

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt and Ehardt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4 and 8, 2022.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Eric Studebaker, Director of Student Engagement, State Department of Education discussed programs paid for by the Advanced Opportunities program. He discussed the cost of dual credit and student participation in the program. In Fiscal Year 2021, 73 students graduated early and were awarded the Early Graduation Scholarship.

In response to committee questions, **Dr. Studebaker** explained reasons postsecondary universities are not seeing more dual credit students. He discussed how many students are failing the workforce training classes, because they are designed for adults.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

H 533: **Chairman Clow** introduced **H 533** which amends sections of the career ladder to allow certain school administrators to receive their full three years of Master Educator Premium. He discussed how some teachers have become school administrators, which excludes them from the career ladder.

In response to Committee questions, **Chairman Clow** shared how the MEP and this section of Idaho Code will expire in 2024. He discussed how if teachers stay in an Idaho school and move to an administrative role they will qualify for MEP.

Nancy Jones, Vice Principal, Twin Falls High School, shared how she and other former teachers who are now school administrators are still helping students and parents and should qualify for MEP. Vice Principal Jones voiced her support for **H 533**.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 533** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

Dr. Charlie Silva, Director of Special Education, State Department of Education, introduced **Alayna Knop**.

Alayna Knop, Coordinator of ELA/Literacy, State Department of Education, shared how Idaho is one of two states without any dyslexia policies in place. She shared how SBOE has updated the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan and included sections on developing literacy, expanding the Developing Professionals Educators section, and International Dyslexia Association's definition of dyslexia. Ms. Knop shared how up to 15-20% of the population may have symptoms of dyslexia and how most will benefit from Structured Literacy Instruction. Ms. Knop discussed how early intervention is important and shared resources available to parents and teacher to help students succeed.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Knop** shared how the Idaho Reading Indicator by Istation is helping teachers identify students who may be at risk or show characteristics of dyslexia.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Elbia Christensen
Secretary