

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION

February 19, 1981

The Executive Session meeting on the Office of Public Instruction of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education was called to order at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 1981 by Vice Chairman Nelson in Room 104, Capitol Bldg., Helena, Montana.

All members were present except Rep. Donaldson who was excused and had returned by 9 a.m. John Bebee, Fiscal Analyst was also present.

JOHN BEBEE explained the six areas of funding for the Office of Public Instruction. The LFA did not recommend any of the modifications.

TOM CROSSER gave the Executive recommendation and did recommend the modifications for the Reading Consultant, Gifted and Talented Program, Indian Consultant, Math Consultant and the associated clerical staff.

ED ARGENBRIGHT, Superintendent of Public Instruction, discussed the modifications. He stated that the important thing to remember is that they are trying to maintain services that are currently provided and that they want to make sure the basic areas are provided; i.e., math, music, etc. He also stated that they will hold the line on expenses.

JOHN BEBEE stated that the AV Library is a revolving account.

The committee discussed the Child Find Study.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accept the LFA recommendation for Basic Skills for the Office of Public Instruction for \$1,739,260 for FY 82 and \$1,775,226 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The committee next discussed the Chief State School Office.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accept the LFA recommendation for the Chief State School Office for \$95,435 for FY 82 and \$97,322 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The committee discussed the modifications.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accept the recommendation for the AV Library for \$50,000 for FY 82 and \$50,000 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The committee discussed the Gifted and Talented Program.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the funding for the Gifted and talented Program for \$33,438 for FY 82 and \$33,843 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED three to two with two, REP. THOFT and SENATOR NELSON opposing and REP. DONALDSON abstaining.

The next discussion was in regard to the Vocational Education.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the LFA recommendation for Vocational Education for \$684,362 for FY 82 and \$695,298 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The committee also discussed Financial Services.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the Executive recommendation for Financial Services for \$889,683 for FY 82 and \$910,283 for FY 83. MOTION FAILED on a tie vote with three, REP. DONALDSON, REP. THOFT, and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

REP. THOFT moved to accept the LFA recommendation for Financial Services for \$853,234 for FY 82 and \$876,355 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the LFA recommendation for Administrative Services for \$923,533 for FY 82 and \$942,417 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL EDUCATION was the next area of discussion.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the Executive recommendation for Special Education for \$573,789 for FY 82 and \$597,568 for FY 83.

The committee discussed the differences between the recommendation for General Fund for Special Education.

SENATOR NELSON asked if they don't get the \$32,728 General Fund what would happen.

TOM CHESBRO, Chief Accountant for the Office of Public Instruction stated that with the set aside flow through funds they actually spend through administration over and above this \$300,000. There is a provision in the Federal law that these funds be matched and if they don't have adequate General Fund support then they would be in trouble with the Feds.

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CHAIRMAN DONALDSON asked if he meant that he would not get a portion of the \$480,000.

TOM CHESBRO stated that they had better not use it, they would have to return it. He stated that anything over the \$300,000 in the Child Find is a hard match.

REP. BENGTON asked how much the match amounts to.

TOM CHESBRO stated that in 1980 they had an appropriation of \$62,000 and in 1981 they had an appropriation of \$62,000 and in 1981 they added two consultants in the biennium through the Legislature and in FY 81 they were paid for with General Fund money. They had an appropriation for \$112,000 in FY 81.

JOHN BEBEE stated that he was not aware of a match.

CHAIRMAN DONALDSON suggested that they get together and resolve the difference.

QUESTION was called for.

MOTION PASSED four to two with REP. THOFT and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

REP. BENGTON moved to include the audit cost within the Office of Public Instruction budget for \$50,000 General Fund for the biennium. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CURT NICHOLS, Fiscal Analyst, gave the LFA recommendation for the Special Education. (EXHIBIT B) He discussed the concerns of the Office of Public Instruction.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

  
-REP. GENE DONALDSON, Chairman

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LFA	Exec	Difference		LFA	Exec	Difference		Differences	
01 Chief State School OFF.	754135	96605	570		97822	98444	112		Inflation	
20 Basic Skills	1739260	1962192	223937		1775226	1945903	170677		Exec includes modifications	
General Fund	603850	887887	283937		610913	781590	170677			
Federal Funds	1135910	1155910	0		1164313	1164313	0			
30 Voc. Education	684362	690708	6346		685298	701180	5882			
General Fund	193031	199704	6673		198499	204940	6441		Exec does not include	
Federal Funds	491331	491004	(327)		496799	496940	55		soft match	
40 Financial Services	853234	889683	36449		876355	910883	34528			
Gen Fund	366791	392140	25349		382313	405187	22814		Gen picks up decreased federal	
Federal Funds	190800	190800	0		190886	190886	0		funds.	
Other Funds	895623	306783	11100		303186	314970	11114		School Lunch Revolving Account	
50 Administrative Services	983533	1003474	79941		942317	1044107	101690		Discretionary Funds	
Gen Fund	346773	346915	104142		333630	355528	12190			
Federal Funds	676760	656559	20201		708797	688579	20218			
60 Special Education	541061	573789	32728		578189	597568	49379		Exec includes it current	
Gen Funds	41061	93789	32728		68189	117568	49379		April, Child Fund,	
Federal Funds	480000	480000	0		480000	480000	0		State distributed, distribution.	
Total	1546441	1955840	389399		1570856	1963171	37234		audit LFA	Exec
GF	3210144	3261016	50972		3313951	334788	3337		State	50000
Other Funds	4836885	5216852	379971		4934807	5297485	362678		GF	50000
									Fed	33874

# Special Education

Special Education  
Contingency fund

1981	82	83
21140837	23250000	24350000
517624	500000	500000
	<u>23750000</u>	<u>24850000</u>
	23045971	24119387
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	23045971	24119387

Audiology  
Special Olympics

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LFA

LFA Recommends  
1. Contingency fund with language ow use insouled in appropriation net  
2. "Cap" be place on special Education amounts both general fund and federal funds  
3. Unused Federal Funds carry over to next biennium.  
4. Above estimates are base on pay increases of 9% per year

Concerns of OPI

1. There has been a 5.8% increase in December / child count this year - LFA and Executive figures only allow for inflation
2. Audiology may be transferred to Department of Health - Statistics need to be changed
3. Contingency fund expenditure should be added to the base

Estimated 2 LFA 3 Executive 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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1982	1983	1	2
Reading	Ready	115	115
25166	25166	4630	4630
<u>29796</u>	<u>29796</u>		
4500	4905		
<u>34296</u>	<u>34701</u>		

FTE  
Salaries  
Benefits 18.4%

Opurities 9%  
Total cost

1982	1983	3	4
Mware	Mware	115	115
29025	29025	5341	5341
<u>34366</u>	<u>34366</u>		
4500	4905		
<u>38866</u>	<u>39271</u>		

1982	1983	5	6
Swidme	Swidme	115	115
29025	29025	5341	5341
<u>34366</u>	<u>34366</u>		
4500	4905		
<u>39271</u>	<u>39271</u>		

1982	1983	7	8
AU LIB	AU LIB. 83	5000	5000
<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>		
50000	50000		
<u>50000</u>	<u>50000</u>		

1982	1983	9	10
Gifts + Travel	Gifts + Travel	115	115
24441	24441	4497	4497
<u>28938</u>	<u>28938</u>		
4500	4905		
<u>33438</u>	<u>33843</u>		

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