college; it is hands on and interpersonal, delivering a quality private school experience at a State school cost. She explained the opportunities available to students with effortless access and affordability.
- Dr. Pemberton** detailed the dual credit course work at LCSC and gave suggestions on how to make it more available to more students. She explained how LCSC can support the new Opportunity Scholarship which is available to the adult learner.
- Dr. Pemberton** gave an overview of the business and educational partnerships. She said the school has met the fundraising goals to build the Schweitzer Career Technical Education Center, which will open in 2020. She spoke about enrollment trends, efforts in student recruitment, and retention with academic coaching (Attachment 1).
- In response to a question about the biggest surprise of her presidency, **Dr. Pemberton** replied she has so much to learn and that there are amazing possibilities at LCSC.
- PRESENTATION:** **Kevin D. Satterlee**, President, Idaho State University (ISU), said he has been with ISU for seven months and is excited about the future because of all the support and enthusiasm in the ISU service region. He relayed to the Committee ISU's mission.
- President Satterlee** said his presentation would answer the questions Chairman Mortimer gave to him the week prior. He reported to the Committee those things that are going right with ISU. He said ISU has a Statewide responsibility in the health sciences. He explained the Statewide expansions which have occurred; they are designed to meet the needs of health care demands and are based on workforce demands. He provided the polling data concerning ISU's Statewide image and said there is the need to increase outreach and visibility. He stated there is a renewed commitment to those efforts and a renewed energy to revitalize the spirits towards achieving those goals in hopes of increasing enrollment. He said ISU is working diligently to engage Idaho students, especially in Southeastern Idaho.

President Satterlee recounted how ISU is addressing cost containment. He detailed the management of the programs which move students into the workforce in a quick manner. He spoke about ISU's tuition cost and the implemented tuition lock. He explained the cost savings to students with the Advanced Opportunities program and detailed the partnership with Renaissance High School in Meridian, Idaho. He said dual enrollment has created a paradigm shift and higher education must adjust to meet the challenge. He explained how the freshman experience has changed and the need to find a new common bond. He spoke about the rigors of the dual enrollment courses and expressed the desire for collaboration with all educational institutes.

President Satterlee concluded his presentation stating he was a product of Idaho education. A first-generation college student who appreciated all the efforts of others to ensure he had access to education.

Regarding questions from the Committee, **President Satterlee** said students that have college credits when they start college are inclined to shift their resources to graduate classes. He said the decline in enrollment occurred when international students left. To address enrollment, ISU is working to reach students in their direct service area.

Chairman Mortimer thanked President Satterlee and said it is exciting to have him at ISU. **President Satterlee** replied it is a fantastic school with a fantastic history.

**RECORDING
LINK:**

To hear the complete presentation of Lewis and Clark State College and Idaho State University, go to:
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SEDU/>.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0203-1801**

Helen Price, Program Specialist, Board Materials & Rules, State Department of Education (SDE) presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1801**, Rules Governing Thoroughness: Special Education Manual. She explained the procedures and approval process implemented in updating this rule. **Ms. Price** pointed out the changes in the Special Education Manual. She said the changes reflect the current terminology. The outdated terms were either removed or updated.

Chairman Mortimer asked if the updates were changing the terminology or if they are procedural changes. **Ms. Price** referred the question to Dr. Charlee Silva, Director of Special Education, SDE. **Dr. Silva** replied the revisions are only updating terminology, not practices.

Senator Den Hartog questioned whether it is the Idaho Bureau of Occupational License that licenses physical and/or occupational therapists. She asked if they would confirm that possible inaccuracy. **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education, replied the Incorporated by Reference documents are treated the same as actual language with the rules. She said if there is a name error and a technical correction is needed, that can be done by the administrator.

Chairman Mortimer said he has been working with Medicaid reimbursement for schools. He asked if this manual fits with the Federal Medicaid policy to not interfere with Medicaid reimbursement. **Dr. Silva** replied in the affirmative. She said there is a school Medicaid handbook, that is not in rule, on the SDE website. It is a guide which is updated annually.

Senator Den Hartog asked who will use the document. **Dr. Silva** replied the Special Education Director and all Special Education Personnel will be using the manual. She said it can be overwhelming but those involved in Special Education are charged to follow the policies. She explained its location on the SDE website and how educators are able to access the information.

MOTION: **Chairman Mortimer** moved to accept **Docket No. 08-0203-1801**. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1804 **Amy Lorenzo**, Director of Policy & Organizational Planning, Career Technical Education (CTE), presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1804**, Rules Governing Thoroughness: Career Technical Education. She listed the eleven CTE programs whose educational standards were being updated. She explained the process used to set the program standards involved a comprehensive collaboration between CTE secondary and postsecondary instructors and industry partners.

Vice Chairman Thayn said it is helpful to know the industry partners were involved in setting the standards.

Senator Den Hartog asked if the standards set are aligned to lead the student to licensure. **Ms. Lorenzo** replied in the affirmative.

Senator Lent asked how often the standards are updated. **Ms. Bent** replied every two to five years depending on the curriculum. She explained the standards schedule.

MOTION: **Senator Lent** moved to accept **Docket No. 08-0203-1804**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

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

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary