

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION

March 14, 1977  
8:00 A. M.  
Room 132  
State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South.  
The following members were present:

Sen. Larry Fasbender  
Rep. Ora Halvorson  
Rep. Jack Moore  
Sen. Matt Himsl

Rep. Oscar Kvaalen was excused.

Also present in the meeting were Judy Rippingale and John Krutar.

There was discussion regarding the five Vocational Technical Schools which are presently operating in the state. Chairman South said that the committee needs to determine the level of spending that the Vo-Tech Centers will be allowed and then connect state and federal funds accordingly. In discussing budget figures with the committee, South said that the committee had determined that the percentage of 8/4 would be used throughout the university units and that Vo-Tech should also be consistent with this.

A motion was made by Rep. Moore that the percentages be changed to 8/4 to keep uniform with the university units.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

In discussion regarding the control that might be had of Vo-Tech budgets, Chairman South said it would be necessary to appropriate federal funds if they wanted to have some control. Then if they want to change anything in the budget, they would have to get a budget ammendment.

Sen. Himsl asked how the Fiscal Analyst's recommendations related to the governor's budget recommendation. The fiscal analyst's recommendation for the five centers is \$55,000 below the Executive Budget when operating expenses are at 8 and 4 percent.

A motion was made by Sen. Fasbender that the appropriated figure be appropriated and line itemed at or about \$242,017 in the budget of the Fire Academy Training Center.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Rep. Moore that the committee appropriate the amount of \$10,439,796 for the five Vocational-Technical Centers less the Fire Service School plus the cost of living increases.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was a motion made and withdrawn by Rep. Moore that the Committee allow no new and expanded programs in this biennium in any of the five Vocational-Technical Centers in Montana.

There was a motion made by Rep. Moore that there be no new automobile mechanic program started at Great Falls. He said that he is opposed to any appropriation that would be made to start a new program or that the program be allowed to start with any other funds that the Center could obtain for funding.

The voting was as follows:

Rep. Moore	- yes
Rep. Halvorson	- no
Rep. Kvaalen	- no
Sen. Himsl	- no
Sen. Fasbender	- no

The motion did not carry.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A. M. so members could attend other meetings. The meeting was called to order again at 10:30 A. M.

There was discussion regarding the Montana School for Deaf and Blind. Because of a change in law requiring attendance for cottage life to be based on a 40-hour week, it is no longer possible to have houseparents who are in attendance on a 24-hour schedule as the school used to operate. This is in accordance with state law as explained by Floyd McDowell, Superintendent, when he presented his budget to the committee. Because of this change in cottage life attendance, there must be an increase in budget to the school to meet the salaries of persons staffed with eight-hour shifts.

There was a motion made by Rep. Halvorson that the budget as outlined by the fiscal analyst be approved; i. e., the amount of \$90,610 for 1978 and \$93,667 for 1979. This amount is minus the cost of living increase.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Fasbender that the total expenditure levels be at \$1,466,861.00 in Fiscal 1978 and \$1,520,452.00 in Fiscal 1979 and that as far as the FTE's are concerned the LFA can adjust that figure. There would be no cost of living increase included. This motion is regarding the budget of the Montana School for Blind and Deaf.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Range Station at Miles City. This has always been a separate, individual operation although it is under the direction fo the Agricultural Experiment Station at MSU. General Fund money has not been needed but may be needed this next biennium.


A motion was made by Rep. Moore that in the expenditure level of the Range Station, the percentages be changed to 8/4 instead of 7/3. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst will make the necessary changes in the budget.

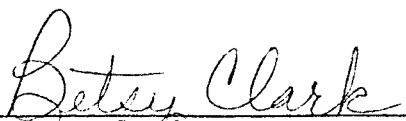
All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Moore that \$150,000 General Fund money be given to the Agricultural Experiment Station for the second year of the biennium. Anything over \$100,000 in an ending balance in 1979 will revert to the General Fund.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A. M.

  
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CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN

  
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Betsy Clark, Secretary