

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EDUCATION AND CULTRAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 20, 1985

The 23rd meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Chet Blaylock, at 1:08 p.m. in Room 325, Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 849: REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON, District 43, sponsor of the bill, said there has been a great deal of concern about the statutes pertaining to vo-techs being scattered throughout state law. HB 849 is simply an attempt to bring them together into one section. Sections 44 through 52 deal with work-study and enabling language. The change on page 2, line 6, striking the local executive board of any unit and inserting the Board of Regents, was done to solve problems with awarding diplomas and degrees.

There were no PROPONENTS.

OPPONENTS:

MIGNON WATERMAN, Chairman, Helena School Board, stated she is not really opposed to the bill, but would prefer to see House Bill 18 pass. If House Bill 18 does not pass, she said she hoped HB 849 would pass with the attached amendments (Exhibit #1).

DENNIS LERUM, Missoula Vo-tech and Missoula County High School, said he suported and agreed with the previous testimony.

KAREN DOOLAN, Billings Public Schools and Vo-tech, said dual governance and low funding were the two major concerns in her area. She said both those factors work against the best interests of vo-techs and the students who attend them.

TERRY LYNN MINOW, Montana Federation of Teachers, said she agreed with the Helena school board position. She felt the bill erodes local control and would want it amended if it were to pass.

CARROL KRAUSE, Montana University System, said he is opposed to the amendment to add associate degrees as it would add five more vo-techs to the system.

DISCUSSION:

In response to a question by Senator Mazurek, MR. LERUM said the intent of adding associate degrees was to enable the vo-techs to capture some federal dollars - approximately \$250,000.

SENATOR PINSONEAULT said governance is a morass of bureaucracy of staggering proportions. He questioned what the vo-techs are teaching and what duplication of programs exists.

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON said if any of the class offerings were eliminated, it would only eliminate students.

SENATOR REGAN asked if OPI will be able to transfer funds from one vo-tech to another.

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON said it could happen as the 1½ mills could float.

SENATOR REGAN felt the ability of a center to set its own budget and salaries would be undermined as OPI could overrule any decision.

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON replied that would not happen as salaries are a part of the voted levy and local control is still in effect.

SENATOR McCALLUM asked who finally approves the budget.

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON said local boards set budgets.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 18:

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON, District 43, sponsor, said this is a confusing issue and he is disappointed in the way it left the House of Representatives. He said he tried to structure the bill administratively with the financial controls delineated clearly. He said there are approximately 2500 students enrolled in vo-techs, approximately 25,000 in the university program. The average person will need retraining 5 to 7 times in his lifetime.

He commended the House Education Committee and Sub-Committee for the hours of work they put in on the bill. He said he preferred to have a separate board to control vo-techs similar to the Board of Regents or Board of Public Education, however, that would have required a constitutional amendment. Therefore, it was decided to make the governing board a sub-board to the Board of Regents. The board would not be a "step-child" of the Board of Regents, but rather would be autonomous and would advocate for vo-techs. He said the legislature would appropriate the funds to the board and the board would have direct administrative control over the expenditure of the funds by the vo-techs. The board would be appointed immediately and would be operational by July 1, 1986, giving them a year and a half to develop staff, budgeting, administrative guidelines, etc.

He further stated local voted levies have put up to 2½ mills into the vo-techs. \$135,000 have been lost in federal dollars and with new Carl Perkins legislation and match money restrictions, up to \$370,000 a year can be lost.

Representative Donaldson further stated that from 30% to 50% of the students currently enrolled are not from the home district of the vo-tech they are attending and if something is not done about low funding a good 20% will be out. The bill includes a 2 mill statewide levy and a 1½ mill county levy. He said the governance structure will give stability to the program and put it on the road to development of a well operating vo-tech system.

PROPONENTS:

MIGNON WATERMAN, Chairman, Helena Board of Trustees, said the choice is basically to fix the leaky hose or buy a new one. With the cost being the same, the choice seems obvious. She said at this point, the vo-techs survive only from election to election. It cost the Helena school district \$212,000 last election; this election the levy will amount to \$416,000. She said she feared if we don't have a well trained work force we will pay for it in human services costs.

Mrs. Waterman said the bill provides for a smooth transition but the funding needs to be addressed by the 2 mill statewide levy. She said the Helena district has supported the vo-tech over and above what was mandated but they can no longer afford to bail out a state system. The state needs to accept their own responsibilities.

DENNIS LERUN, Director, Missoula Vo-Tech and representing the Missoula County Board of Trustees, said his vo-tech serves students from 43 different counties, over half his students are out of county residents, and 33% of his budget comes from the local voted levy. He said the bill would help clear up both the funding and administrative morass.

TEX CARPTENTER, Billings Vo-Tech, said they support the 2 mill statewide levy. Vo-tech training keeps people off welfare and paying taxes and Billings Vo-tech has a very high rate of employment among its students. He urged the committee to pass House Bill 18 with the two mill statewide levy and the 1½ mill local levy intact. If the bill were to pass with no funding, he felt local control should then be established.

CLAUDIA STEEN, Chairman, Great Falls Board of Trustees, said she supports the bill, adding the governance issue must be addressed.

KAREN DOOLAN, Billings Public Schools, said she supported the bill out of a deep concern for the future of vo-techs and their importance to the state.

ALAN ECK, Montana Farm Bureau, supported the bill.

MARY LETANG, Helena, supported the bill.

OPPONENTS:

PAUL JUSTICE, Helena Vo-Tech faculty, presented his written testimony in opposition to the bill (Exhibit #2).

SENATOR J. D. LYNCH, District 34, opposed the bill without the two mill levy. He said governance is not the central issue as the auditor says the system is workable. There are flaws in the bill, he said, such as whether the buildings are to be locally or state owned, and how staff will be handled. He said HB 18 must be considered against SB 172. People's careers are at stake as well as the futures of all the students. He urged the committee not to pass the bill.

PHIL CAMPBELL, Montana Education Association, said without the 2 mill statewide levy and the 1½ mill local levy, 75% of his membership would not support the bill. With funding, 60-65% still would not support it. He said he reluctantly opposed the bill as he worked hard with the House subcommittee and Representative Donaldson and, personally, he could support the bill with the funding restored.

HARRY FREEBOURNE, Butte Vo-tech and representing the Butte Board of Trustees, opposed the bill on the local control issue.

RON KINMAN, Butte Vo-tech, said the staff opposes the bill on the basis of the local control issue. He said they feel the local community has supported them and they are obligated to them for that support. He said they have a good working relationship with the administration and the boards in Butte.

TERRY LYNN MINOW, representing the Montana Federation of Teachers and representing the Butte Vo-tech employees, said they oppose the bill for the previously stated reasons.

AL REEVES, Great Falls Vo-tech, said they oppose the bill, but would support it with the Donaldson amendments.

There being no further opponents, the hearing was opened for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

SENATOR REGAN asked what two mills statewide raises.

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON replied it raises approximately \$4 million a year.

SENATOR MAZUREK asked Senator Lynch what the Butte Trustees think of the bill.

SENATOR LYNCH said they oppose the bill on the basis of local control.

SENATOR MAZUREK further asked Senator Lynch if the salary and benefits package of the Butte Vo-tech was better than that of the other schools.

SENATOR LYNCH replied no, it isn't. But they are concerned about what will happen to their health benefits, retirement, etc., if they become state employees. The state can only contribute up to \$100 toward benefits while they receive \$206. It becomes a wage question - state employees versus local employees.

SENATOR MAZUREK wondered if the House would accept the bill if the Senate put the 2 mill statewide levy back in.

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REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON said it would be very difficult to get them to agree to it, and if they can't, he would just as soon kill it.


IN CLOSING, REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON said he felt the 10% cap on local funds in Senator Lynch's bill is not the answer as local areas don't have the money anyway. He said tenure is addressed in his bill as the staff is guaranteed the right to negotiate. He noted buildings are also addressed as they would be leased, in most cases, with purchase an option for the future.

PRESENTATION:

Dick Carlson, Director of Special Education, Butte, presented three students from the self-contained secondary class at Butte High School to the committee. The students, Paula Lewis, Pat Mealey, and Mike Powers, explained their program which is based four areas: 1. basic education, 2. home economics, 3. vocational training, and 4. on the job training.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.



Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman

jdr

DATE 1-1-1964

COMMITTEE ON _____

VISITORS' REGISTER

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(Please leave prepared statement with Sergeant)

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Ally Capdwell	Helena Public Sch	HB 18	✓	
Margaret Watson	Helena Public Sch	HB 18	✓	
		HB 849		✓
Dennis Green	Missoula Co Tech Center	HB 18	✓	
" "	" " " "	HB 849		✓
Jeff Dink	Billings Co-Tech	HB 18	✓	
Marion Dink	Missoula County HS	HB 18	✓	
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Kear W. Carpenter	Billings Co-Tech	HB 18	✓	
" " "	" "	HB 849		✓
Sharon E. Carpenter	Golden Valley Co.	HB 18	✓	
" " "	" "	849		✓
Paul L. Justice	Helena Co-Tech Faculty	HB 18		✓
Karen S. Dink	Billings Co-Tech	HB 18	✓	
Karen M. Dink	" " "	HB 849		✓
Carolyn G. Miller	Helena	HB 18	✓	
Carolyn G. Miller	Helena	HB 849		✓
Mary Helms	Helena	HB 18	✓	
Alvin Eck-McFadden	Bozeman	HB 18	✓	
Al Reeves	Great Falls Co-Tech Fac	HB 18		✓
Gene R. Christiansen	API	HB 18		
Kathryn Pinner	Montana Council for the Ed.	HB 18		
Vince Leland	Co-Tech Bette	HB 18		
Don Leland	Co-Tech Bette	HB 18		
S. Leland	HB 18	HB 18		✓

MICHAEL L. BROWN
CHAIRMAN, BOARD
OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION
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MCA 20-1-305
HB 18 & 49

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HB 849

3/20/85

Page 7 - Section 5 - Lines 12, 13 and 14 - Delete these lines.

Reason: Such property as prescribed should be under the control of the respective school districts.

Page 7 - Section 5 - Lines 19 and 20 - Delete these lines.

Reason: Certification standards and qualifications are determined by the Board of Public Education who is responsible for teacher certification as stated in Section 27, Page 19. This would only duplicate their effort.

Page 9 - Section 9 - Lines 2--14 - Delete these lines.
Insert MCA 20-1-305 as follows:

School holidays: (1) Pupil instruction and pupil-instruction-related days shall not be conducted on the following holidays:

- (a) New Year's Day (January 1);
- (b) Memorial Day (last Monday in May);
- (c) Independence Day (July 4);
- (d) Labor Day (first Monday in September);
- (e) Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November);
- (f) Christmas Day (December 25);
- (g) State and national election days when the school building is used as a polling place and the conduct of school would interfere with the election process at the polling place.

(2) When these holidays fall on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the succeeding Monday shall not be a school holiday.

Reason: The designated holidays as specified in this section are not consistent with school districts operating vocational-technical centers. This substitution makes it consistent.

Page 13 - Section 13 - Lines 11--19 - Delete these lines.

Reason: The Montana legislature appropriates the center budgets by line item, therefore they determine the revenue and expenditures.

Page 14 - Section 14 - Lines 7-8 - Delete "by August 15 immediately preceding each regular legislative session."

Same Page and Section - Line 12 - Delete "not later than the following September 1,".

Reason: The Superintendent of Public Instruction's office can determine deadline dates within their operational policies and therefore, are not necessary in state law.

Page 14 - Section 15 - Line 16 - Add after superintendent, "and board of trustees" and then delete, "sole".

Reason: While the local school districts are being asked to contribute more financial resources to the vo-tech centers, it is only appropriate that they have more control in the budget approval process.

Pages 47, 48, 49, and 50 - Section 59 - Delete this section.

Reason: The state director of vocational education's duties need not be spelled out in the state law. The state superintendent of public instruction can handle this in a job description.

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PHONE: 721-1330

REPRESENTING WHOM? Musonaka Vo Tech / Musonaka County High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 18 & HB 545

DO YOU: SUPPORT? HB 18 AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? HB 1749

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Karen A. Gordin DATE: 3-20-85

ADDRESS: 5503 Sweetgrass Pk. Dr. Billings

PHONE: 656-4499

REPRESENTING WHOM? Billings Public Schools Vs Tech.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 18 & HB 849

DO YOU: SUPPORT? HB 18 AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? HB 849

COMMENTS: if 2nd state joining,
and Rep. Donaldson
amendment as proposed
to which original form

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Terry Lynn Minow DATE: 3-20-85

ADDRESS: Box 513, Boulder, MT

PHONE: 442-2123

REPRESENTING WHOM? MT Fed Teachers

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: AB 18 + 849

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Al Reeves DATE: Mar 20, 1988

ADDRESS: 401-7 Av. S. Gt Falls

PHONE: 215 37369

REPRESENTING WHOM? Faculty G.T. Vo Tech Center

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 18

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: Without funding we cannot

support this bill.

Feasibility of all programs at the Center

may be in jeopardy until funding is restored

to the bill.

Could support with Rep Donaldson's

Amendment 2 added.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Paul G. Justice DATE: Mar. 20, 1985

ADDRESS: Bcx 4476, Helena, MT. 59604

PHONE: 443-3348 (Res) 442-0060 Work.

REPRESENTING WHOM? Helena Vo-Tech Faculty.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB. 18.

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS:

Opposed as it does not provide adequate
funding to address the immediate needs of
vocational education in Montana.

- See prepared statement turned in to
committee secretary -

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

EXHIBIT #2
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MARCH 20, 1985
HB 16

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Paul Justice, a H.V.T.C. faculty member and I am speaking in behalf of the H.V.T.C. faculty and the - - - - -

We are opposed to HB in its present form as it does not provide the funding needed to properly address the pressing needs of vocational education in our state at this time.

Specifically, HB has not relieve the unfair burden that the local co-tech center school districts have had to carry while providing vocational education for the entire state. This increasing burden, if not relieved, is going to result in significant cuts in already minimal programs and greatly impair the quality of vocational education in Arizona.

Furthermore, since this bill places the responsibility for funding to the next legislature, it would have center personnel negotiating with a new board that has no funding base to negotiate from.

In closing, we would recommend that this committee restore adequate funding; and get the wheels in motion to speed and for all put vocational education in the good direction it needs as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Justice
Valencia Co-Tech Center

NAME: CAROL KRAUSE DATE: 3-20-85

ADDRESS: 2130 HIGHLAND - HELENA

PHONE: 444-6570

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONTANA UNIV. SYSTEM

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.B. 849

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: OPPOSED TO AMENDMENT TO
ADD ASSOCIATE DEGREES

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER



SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 1985

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

For the record my name is Don Kinman. I am a T & I instructor at the Butte Vo-Tech Center and the legislative representative for the staff.

The staff of the Butte Vo-Tech Center would like to voice their opposition to House Bill 18 in its entirety for the following reasons: We believe the people of Butte-Silver Bow, in 1980, showed their support of vocational education by overwhelmingly supporting the bond issue during a 5 month strike, with no end in sight, to build our new beautiful Center; further, we have an excellent rapport and working relationship with the Center administration, the District central administration, with our local School Board of Trustees, and with our local general and program advisory committees.

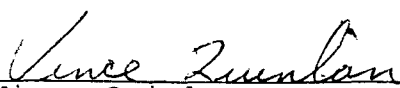
We do not think it would be in the best interest of our Center to sever the ties with the very people who have made us so successful.

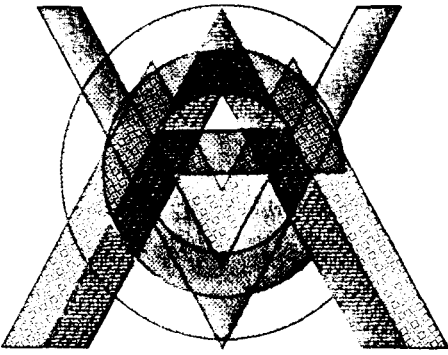
Although we have only been in our new Center since August, 1985, we can already see great interest by the increased enrollment of over 100 additional students. We owe the people of Butte-Silver Bow, and the State of Montana, and are doing our utmost to fulfill our obligation to them. With our sincere belief in local control we believe they should have input and some say in the direction our Center is going.

In other words, the old cliché holds true - "If it's not broken, don't fix it."

Respectfully submitted,


Don Kinman
Staff Legislative Representative


Vince Quinlan
Staff Legislative Representative



MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Kathryn M. Penrod, Ph.D.
Executive Director

March 20, 1985

TO: Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman, and Members of the Senate
Education and Cultural Resources Committee

FROM: Dr. Kathryn M. Penrod, Executive Director, Montana Council on
Vocational Education

Chairman Blaylock and Committee members, I am Dr. Kathryn Penrod, Executive Director of the Montana Council on Vocational Education. The Council does not have an official position on House Bill 18 or House Bill 849, however, we have several questions.

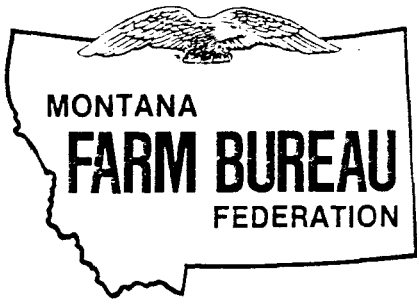
Postsecondary education is the preparation of technicians, communication experts, nurses, and licensed mechanics to mention a few. Should these postsecondary programs be managed with a K-12 influence or should they be managed with a postsecondary influence?

Does House Bill 18 adequately reflect the fact that local input, support, and control for vocational-technical education are acknowledged nation wide as strengths of many vocational-technical systems?

What provisions are included that develop articulation of programs and systems between high school vocational education programs and postsecondary vocational-technical programs?

Who should manage the education system in Montana that prepares the people who service our brakes, our airplanes, our diesel trucks, our agricultural equipment; people who maintain our communication systems, care for our sick, clean our teeth, construct and repair our bridges; people who work as legal and medical secretaries; and people who maintain up-to-date electronic equipment? Should the managers be high school trustees and the Office of Public Instruction or should the managers be people appointed specifically to research, understand, and develop a postsecondary vocational-technical system ready to meet the changing needs of our society?

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, I respectfully submit these questions to you for your consideration. Thank you.



502 South 19th

Bozeman, Montana 59715

Phone (406) 587-3153

TESTIMONY BY: _____

BILL # HB-13 DATE 3/20/85

SUPPORT XXX OPPOSE _____

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record my name is Alan Eck, I'm representing the Montana Farm Bureau Federation.. We would like to go on record as supporting House Bill 13. Vo-tech schools are an important alternative in the Montana education system. Centralizing the control of this system would ensure that each program is of the highest quality and benefit to all the citizens of Montana. The Farm Bureau asks that this committee give HB-13 a do pass recommendation. Thank You.

Alan Eck
SIGNED

NAME: TEXAS W. Carpenter DATE: March 20, 85

ADDRESS: 3803 Central ave

PHONE: 652 1720

REPRESENTING WHOM? Billings Vo Tech

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 18

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? X OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: Want HB 18 amended to have
2 mill state wide funding along with 1 1/2 mill
Local County Funding.

In the event that you can not get
funding language back into HB 18 go
with HB 18 as written as it currently
exists only as a last resort

I have 45 letters supporting HB 18
w/ Funding amendments

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

March 20, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Ch:
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please put funding language back into HB 18 and pass for the Vo-Tech System.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolee J. Shimon".

Carolee J. Shimon
Secretary
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Ave.
Billings, MT 59102

MARCH 20, 1985

THE HONORABLE CHIEF BLAYLOCK, CH.
THE STATE SENATE
CAPITOL STATION
HELENA, MONTANA 59620

DEAR SENATOR BLAYLOCK:

I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO PASS HB 18
WITH STATE WIDE FUNDING LANGUAGE INCLUDED
FOR THE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SYSTEM.

I FEEL IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO SUPPORT
THE VO-TECH SYSTEM SO THAT STUDENTS WHO CANNOT
ACQUIRE A COLLEGE EDUCATION HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE
FOR TRAINING TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon E. Carpenter
TREASURER & CO. Supt. of SCHOOLS
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY
RYEGATE, MONTANA 59074

1915 Dogwood Drive
Billings, Montana
March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Blaylock,

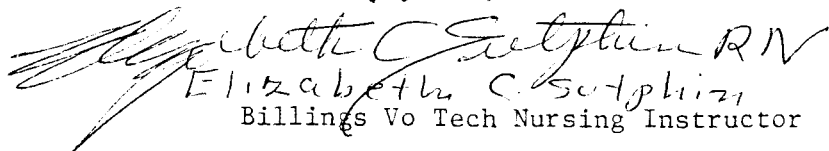
Please help us to keep our Montana Vo Tech Centers functioning at our high standards of excellence by passing H B 18 with the state-wide mill levy funding.

Vo Techs offer vocations that allow immediate employability to our students, many of who are single parents or recently unemployed breadwinners. Once gainfully employed, these students will make positive contribution to our tax revenues.

Billings Vo Tech is the only post secondary Vo Tech serving E Montana. A recent survey of our Licensed Practical Nurse graduates found that 89% are employed, many in rural communities.

Thank you for your support in facilitating the state-wide levy and urging the funded HB 18 for passage.

Sincerely yours,


Elizabeth C. Sutphin
Billings Vo Tech Nursing Instructor

316 Laurie Lane
Billings, MT 59105
March 19, 1985

Senator Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to support passage of House Bill 18 with statewide mill levy funding. Passage of this measure with funding provisions will help ensure the continuance of a viable Montana vocational-technical system.

Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Preston". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Thomas Preston

TCP/bh

March 26, 1985

Dear Senator Blaylock,

Please put funding language
back into HB 18 and pass for
the Vo-Tech system.

Sincerely Yours,
James Harrison.

March 20, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock

As taxes go, a tax for education (especially Vo-Tech education) is the one tax that will return dividends many times over. Please put the wording back into HB 18 that will allow for a state wide levy for funding the Vo-Tech system. Please Help PASS This Bill.

Sincerely yours,
Keith W. Carpenter
Instructor
Helena, Mont

CHET BLAYLOCK
STATE SENATE
Capitol Station
HELENA, MONT.
59620

Dear Sen. Blaylock:

This is a request for your support of HB18 with proper funding. The state wide mill levy is seems to be the most fair and reasonable way to fund the centers.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you
R. J. Carr

R. J. CARR
3113 GEORGINA
Billings, MT.
59102

919 Ave. E
Billings, Montana
March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Blaylock,

Because our students come from many different counties in the state
I feel the Vo Tech Center funding should include a state wide mill levy.

I teach in the Health Occupations section. Our students of practical
nursing attend a year long course. Many of them are single parents and
this program gives them the opportunity to become employed and succeed
in their new role in society.

Sincerely yours,

M. Patricia Schneider
Instructor

1533 Ave. F
Billings, Montana
March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Blaylock,

Please consider funding language with HB 18 for the Vo Tech System.

Our vocational technical graduates are the future tax payers.

Without funded vocational education these students would be less employable.

Please pass HB 18 with state wide mill levy funding. Our students
come from every county in Montana.

Sincerely,


Instructor

Billings Vocational Technical Center

Phone (406) 652-1720

3803 Central Avenue

Billings, Montana 59102

March 19, 1985


The Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

As an employee of the Billings Vo-Tech Center, I am greatly concerned about the future of the Vo-Tech Centers in Montana. In addition to my own family benefiting from Vo-Tech training received by my husband, I have personally known of many individuals who might not have had a chance for employment in the world of work with any other kind of educational training. Since the Vo-Techs provide a great service to the state of Montana and are so essentially necessary to its economy, adequate funding for the Centers is of paramount importance.

Please pass House Bill 18 with state wide mill levy funding.

Sincerely,



Maribeth Goodrich
Secretary

1224 Yellowstone
Billings, Montana
March 19, 1985

Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Blaylock,

I am a vocational educator at the Billings Vocational Technical Center in Health Occupations Department.

The placement of our department's graduates last year was 89%. Even economic depressed times, the services of these graduates are needed. For an investment of one year's time and a tuition cost of \$740 our graduates enter the labor market with approximately \$6.00 hourly wage.

During the past 9 years Billings Vo Tech Center has had students from every county except one. Because of this fact please include state wide funding in HB18. Without funding in this bill, I fear the Vo Tech's will be short-changed in the Appropriations Bill.

Sincerely yours,

Florence Bradshaw
Instructor

Billings Vocational Technical Center

Phone (406) 652-1720

3803 Central Avenue
3/18/85

Billings, Montana 59102

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

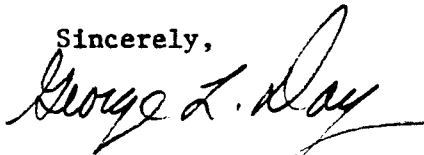
Dear Senator Blaylock,

I urge your support of HB 18 with funding for the Montana
Vo-Tech Centers.

It will be a shame if the Montana Vo-Tech Centers remain
under the present governance system, which is, at best,
ineffective.

The Vo-Techs offer cost effective training to the unemployed.
Please allow us to do so in an efficient manner.

Sincerely,



George L. Day
Admissions Counselor

Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana
59620

3-19-83

Dear Senator Blaylock

Please have funding language put
back into HB 18, such as a statewide
Mill levy and get it passed for us.

Sincerely Yours

Richard Remington

Janitor

Billings Tech Center
3803 Central Ave
Billings, Montana
59102

Gallatin, Montana
March 18, 1985

Montana State Senate
Helena, Montana

Dear Senators:

As an employee of the Gallatin Vocational Technical Center and taxpayer of Yellowstone County, I urge you to carefully consider House Bill #18.

The loss of local and Federal funds poses a formidable threat to an already impoverished budget.

Without adequate financial deficietion and statewide support, vocational education will certainly flounder to its final conclusion.

Sincerely,
Bert Patton
Counselor

19 Mar, 85

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Ch.
The state senate.
Capitol Station.
Helena MT. 59620

Dear senator Blaylock
Please make every effort to pass HB,
18 with a state wide mill levy to fund
the VoTech center's

Sincerely yours.

Archie D. Duff.

Instructor (mechanics)
Billings VoTech Center
3803 Central Ave
Billings MT. 59102

Chet Blaylock, Ch.
State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Mt. 59600

I personally am in favor of passage
of HB 18 with state wide mill levy
funding.

Sincerely
Walt Putnam
Instructor
Billings Vo-Tech Center
Billings, Mt. 59102

I am in favor of H.B. 18 in conjunction
with the state wide mill levy to fund the
Co-Tech system.

W. J. Patel.

Attention: Chet Palaylock
State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana

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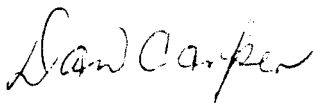
March 18, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Chairman
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please put funding language back into HB 18 and pass for the Vo-tech system.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Carper".

Dan Carper
Head Custodian
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Avenue
Billings, MT 59102

March 20, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Ch.
The State Senate
Capital Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please support the passage of
HB 18 with state wide mail levy
funding.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Aalorsen, Instructor
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Avenue
Billings, Montana 59102

Major Robert M. Clarke, Jr.
The State Capitol
Capital Station
Harrisburg
PA 17103

March 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I am pleased to hear that you are
interested in the State Capitol
and the State Capitol Station.
I am sure that you will find
the information I am providing
to be of interest to you.
I am sure that you will find
the information I am providing
to be of interest to you.

March, 19. 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, CH.

The State Senate

Capital Station

Helena, Montana,

59620

Dear Senator Blaylock.

Please pass H.B. 18 with State
wide Mill Levy funding for the
V-Tech system.

Sincerely yours,

Kieth W. Carpenter

Auto. Mechanics Technician

Billings V-Tech Center

3805 Central ave.

Billings, Mont.

59102

Billings Vocational Technical Center

Phone (406) 652-1720

3803 Central Avenue

Billings, Montana 59102

March 18, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please pass House Bill 18 with state wide
mill levy funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Hemsing, C.E.C.".

Jack Hemsing, C.E.C.
Food Service Instructor

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Billings Vocational Technical Center

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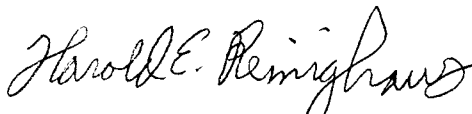
March 18, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please put funding language back into House Bill
18 and pass for the Vo-Tech system.

Sincerely,



Harold E. Reinighaus
Food Service Instructor

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March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Ch.
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock

For the Vo-Tech Centers' survival,
please pass HB 18 with the state wide
mill levy funding.

Sincerely yours,
Jethen L. Thompson
Instructor, Coordinator
Business Department
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Avenue
Billings, Montana 59102

19 Mar. 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, CH.

State Senate
Capital Station
Helena, Mt. 59620

Senator Blaylock

Please pass HB 18 with provisions
for adequate funding.

Sincerely,

Helmar R. Thorson
Instructor of Auto Collision Repair
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Ave.
Billings, Mt. 59102

March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helene, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock

I urge your support in making HB18 truly effective by including in it language which will guarantee adequate funding for Vo-Tech education through a state-wide mill levy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Homer Nicholson".

Homer Nicholson, Instructor
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Avenue
Billings, MT 59102

Billings, MT.
March 19th 1985

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please put funding language BACK into HB18 and
pass for the VO-Tech system.

Thank You
Joseph R. Cobb
Instructor
Billings VO Tech
3803 Central Ave
Billings, MT
59102

March-20-1985.

Dear Senator Blaylock.

Please, pass HB 18 with State wide
mill levy Funding.

Sincerely yours.

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AC/R. Instructor
Billings Co-Tech Center
3803, Central Ave.
Billings Mont 59102

514 Glen Drive
Billings, MT 59102
March '18, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Ch.
The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock,

To do a good job of training people
for the world of work, the Vo-Tech
Centers need adequate funding.

Please pass HB18 with State wide
mill levy funding.

Sincerely yours,
L. Galen Bummer

L. Galen Bummer
Drafting Instructor
Billings Vo-Tech Center
3803 Central Ave.
Billings, MT 59102

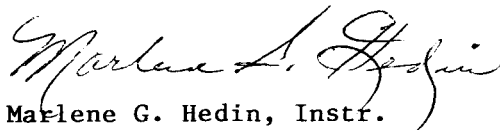
3803 Central Avenue
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March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Chm., The State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

Please incorporate state mill levy funding in HB 18
before passing. Your attention to this matter will be
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marlene G. Hedin".

Marlene G. Hedin, Instr.
Business & Office Occupations
Billings Vo Tech Center

March 19, 1985

The Honorable Chet Blaylock, Chairman
Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock:

I am in favor of HB18 provided that state-wide mill levy funding for the vocational-technical centers is put into the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lizbeth Barnea".

Lizbeth Barnea
Media Center Director
Billings Vocational Technical Center
3803 Central Avenue
Billings, MT 59102

3-19-85

The Honorable Chet Blaylock Chairman
Senate Education Committee
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Blaylock,

Regarding House Bill 18 changing
the governance of the Vocational &
Technical Centers.

I feel this bill should be
killed unless provisions are made
to adequately fund the centers. The
two mill state wide levy, as appeared
in the bill's original form, would
seem to be a sensible source of revenue.

Sincerely yours,

J D Vezy

Alan J. Anderson
2029 Forest Park Dr.
Billings, Mt 59102

The Honorable Chet Blaylock
Montana Senate
Capital Station
Helena, MT 59602

Dear Senator Blaylock:

I am appealing to you to please support H.B.18 as proposed by Representative Gene Donaldson, particularly those sections regarding a 2% statewide mill levy and a permissive mill levy of up to 1.5% from counties where vocational technical centers are located. The center system is in dire need of unified, centralized governance and funding that is more predictable and timely so system planning and effectiveness can be enhanced.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan J. Anderson".

Alan J. Anderson

NAME: Claudia Steen DATE: 3-20-85

ADDRESS: 1113 14th St. S.W. St. Falls, Mt.

PHONE: 452-9275

REPRESENTING WHOM? Chairman St. Falls Bd. of Trustees

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.B. 18

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ ^{with} 2 mill ^{assessment} AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: We support the concept of H.B. 18. The Governance of the Vo-Tech Center has been questioned many times during past legislative sessions. We see this Bill as a step towards addressing the issue of Governance. However, we strongly urge the Committee to put the 2 mill state wide assessment on counties back into the bill. This would certainly make it a more workable piece of legislation. Again, we would like to see the Governance issue addressed and clarified so that the centers can concern themselves with the training of people. We support the amendments of Mr. Donaldson.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

My name is Mary Letang and I am here to go on record in support of HB 18. I recently obtained a job as a Computer Programmer Trainee as a direct result of the education I received at the Helena Vo-Tech Center.

During the one and one-half years at the Helena Vo-Tech, I saw a growing number of students enrolling and growing demands being placed on facilities and staff.

Helena Vo-Tech is always full and maintains a waiting list for enrollment. Because of a dual governance system, no one has assumed the responsibility of addressing facility needs.

I feel that placing the Vo-Tech Center's under one governing agency would be the first step in providing a solid vocational education system. With one agency overseeing the Vo-Tech Center, a more concentrated effort could be made to address the issues of growing numbers of students and growing demands on the staff. The Vo-Tech would also be reporting to only one agency which would provide for better accountability.

Vocational-Technical Centers and the training they provide are valuable. The training I received has given me the ability to support myself and my family. I would like to see this opportunity be available to others. Because of this, I urge you to support HB 18 with funding.

Amendments to HB 18, third reading copy:

1. Statement of Intent, line 12.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

2. Title, line 17.

Strike: "A DELAYED"

Insert: "AN IMMEDIATE"

3. Title, line 19.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

4. Page 7, line 9.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

5. Page 7, line 15.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

6. Page 7, line 17.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

7. Page 7, line 19.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

8. Page 7, line 21.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

9. Page 7, line 25.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

10. Page 38, line 7.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

11. Page 43, line 22.

Following: "(b)"

Insert: "The legislature shall levy a property tax of not more than 2 mills on the taxable value of all real and personal property in the state. All revenue from this property tax must be appropriated by the legislature for the support and maintenance of the vocational-technical institute system.

(c)"

12. Page 58, line 19.

Strike: "January 1, 1986"

Insert: "on passage and approval"

13. Page 58, line 22.

Strike: "1987"

Insert: "1986"

Amend HB 18, third reading copy:

1. Title, line 10.

Following: line 9

INSERT: "RETAINING PARTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH A MILL LEVY
IN COUNTIES WHERE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE
LOCATED;"

2. Page 43, line 22.

Following: "(b)"

Insert: "The board of county commissioners of each county in
which a designated vocational-technical institute is located
shall levy a tax of 1½ mills on the dollar of all taxable
real and personal property within the county for the support
and maintenance of the vocational-technical institute
located within the county.

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Amend H.B. 849 as follows:

Page 2, line 6, delete "local executive board of any unit" and
insert in its place "Board of Regents of Higher Education"

Page 6, lines 11 and 12, delete "local executive board of any
unit" and insert in its place "Board of Regents of Higher
Education"

Page 8, line 5, delete ", degrees,"

Page 8, line 15, after "certificates" and before "diplomas"
insert "and"

Page 8, lines 15 and 16, delete "and applied associate degrees"