

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON LONG RANGE BUILDING
March 28, 1981

The meeting was called to order by JACK K. MOORE, Chairman at 1:05 p.m. in Room 108. All Committee members were present except SEN. ETCHART, SEN. HIMSL and SEN. THOMAS.

Testimony was given by, ED ARGENBRIGHT, Superintendent of Public Instruction; MAYNARD OLSON, Special Asst. Superintendent of Public Instruction; DR. HAROLD WENAUS, Superintendent of Vo-Tech Centers; GENE DOWNEY, Chairman of the Council of Directors; DR. GEORGE BANDY, Helena; DR. VERNON KAILEY, Miles City; WILLIAM BALL, Executive Officer of Advisory Council for Vocational Education; THOMAS PELLETIER, Butte Local Government; BOB MOODRY, Trustee Butte School District; HARRISON FREEBOURN, Director of Butte Vo-Tech; WALT KENNECK, Architect; TERESA KRISKOVICH, Student Council President; CURT CHISHOLM, Deputy Director of Institutions; DAVE LEWIS, Director of Office of Budget and Planning; DR. PETER BLOUKE, Director of Mental Health and Residential Services; DICK GREENLEAF, Director of the Children's Unit; JOHN SHAY, Chairman of the Anaconda Deer Lodge Commission; FLOYD McDOWELL, Superintendent of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind; BOB DEMING, Assistant Superintendent; HARRIET MELOY, member of the Board of Public Education; PHIL HAUCK, Director of Architecture and Engineering. (See attached Visitor's Sheet for Parents who gave a brief testimony in support of HB 830).

The Chairman stated three projects would be discussed in the following order, Butte Vo-Tech, Children's Center and HB 830.

BUTTE VO-TECH

REP. DAILY stated that the people of Silver Bow County passed their share of the funding in the recent local mill levy. He stated in the following testimony they will provide the need for the Butte Vo-Tech Center, and also the necessary cost.

SEN. HEALY stated this facility will be a credit to Montana. For many years the Butte Vo-Tech has not been adequate to care for the demands of the facility. He noted during the last election the people of Butte passed a \$4,000,000 bond issue. He stated they already have purchased the land for this facility, which helped the issue pass so easily. He stated he would like to see the upcoming students get some type of help because it is not as easy for students to pay their own way through school as they could in the past. The present Vo-Tech does not have enough room or facilities, and the funding of the new center will benefit everyone in Montana.

REP. QUILICI stated they have tried to get a new Vo-Tech building in Butte for quite some time now. He feels that not only does Butte need this center, but also the far reaching communities of Anaconda, Dillon, Deer Lodge and Southwestern Montana. He stated with the layoffs in Anaconda, many of these workers are coming to the Vo-Tech School for retraining skills. He feels that many of

these workers would be willing to pay their own tuition to get this type of training. He stated in 1975 they appropriated \$100,000 for land acquisition which purchased 40 acres of land in the industrial section. This new area would make a nice campus for this Center.

SEN HAZELBAKER, District 41, noted that his area is mainly an agricultural communtiy and many of these young people would like to go to a Vo-Tech Center not far from home. He would like to lend his support for this Center at Butte.

SEN. MCCALLUM, District 12, stated he was a Chairman for the Advisory Council on Vocational Education which consists of 27 members from many professions, and there was complete agreement among this Council to have the Butte Vo-Tech Center approved.

SEN. JACOBSON stated she did serve on the Education Subcommittee and it was acknowledged that the equipment at the Vo-Tech Center is quite ancient and needs replacing, so it was referred to Long Range Building in hopes of their approval and support.

REP. McBRIDE stated she would like to remind the Committee that despite the hard times that Silver Bow County has had, the fact that this bond issue passed is a good indication of the communities support.

REP. PAVLOVICH, District 86, stated he supports the Vo-Tech Center and hopes the Committee will concur on passing the necessary funding for this.

REP. HARRINGTON, District 88, feels the Butte Vo-Tech Center is very important and the present facilities have hampered their ability to grow. He supports the Center and hopes the Committee does.

MR. AGRENBRIGHT, Superintendent of Public Instruction, read EXHIBIT A to the Committee.

MR. OLSEN, Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, read EXHIBIT B to the Committee regarding the history of the Vo-Tech Center.

DR. HAROLD WENAUS, Superintendent of the Vo- Tech Centers stated that for the last four years, Butte has had the number one priority for constructing a new Vo-Tech Center. He stated this new center is not only for Butte, but is for the good of the Vo-Technical education in the state of Montana. He noted that the Vo-Tech Centers had an approximate 20% enrollment increase last fall, so the need is there.

MR. GENE DOWNEY, Chairman of the Council of Directors, and the Director of Missoula Vo-Tech, stated he would like to go back to a point in 1972 when the Board of Education met. They had their individual plan, and remet again to develop a single plan. All of their plan has been realized except the Butte Vo-Tech Center. He felt the new Center in Butte would make the Center's more comparable. The Council Directors are unanimously in favor of the construction of the Butte Vo-Tech.

DR. GEORGE BANDY, former Commissioner of Education, stated that over a year ago he was engaged to look at the Butte facility, which included all of the facility, the faculty, students and enrollment trends etc, and came to the conclusion that the facilities are not adequate to support the present trends and are also not adequate to support the development of present programs. No one feels this is an adequate facility. Most of the departments are in need of space, and there is quite a problem with safety factors. He gave a brief overview of the inadequate space in each of the departments. Besides space problems there were problems in ventilation, lighting noise, storage, plus foot traffic. Based on reports from the Tech Centers in 1978, it turned out that the Butte Center was operating with 1/3 less space per FTE student than the other Centers. Their opinion is the need is there for a new facility, and he supports the new Center.

DR. VERNON KAILEY, Former President of the Miles City Community Center, stated the study they did in Butte reaffirmed many of the other studies. He stated they found quite serious safety hazards specifically in the welding and shop area. The present facilities cannot allow any new additional programs. The state, a number of years ago, accepted their responsibility in regard to Vo-Tech education by establishing the five Centers, with the provision they would help support on a matching basis the construction costs. He highly recommends support of this new center for Butte. He stated the enrollment is stable and the waiting list for classes is around 50% of the existing enrollment.

MR. WILLIAM BALL, Executive Officer, Advisory Council for Vocational Education, stated he supports the new Center at Butte for the following reasons:

- (1) This is a continuing request of the long range plan to construct a new center at Butte.
- (2) There has been continued support from the different departments and the allocation of the land in 1973.
- (3) The present facility is very limited and offers little or no opportunity for future expansion. Besides space problems there are many numerous health and safety problems. The library situation is deficient and unable to expand to meet the students needs

at the present time. Also the present facility was not constructed to be energy and cost efficient. The other four Centers have relative adequate facilities to serve the areas of the state, however, Butte has a great need. In August 1980, the Council for Vocational Education went on record in support of the request for funding the Butte Vo-Tech Center. He stated since the five Center system was created, the student tuition costs have gone up significantly. Butte students are paying the same kind of student fee as the other students and are not receiving a fair opportunity in their system, and these students do deserve fair consideration in regard to this.

MR. LEWIS, Director of Budget and Planning Office, stated when Governor Schwinden came into office a priority list was developed and the Butte Vo-Tech Center was one of the high priorities. He feels it is very fair to consider the state sharing in the construction costs. He feels the time is certainly right for this project.

REP. BROWN stated he would like to support this funding. He noted many students were forced into going to a four year college to avoid the draft, and much of their education did not match their career goals. He feels Vocational training provides an alternative education for many young people today, and this is a much needed project.

THOMAS PELLETIER, representative of the Butte-Silver Bow local Government, read EXHIBIT C to the Committee regarding the local support of this Butte Vo-Tech Center.

BOB MOODRY, Trustee for the School District #1, Butte Silver Bow, stated the Board of Trustees have always backed the development plans for a new facility. The Board secured the funds and purchased land. The Board supported the center and put before the voters a bond issue which received community support.

HARRISON FREEBOURN, Director of the Butte Vocational Technical Center, handed out EXHIBIT D to the Committee.

WALT KENNECK, Architect for this project, stated this building is a Type A-2 fire resistant type building. It will be one story and the roof will vary in height from nine feet to twelve feet depending on the area. It will be completely fire resistant construction, and energy efficient. It will consist of 96,000 square feet, and the estimated project cost will be around \$56 a square foot. He gave a brief overview of the different departments that will be contained within this building. The actual construction of the building is \$5,441,000. The only equipment

the architect handles is to install equipment that is fastened to the building such as cranes, etc. Moveable equipment costs are drawn up by the Butte Silver Bow District and the \$1.4 million involves moveable equipment.

THE CHAIRMAN asked about the cost for the site improvements.

MR. KENNECK stated that directly in the center of this ground are three high voltage cables that will have to be moved. It is anticipated that this will cost around \$100,000 to do this. He noted the proposed Center will take up approximately 15 acres of the 40 acres.

REP. QUILICI stated when the land was sold to the school district, it was in the industrial park. According to the abstract, it was necessary to put curbing and certain improvements before the land was sold. In answer to the question regarding architectural fees, this was negotiated at 6 1/2% at a public meeting due to the size of the construction. This will be a masonry and steel building, on a grade slab, facing south with a passive solar design.

MR. FREEBOURN stated this new building will serve 475 students, which is 93 students more daily than at present.

TERESA KRISKOVICH, President of the Student Council, presented EXHIBIT E to the Committee and read a portion of it.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked why it would take 3.5 more FTE to take care of the new building.

MR. FREEBOURN stated at the present time the janitorial staff is split with the school district, so when they move they will have to increase the present staff plus an additional .49 janitor. In answer to the question regarding the percentage of Butte students to other areas, he stated they have 70% students from Butte, and 15% from Anaconda, and the remaining portion from around Montana. He stated that nothing was planned in the immediate future for expansion of programs.

THE CHAIRMAN asked MR. LEWIS about the priority of this on the Governor's list.

MR. DAVE LEWIS stated that on the building program presented, the Butte Vo-Tech is No. 3 priority, but as far as new projects on the Bond Program it is ranked as No. 1.

THE CHAIRMAN asked MRS. MELOY, a member of the Board of Education, if the Board ever approved a new Vo-Tech Center for Butte.

MRS. MELOY stated the Board was involved in the planning, and they were all aware that the Butte Vo-Tech Center should have had a turn along the way, but the last time around the Board did not approve it.

REP. BARDANOUE asked if it was customary to purchase the equipment.

MR. DOWNEY stated this has varied from Center to Center. He stated some equipment was paid for and they moved what they could, but the new equipment costs were split 50-50.

REP. DAILY stated in the last four years, the Butte Vo-Tech Center has only received \$40,000 for equipment.

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

MR. CHISHOLM stated this proposal is the culmination of the work of a number of agencies who have been working on this issue for many years. There is an operational program on Warm Springs State Hospital which is a make-shift operation, housed presently in Unit 66 and 67, which is an old two story facility. In 1977 the Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 72, which mandated an interagency study of the needs of the emotionally disturbed children. Included in this definition were those with severe mental health problems. There is now the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Children, and their proposals along with other Agencies resulted in a proposal in 1979 to replace the building on the Warm Springs State Campus. The Department of Institutions, and the Budget Office is now recommending this building be replaced. Originally there was a request for the construction of the new 40 bed facility. They are now requesting that be amended and serious consideration given to a 60 bed facility. At the present time they have a full house in the present facility, which is approved for 30 children, there are seven children on the adult ward, and there is a waiting list for 22 children. In view of this need for the Children's Unit, they feel that a 40 bed facility may not be enough, and they would be requesting an additional unit shortly. The current location is not adequate in size, and it would never be accredited by JCAH, if it stays on the Warm Springs Hospital Campus. Their developed proposal working with A & E, will meet the standards needed to get JCAH accreditation.

DR. PETER BLOUKE stated he was one of the original members of the House Joint Resolution 72 Committee for coordination of programs for handicapped children. It became apparent after a few meetings, one of the most serious gaps in the system was the services to the emotionally disturbed children. There was then a subcommittee developed to study the needs for this facility. He feels Montana needs a continuum of service to these children ranging from the institutional setting to the group home concept. He felt there is still a need for the institutional setting, because these children

cannot function within a community setting. One of the tasks for the Committee for Emotionally Disturbed, was to conduct a survey of the needs of the seriously emotionally disturbed in Montana. This study was completed in August 1980, and briefly they surveyed all 200 youth providers in the state, 148 of those responded. The results of the survey indicated there were approximately 144 seriously disturbed children in Montana that would need the type of program provided in an institutional setting. He stated this was a conservative estimate, because the national estimates use 2% for moderate disturbance, and .25% for severe disturbance. The 144 youths represent .06% of the 1979 estimated population in Montana.

MR. DICK ROSENLEAF, Director of the Children's Unit at Warm Springs, stated he has been the Director at Warm Springs since the program began in June 1976. He stated he has attempted to get something done for the emotionally disturbed children for 20 years. There is a crying need for a facility of this type. He described for the Committee the type of child, this program will serve. In summation these children's behavior is such they would be a danger to other people, and cannot be contained in a group home. At the present time, there are 30 children in the unit, 22 on a waiting list, and 7 children on the adult floor waiting for a vacancy. He stated this is a long term treatment with a minimum stay of one year. He explained the treatment centers around who is in control, the child or the adult. The children are clearly in control, because they are not dependent upon adults. The second issue is to get the adults to agree on what they are going to do with the child. He stated there are two types of treatment, one is the Tender Loving Care treatment, and the second one is Skin them Alive. He stated they go down the middle of those treatments and the Children are taught they are responsible for what they do. Approximately 80% of the children can go from the program and can get jobs, 15% of the children are destined to being in and out of institutions for the rest of their lives, and 5% of those children will need some type of supportive care. He noted he always congratulates the children on being in the 1/2% of the children termed hopeless, and he noted once these children get turned around they make great improvements. He feels the need is very much there for a new facility for these children.

MR. CHISHOLM stated that the current program is costing dollar for dollar, from the general fund, with no hope of reimbursement. To receive reimbursement they need JCAH accreditation.

MR. LEWIS stated there are several reasons for not placing this unit at Warm Springs. One reason is there is a stigma in placing these children at Warm Springs. His office is recommending the unit be built in Anaconda, because it is close enough to Warm Springs that laundry and maintenance facilities could be used for both areas.

Having the Unit built off the Campus of Warm Springs would allow the Unit to receive the proper accreditation,

MR. CHISHOLM stated they are proposing a 60 bed facility which would cost \$2,626,000, have 2,400 square feet, be self contained including educational facilities, administrative office space, conference rooms, business rooms, nurses stations, examination rooms. He noted that A&E has a design in mind similar to the new cottage at Pine Hills School. The facility figures do not include land acquisition. This unit would need approximately 1 1/2 acres for construction.

REP. MENAHAN stated in his area they would donate the land to the state through Atlantic Richfield in Deer Lodge County.

REP. HURWITZ asked how many young people pass through this facility in a course of a year.

MR. ROSENLEAF stated they are averaging around 75 admissions in one years time. A number of children come in for evaluations for anywhere from 45 to 90 days.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked how many additional FTE would we need to run a new Unit.

MR. CHISHOLM stated they have projected some operational costs for both a 40 bed unit and 60 bed unit. Built into these projections are anticipated reimbursements to the general fund once JCAH accreditation has been achieved. If a 60 bed unit is built, operational costs at the third level and using inflation costs comparable to Mountain View School, and assuming an 85% occupancy rate and 64% Medicaid participation, the net obligation to the general fund would increase during the FY 84-85 biennium by \$786,000, eventhough the program would cost \$2.4 million to operate in FY 84, and \$2.7 million in FY 85. They would receive in FY 84, \$2.2 million and \$1,2 million in FY 85 as reimbursement from federal dollars back into this program. The current operation direct cost to the Children's Unit, was calculated at \$900,000 in FY 84 and \$1.3 million in FY 85, which no reimbursement is received. Based on that the net increase to the general fund would be \$786,000, and the bed capacity would be increased by 30 beds. This Unit would have to be completely separate from Warm Springs to meet that criteria of the JCAH standards. He noted they could use ancillary services to support the program, however, whatever service they use also has to meet the JCAH standards. He stated they cannot guarantee the Committee that these services would meet these standards, but he can guarantee that Warm Springs itself will not meet the JCAH standards without millions of dollars being put into it.

MR. HAUCK stated at this point there is just conceptual designs of this facility.

MR. CHISHOLM stated these costs are based on assuming a 64% federal participation. He feels that the President's action will not preclude these services, however, the dollar amount might be changed. He is not sure how a CAP will affect the percent of participation, but the figures he presented are based on the current 64% participation. He stated by 1984 the state will be spending close to \$1 million each year of that biennium to operate that program. That includes direct costs only, and does not include the indirect costs. The new Children's program would cost an additional \$1.4 million in FY 84 and \$1.7 million in FY 85. They would get close to \$2.4 million in Medicaid reimbursements that excludes the general fund match.

REP. BARDANOUE stated that many people talking to him during the session have indicated that there are three logical locations for this Unit. It should be either in Great Falls, Billings, or Missoula, due to the professional people those cities have.

MR. GREENLEAF stated he presently has 40 employees, and if they were to move to any of the above places he would lose 50% of these people. He noted he has spent three to five years training this staff, and he noted his program has the least turn over of staff of any unit in the hospital.

REP. BARDANOUE stated this might be a short term concern of his, but over the long term of at least 50 years, the location is an important consideration.

MR. CHISHOLM stated the Department did evaluate the status quo for the best possible site for this Unit. Last session, they were told by a representative from Eastern Montana that they would not be able to build a Unit such as this, on the Campus. He stated it was not intrinsic to the operation of the program to be near the University.

JOHN SHAY, Chairman of the Anaconda Deer Lodge Commission, stated they would be more than happy to have this facility in the Anaconda area.

REP. MENAHAN stated they did have the Job Corp in their area, and a lot of facilities were built that they could use. There was a good relationship with the City of Anaconda regarding the Corp. He stated that the Community would accept this facility readily which he is aware is a problem in the larger areas.

SEN. HAFLEY asked if MR. ROSENLEAF was able to find the type of professional people he needs for employment in the nearby area.

MR. ROSENLEAF stated wherever you devise the program that functions, then the professionals will come in. He feels there would be advantages in moving to Anaconda, since these communities are extremely tolerant of the State Hospital in that area. He noted he averages around 11 run aways a month, and there is little hassle getting the children back. He stated presently employed is a one-half time psychiatrist, two full time social workers, two psychologists, two recreation therapists, four teachers, one music therapist, one prevocational instructor and two aides.

SEN. HAFLEY asked if this type of facility would be attractive to professionals in the field, or recent graduates.

MR. ROSENLEAF stated he presently has interns from Missoula, Dillon, Billings, Bozeman, doing their field work. The young professionals will go to where an innovative type program is.

HB 830

PROPOSERS:

REP. FABREGA, the Bill's sponsor, stated this bill would provide for \$4,118,000 in the construction of a physical therapy education facility at the Montana State School for the Deaf and Blind. In view of the other buildings being proposed, everything needs to be done at once in order to demolish the other buildings. He stated the physical therapy building has been a dire need for some years now. He stated that awhile back he attended a function at the school, so he was able to comprehend a little what it would be like to live in a non-hearing world.

REP. MEYER stated his support of the bill, and feels a great need for this building, for the educational needs of the children.

REP. BERGENE also expressed complete support for this bill and the proposed facilities.

REP. HEMSTED expressed full support for this bill, and she feels it is extremely important for the development for these children. It will also give them a better opportunity to compete with other Class C schools in the area.

REP. HURWITZ stated his complete support of this bill.

FLOYD McDOWELL, Superintendent, stated his support of this proposal and related to the Committee as of June, he will be leaving his position as the Superintendent, and will be replaced by BOB DEMING.

BOB DEMING, Assistant Superintendent, read EXHIBIT F to the Committee in regard to his support of this bill.

THE PARENTS AND FURTHER PROPONENTS (See attached Visitors' Register for names), stated their position as parents having to live away from their children for nine months of the year, or as some parents related being able to live in town, but not having the opportunity to have their child as a gymnasium along with their friends for their developmental needs. One parent related the Christmas program that used to be given at the School for the Deaf and Blind where the blind children sang, and the deaf children signed the Christmas carols. She noted this program has not been allowed for sometime since the old gymnasium was cited by the Fire Marshall as unsafe to house so many people, and she wished that in the future they can once again attend this program. All of the proponents and parents expressed extreme desire for the children's physical needs to be met by this proposed facility.

HARRIET MELOY, member of the Board of Public Education, stated the Board is wholeheartedly supporting this project since the beginning of the concept. She felt as a citizen and an individual member of the board, when she travels, she first notices a school along with a new physical education building, which shows the many thousands of dollars that have gone into physical education for the children who do not have handicaps. She stated that it is about time for the children who do have handicaps, to have a building of their own.

TOM RAJESKI, teacher at the MSDB, stated they fully support the building, and he was very happy to see all the parents present in support of this bill.

THE CHAIRMAN questioned the figure that the Page & Werner architect quoted for constructing the facility for \$3,543,000, as compared to what was being requested in the bill.

REP. FABREGA stated the difference in the amounts would involve the tearing down of the old building, since it will no longer be needed.

REP. MANUEL asked about the equipment needed for this building.

MR. McDOWELL stated part of the bill was to put another boiler in the boiler house to heat the new facility.

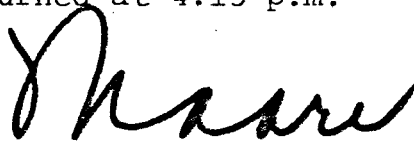
REP. FABREGA stated at the time he presented this bill, the Cottages and the Food Service were all being requested. He felt if all of this could proceed at once, some of these figures could be changed. He explained the existing building, and the combination of functions all need replacing at the same time.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked about the 1975 request for the Deaf and Blind gymnasium was \$1,780,000, why so much difference.

MR. HAUCK stated he would check this out to be sure what the inflation figures from 1975 to 1981 were.

REP. FABREGA stated one of the concerns is this bill has always cleared the house, but has not quite made it through the Senate. He felt many people interpreted Public Law 94-142 as all handicapped students should be mainstreamed into the public schools. He noted this is feasible for many handicapped students, but not so for the deaf children. He read a letter from a member from California regarding the least restrictive environment for a deaf child is in a School for the Deaf and Blind. He stated residents in Great Falls do support this facility, along with many others throughout the state. He explained many of the children are fortunate to have their parents live in Great Falls, but many of those children are residents of the school for 9 months a year. These children all need some physical education therapy throughout the year. He asked the Committee to allow A & E to work with the local architects and come to an agreement on the total package for the final figures so this can be achieved as soon as possible.

There being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



JACK K. MOORE, Chairman

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John ...	6 F. ...	MSDB	X	
Vivian ...	Great Falls	MSDB		
Debra ...	Great Falls	MSDB	X	
Henry ...	Great Falls	MSDB	X	
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[unclear]	Butte	Dist 84	✓	
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Tom Staples	Helena	Montana International Trade Commission		
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Lawrence A. Olson	Helena	A.P.I	✓	
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Tommy Kelley	Missoula City	Butte V.T.	✓	
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Chuck Smith	Helena	Mont Assoc Coun	HB 830	
Harold Hillman	Great Falls	MSDB - Parent	HB 830	
Bob Deming	H-Falls	MSDBS - parent	HB 830 ✓	
John J. Shea	Anaconda	Chairman of Commission	✓	
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To: Chairman, Legislative Committee for Major Construction
From: Ed Argenbright, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Re: New Postsecondary Vocational Technical Center at Butte, Montana

The current Butte Vocational Technical Center, a component of Butte-Silver Bow School District No. 1, is totally inadequate to continue as a postsecondary vocational technical training facility for our students of Montana. The Butte-Silver Bow Board of Trustees passed a resolution on September 3, 1980 to place before the citizens of Butte-Silver Bow a bond issue in the amount of \$4,191,684 - the 50 percent local match in accordance with the State Laws of Montana as they relate to new construction of a postsecondary vocational technical center. The bond issue was approved by the citizens of Butte-Silver Bow on November 4, 1980 and construction of the new facility is now dependent on the state's match of the local funds by the 1981 Legislature.

The new center, if approved by this Legislature, will be constructed on a forty-acre site owned by School District No. 1. The land was purchased with state appropriated funds in the amount of \$100,000 for site acquisition and planning by the Forty-Third Legislative Session and is located in the Industrial Park area close to the airport.

It should be noted that the Butte Vocational Technical Center is the only unit of the five postsecondary system that has never received any state appropriated funds for building construction. It is also important to note that the last three state superintendents and the current postsecondary district superintendents are all on record as supporting a new postsecondary center facility at Butte.

All of us are aware of the current and future problems that the closure of the smelter at Anaconda will have on Butte, Anaconda and southwestern Montana. I am of the opinion that a new and high quality postsecondary facility at Butte will allow the people of Butte-Silver Bow to help themselves out of this crisis.

Expanded mining activities in other areas of Montana will need trained people in mining occupations, and no other center has the expertise to offer this kind of training. For many years the Butte Vocational Center

Exhibit A

has trained people to work in the mines and in the Pit. It is reasonable to expect that such training for other new developments will be necessary.

The present facility is totally inadequate to serve as a postsecondary vocational center, and at present 55% of the building space is devoted to high school use.

There is a need in southwestern Montana for a postsecondary vocational technical center. The present center is doing a good job with insufficient facilities, and I recommend that an appropriation be made to match the bond issue passed in Butte last November for \$4,191,684.



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TO: Representative Jack K. Moore, Chairman, Long Range Building Committee
FROM: Maynard A. Olson, Special Assistant
DATE: March 28, 1981
SUBJECT: State Funding for Construction of the Butte Vocational Technical Center

Chairman Moore and members of the committee, I am Maynard Olson, Special Assistant to State Superintendent Ed Argenbright.

I wish to present a brief historical perspective on state funding for ^{construction of} vo tech centers in Montana:

A rotational plan for vo tech centers' construction was developed by center superintendents and center directors in the late '60's. This commitment has been honored and supported by these people because they have long recognized the urgent need for improved post-secondary vo ed facilities and programs.

1965 - Helena received one-half federal and state funds for construction of vo tech center. The other one-half came from local bond issue.

1967 - Missoula received one-half federal and state; one-half local.

1968 - Butte - local and Economic Development Act funds were used for construction of Butte Vo Tech Center. No state or federal vo ed funds were used.

1974 - Great Falls got one-half from state and then the local district approved a bond issue for the other one-half for construction.

1979 - Billings - one-half local and one-half state/federal.

Billings conceded their priority position in the rotation plan to Great Falls because they were not in a position to accept state funds for building purposes at that time.

I urge your favorable consideration of this request for appropriation of state funds to construct the Butte Vocational Technical Center.

At this time I would like to call on Harold Wenaas, Superintendent of Schools at Great Falls and Gene Downey, Director of Missoula Vo Tech Center, who will provide further information on their cooperation and support of the Superintendents and Directors in the rotational agreement.

Thank you.

Exhibit B

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER
FOR BUTTE-SILVER BOW

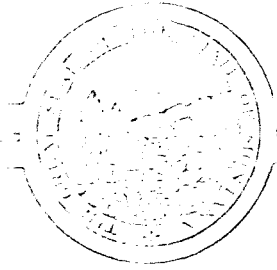
THOMAS H. PELLETIER on behalf of the Butte-Silver Bow local Government, Chief Executive Donald R. Peoples, and the people of Butte-Silver Bow.

There are three important factors that I would like to point out for your consideration of the proposed Vocational Technical Center for Butte-Silver Bow.

1. The people of Butte-Silver Bow have voted to come up with 50 percent of the funding for the Vocational Center. The people have realized the importance of a new Center. They realize that the present facility is inadequate and that a new Center is needed. Even though the economic conditions in Butte-Silver Bow are depressed, the people of the area are willing to come up with funding for such an important project. In the midst of a long strike by Anaconda Company last year, the people voted to support a new Vo-Tech Center.
2. This would be a good, sound investment, not only in Butte, and not only in Southwestern Montana but for the entire State. Many people who are educated here will end up working all over the State of Montana. This is a good investment for the future of our State.
3. The support of vocational-technical training is very important to Butte-Silver Bow, to Southwestern Montana and to the entire State. We must provide opportunities to educate our people so that they can become productive members of society. The training offered at the Vo-Tech Center will meet the growing demand of people and prepare them for future employment.

Exhibit C

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND



STATE OF MONTANA

SUB-CENTRAL AVENUE

GREAT FALLS MONTANA 59401

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Date: March 28, 1981

To: Long Range Building Committee
Montana Legislature

From: Floyd J. McDowell, Superintendent

Subject: Testimony concerning HB830

The 1973 legislature appropriated funds for remodeling our dorm building and for pre-planning of a physical education and recreation building. Page-Werner Architects were retained to do the pre-planning work.

The 1975 legislature and the 1977 legislature received requests to fund the actual building. Both requests were denied by narrow vote margins. The original concept of a need for the facility has been approved and supported by the Board of Public Education in the past and is of highest priority by the Board today.

After talking with local legislators concerning our needs, it was decided to seek legislative funding for the physical therapy/education facility. This bill is the result.

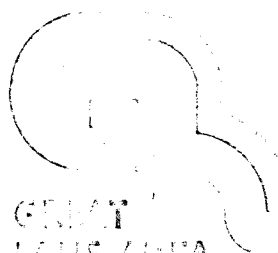
The children at school remain very excited at the possibility of having such a facility. Their pride and sense of togetherness and motivation has risen markedly as a result.

Even though many of the children for whom it was pre-planned have graduated and our 10-11 and 12 graders presently will never use it if funded, all feel the need remains and staff and students are enthusiastic and hopeful.

Many parents of our children are here today to testify in favor of this facility.

A state wide, broad-based task force and parent network has been organized to disseminate information about this building program. All over Montana--support has been generated for favorable consideration by the Legislature of the school's building program needs.

I urge your support to fund this facility and the total building program needs at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind.



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Through numerous television appearances and newspaper articles distributed state-wide . . . the people of Montana have been made aware of this most worthwhile project. Their outstanding support has been overwhelming and most gratifying to all of us who believe so strongly in the future of the Montana State School for the Deaf and Blind.

Thank you.

Dan L. Oakland
Task Force Chairman

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Members of the Committee,

The duty of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce Task Force is to co-ordinate the state-wide and local support for the building program at the Montana State School for the Deaf and Blind. The following represents some of the major support groups throughout the State.

The state-wide Lions organization, for years, has been dedicated to the help of the Deaf and Blind. The clubs and officers in Helena, (3) Missoula, Butte, Anaconda, Billings, Hamilton, Forsyth, Kalispell, Great Falls and Cascade have all shown support for this most worthwhile project.

The Masonic Fraternity is strongly supporting this program. We have contacted individuals who are deeply involved in the fraternity state-wide and strong support has been given from all parts of the state.

The Junior League organization has strongly endorsed this building project. The three chapters in the state located in Billings (325 members), Great Falls, (285 members) and Butte (209 members) all voted individually at their local meetings and endorsed their cities support for this project. On March 7 . . . endorsement by the State Board of Directors was given and a unified effort to see this program a reality was pledged.

The Montana Medical Association with a state-wide membership of approximately 1,000 physicians has pledged their full support for the program. After various committee and board meeting reports were given, a state-wide pledge of support was given on March 2.

The Montana Education Association with a state-wide membership of approximately 7,000 members has pledged support on the project. Again through a Board of Directors decision . . . an article was placed in their monthly newspaper announcing the full support of this organization towards the goal of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind building proposal.

The Montana State Optometric Association has demonstrated strong support from individuals throughout the State of Montana.

The American Association of University Women has requested by newsletter on March 9th that their state-wide membership of 1,200 give their total support for this much needed project.

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1 *Donovan* *Amstad* *Scott*
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 830
 2 *Boyer* *Boyer* *Boyer* *Boyer*
 3 *Boyer* *Boyer* *Boyer* *Boyer*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE
 5 \$4,118,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PHYSICAL THERAPY-PHYSICAL
 6 EDUCATION FACILITY AT THE MONTANA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
 7 AND BLIND IN GREAT FALLS."
 8

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 10 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated
 11 \$4,118,000 from the long-range building program clearance
 12 fund account, created within the bond proceeds and insurance
 13 clearance fund, to the board of public education for the
 14 biennium ending June 30, 1983, for the construction of a
 15 physical therapy-physical education facility at the Montana
 16 state school for the deaf and blind in Great Falls.

-End-

INTRODUCED BILL
HB 830