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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

### **JOINT OSBE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Council Members:** Deni Hoehne, John Young, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Liza Leonard

**State Board of Education:** Linda Clark, Dave Hill, Matt Freeman, Kurt Liebich

**Guests:** Ryan Cantrell, Greg Wilson, Clay Long

**Staff:** Wendi Secrist, Rebecca Watson

#### **Call to Order at 10:00 AM**

**Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call** – Quorum Met for the Executive Committee

**Review Agenda** – No changes to the agenda

#### **Discussion Topics -**

##### **Postsecondary Investments**

The Committee members engaged with the participants from the OSBE in a discussion into common interests in postsecondary education from the funding of grants to the ongoing support of public providers across the state.

##### **Next Steps Idaho Collaboration**

Are there opportunities to engage the STEM Action Center more broadly to carry NextSteps into the future?

Discussion:

- The Board is supportive of strengthening the partnership with NextSteps.
- How do you envision the STEM Action Center interacting with NextSteps?
  - Raising money, increasing awareness.
  - This is not a question of fitting the STEM Action Center into NextSteps, but rather utilizing them as a vehicle to get NextSteps into the hands of those who would benefit from it.
  - Participating on the Steering Committee. Let's take a year and see where the STEM Action Center evolves before formalizing any changes.

##### **Advancing CTE opportunities in small/rural schools**

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This is an initiative and focus for the new Superintendent of Public Instruction and needs policy alignment and collaboration across entities.

Discussion:

Allison Duman's role will be outreach. Connecting her with the TPM managers throughout the state will be a benefit to alignment statewide.

What does the secondary capacity look like? Do we need to consider apprenticeship models intentionally, going forward?

### **Open Discussion with Superintendent-Elect Debbie Critchfield's Staff**

- The Superintendent-Elect's staff is thankful for being invited to this meeting.
- What's the link between the WDC and CTE?
  - They are eligible for applying for funding through the CTE grants. There are fewer grants on the secondary side than on the post-secondary side. It tends to be project based.
- There is a seat on the Council for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- We are in a position right now, where our organizations enjoy positive relationships and alignment. We must act on it and use this opportunity.

### **Wrap Up**

- What can OSBE do to support the work of the WDC?
  - Ms. Secrist turned this question toward the members of the Executive Committee:
    - We dipped our toe into long-term planning at the September Council meeting. At that time, we identified the formerly incarcerated as a population that we need to support. We would like to partner with Corrections and the Board to support that population. For example, if a Pell Grant will not cover the whole cost of a program the WDC is piloting a way to cover it through Launch.
    - We have identified supporting Child Care as a need to support employers.

**Motion by Ms. Griffin to adjourn. Second by Mr. Kolb. Motion carried.**

**Adjourned at 11:39 p.m.**