

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 22, 1985

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The meeting of the Education Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Gene Donaldson on Tuesday, January 22, 1985, at 8:05 A.M. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Moore, who was excused. Chairman Donaldson noted that Representative Moore left his votes for the action to be taken at the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was EXECUTIVE ACTION on the Budget of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Before taking Executive Action, however, there was a general discussion among the Subcommittee members regarding the state's budget situation (18:A:058).

Representative Hand (18:A:340) moved adoption of the Executive's budget for administration personal services for the School for the Deaf and Blind in the amounts of \$134,828 for FY 86 and \$134,885 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Jacobson (18:A:400) made a motion to accept the LFA's operating expenses at \$56,806 for FY 86 and \$40,480 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Hand (18:A:480) moved adoption of the LFA's current level personal service budget for the general services program in the amounts of \$118,445 for FY 86 and \$118,684 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Hammond (18:A:510) moved adoption of the LFA's current level operating expenses at \$191,165 for FY 86 and \$202,602 for FY 87. (These amounts include minor operating expense items.)

Senator Haffey suggested that in House Bill 500 language be included which says that if utility costs are less than the amount appropriated, there will be a reversion, and that if the costs are higher, there will be a supplemental appropriation. Chairman Donaldson said this is a point which should be considered later on.

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The motion to adopt the LFA's recommendation for operating expenses for the School for the Deaf and Blind passed unanimously.

Senator Hammond (18:A:630) moved acceptance of \$10,000 for each year for carpet for the academic building. The motion carried unanimously.

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Senator Haffey made a motion to approve \$3,500 for FY 86 for two commercial vacuum cleaners. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Hand (18:B:020) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level personal services budget for student services in the amounts of \$511,556 for FY 86 and \$511,757 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Haffey (18:B:029) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level operating expenses in the amounts of \$120,873 for FY 86 and \$126,871 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Haffey (18:B:080) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level equipment budget in the amounts of \$3,445 for FY 86 and \$1,710 for FY 87. The motion passed unanimously. (This is for the purchase of three washer-dryer sets, one decoder and a telephone communications system in 1986. The \$1,170 amount covers the second year cost of the telephone communication system.)

NOTE: Chairman Donaldson was called out of the meeting. Vice Chairman Judy Jacobson presided.

Senator Haffey (18:B:226) moved acceptance of LFA current level funding at \$30,000 for each year. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Haffey (18:B:331) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level personal services budget for the education program in the amounts of \$1,173,632 for FY 86 and \$1,174,119 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0. (These amounts reflect 1 percent vacancy savings.)

Senator Hammond (18:B:513) moved acceptance of the modified request for an additional two teachers and a half-time speech therapist, applying 1 percent vacancy savings, and subject to fulfillment of projected enrollments. The total amounts are \$59,721 for FY 86 and \$59,745 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

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A discussion of the previous motion followed (18:B:560).

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Senator Haffey moved acceptance of the LFA's current level operating expenses at \$117,519 for FY 86 and \$123,039 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Haffey (19:A:073) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level budget of \$10,992 for FY 86 and \$6,000 for FY 87 for athletic equipment (to be financed from athletic fees). The motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Haffey (19:A:094) moved acceptance of the amount of \$6,000 for FY 86 for audio visual equipment. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Hand (19:A:105) made a motion to accept the modified request for phonic ear equipment in the amount of \$30,250 for each year. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Haffey moved acceptance of LFA current level funding in the amounts of \$10,992 for FY 86 and \$6,000 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0 (19:A:150).

Senator Haffey (19:A:182) made a motion to accept the LFA's income estimates regarding income from school trust lands. The amounts involved are \$250,002 for FY 86 and \$230,000 for FY 87. These amounts are subject to adjustment in accordance with the amount of money that actually comes in. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Peck (19:A:330) moved acceptance of the LFA's current level amounts for federal Chapter 1 funds in the amount of \$191,500 for each year. The motion passed 6 - 0.

A general discussion of the audiology program followed (19:A:504).

NOTE: Representative Donaldson returned to the meeting. Vice Chairman Jacobson continued to preside.

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Representative Peck moved acceptance of the Executive budget for operating expenses for the audiology program at \$1,499,891 for the biennium.

Further discussion followed.

Representative Donaldson made a substitute motion to accept

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LFA current level of \$1,499,891, without the .73 FTE
program coordinator, and split into amounts for each year.
The substitute motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Hammond (19:B:150) made a motion to accept the
modified request for two vans in the amount of \$26,000.
There was a roll call vote, and the motion failed 2 - 6
with Senator Hammond and Representative Moore voting for
the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Donaldson at 10:25
A.M.


Gene Donaldson, Chairman

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TIME

	Joyce Beckes		Gene Donaldson
Secretary	Joyce Beckes	Chairman	Gene Donaldson
Motion:	Senator Hammond moved acceptance of the modified request		
	from the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind for two		
	vans in the amount of \$26,000.		