

**College of Eastern Idaho
Board of Trustees**

March 14, 2022

College of Eastern Idaho Campus, Christofferson/Building 3, Room 306, Idaho Falls, Idaho
and remotely via Zoom

A Board of Trustees of the College of Eastern Idaho Work Session was held on March 14, 2022 at the College of Eastern Idaho campus in Idaho Falls, Idaho and via Zoom. Chairman Park Price presided.

Present:

Park Price, Chairman
Stephanie Mickelsen, Vice Chairman
Cal Ozaki, Treasurer (via Zoom)
Craig Miller
Carrie Scheid

Guests:

Rick Aman, CEI President
Lori Barber, CEI Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
Sean Coletti, CEI Counsel (via Zoom)
Keith Donahue, Bluum Director of School Strategy and Operations
Amanda Logan, CEI Executive Liaison and Board Executive Secretary
Byron Miles, CEI Vice President of Finance & Administration
Terry Ryan, Bluum Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Sneddon, CEI Workforce & Continuing Education Executive Director (via Zoom)
Mary Stephenson, CEI Director of Early College Programs

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session was called to order at 3:06 PM by Chairman Price.

DISCUSSION ITEM

AUTHORIZING CHARTER SCHOOLS IN IDAHO

Chairman Park Price welcomed the Bluum representatives and Introductions were made Following the introductions, Terry Ryan, CEO of Bluum, provided an overview of his organization. Bluum is a non-profit organization from Boise that helps schools in Idaho, including charter schools. Of the 68 charter schools in Idaho, Bluum has a relationship with 32 of them. The representatives from Bluum went on to explain what helps make a successful charter school and the purpose of charter schools.

Ryan, explained that there are three types of entities that are permitted to be charter school authorizers under Idaho statute: the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (IPCSC); school district governing boards, and the eight, public higher education institutions, including CEI. Ryan went on to explain why an organization should consider becoming a charter school authorizer. Discussion followed on what would be necessary from CEI to do this, what variables would need to be in place, and the differences between public charter schools and traditional public schools. Further discourse included the opportunities that could be available to CEI as a charter school authorizer and possible partnerships with the charter schools themselves.

Ryan provided additional information on charter schools, how they work, and how they differ from traditional public schools. The Trustees discussed the impact of authorizing a charter school might have on CEI, including the financial impact, the additional time demands on senior leadership and whether a charter school would impact the support CEI provides to the school districts in its service area. Overview of some of the perspectives from the local school districts was provided along with the perspectives from the local governmental entities. There was also a discussion around what the following would be if CEI were to choose to become a charter school authorizer: the role of CEI Board of Trustees, the role of CEI leadership, staffing needs, documentation, and the type of authorizer CEI would want to be.

The Trustees continued to weigh the potential positive and negative aspects of becoming a charter school authorizer. The attendees from Bluum helped answer questions posed and added in ways that the Bluum organization may be able to assist CEI.

The group will continue to analyze the information from today's Work Session and consider the idea of CEI becoming a charter school authorizer.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Price at 4:53 PM.



Park Price, Chairman

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Date