

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **REP. ROYAL JOHNSON**, on January 4, 1995, at  
8:00 AM

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Don Holland (R)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Rep. Mike Kadas (D)  
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Amy Carlson, Office of Budget & Program Planning  
Curtis Nichols, Office of Budget & Program  
Planning  
Paula Clawson, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: Board of Public Education,  
Vocational-Education Council  
Executive Action: None

#### HEARING ON BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

**Tape 1, Side A**

**Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Analyst**, gave an overview on the budget (Page E-16). He explained the two programs of the Board of Public Education. The general funded program is the Administration program which provides staff support for the Board of Public Education. The Teacher's Advisory Council is funded 100% from license fees for teacher's certification - \$3.00 of the annual \$6.00 license fee supports the Teacher's Advisory Council. The Board of Public Education is housed in the Higher Education

Building and for the first time rent will be included in the fiscal years 1996 and 1997 budgets - in prior years the space was rent free, paid for by the Commissioner for Higher Education. The Commissioner for Higher Education's budget has been reduced by the same amount as the rent for the Board of Public Education.

**Tape 1:A:76**

**Wayne Buchanan, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Board of Public Education**, directed subcommittee members to the budget on page E-19 to clarify some figures about the rent increase. In original consultation with **Curt Nichols, Office of Budget and Program Planning**, it was decided that the rent would be divided 50%:50% between the Board of Public Education and the Teacher's Advisory Council. **Dr. Buchanan** now recommends that a different division should be used, since the Teacher's Advisory Council's Fiscal 1996 budget with the rent cost included is higher than the amount of fees the Council collects. Because the Council is funded 100% by State Special Revenue, **Dr. Buchanan** feels that the budget should not exceed the fee collection. **Dr. Buchanan** recommends that all the rent funds be given to the Board of Public Education's Administration program, which is \$8,250.00. Another possible way to make the rent split if based on occupancy - 1/3 for the Teacher's Advisory Council, 2/3 for the Board of Public Education.

**Tape 1:A:165**

**CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON** questioned what needs to happen to change the rent division to 1/3:2/3. **Mr. Culver** responded that each program now has \$4,125.00 for rent; the 1/3:2/3 split would be approximately \$5,500.00 Board of Public Education and \$2,750.00 Teacher's Advisory Council.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked **Dr. Buchanan** if he considered the 1/3:2/3 split to be a fair allocation of the funds. **Dr. Buchanan** agreed that it was, provided it doesn't exceed the amount of money in the Teacher's Advisory Council funds.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked if there was any reserve in the Teacher's Advisory Council account which could cover the rent increase. **Dr. Buchanan** answered there was \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 which could be used to cover the difference in cash flows throughout the year. These funds can't be spent unless appropriated.

**REP. MIKE KADAS** asked why **Dr. Buchanan** was using a figure of \$79,600.00 in 1994 when the figures in the table were \$77,000.00. **Dr. Buchanan** explained that the administration program also had \$9,000.00 because some of the fee money is used to cover overhead in that program, as well as some of the fee money that is used in the research fund.

**REP. KADAS** questioned if the growth in the Teacher's Advisory Council fee collections from year to year - \$78,000.00 in 1993, \$79,000.00 in 1994 - was a normal pattern. **Dr. Buchanan** answered

that there was no steady increase in fee collections, in general a figure of \$78,000.00 to \$80,000.00 is expected annually.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked if the Board of Public Education is currently involved in any lawsuits. **Dr. Buchanan** answered the Board is a named party in a number of lawsuits pending through the School of the Deaf and Blind, but the funds for defending those lawsuits comes from School for Deaf and Blind.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked what were the costs involved in the settlements from the three 1993 lawsuits, which were from rural school districts for equalization purposes. **Dr. Buchanan** answered that the Board changed its position to be consistent with the State of Montana, which was a co-defendant in the lawsuits, and was thus able to opt out of the lawsuits by filing papers.

**Mr. Culver** informed the subcommittee that the research funds which come out of the Teacher's License fees are statutorily appropriated, but a bill being introduced at the request of the Legislative Finance Committee will remove these funds from statutory appropriations. If that bill passes, in future years the subcommittee will appropriate the entire \$6.00 fee.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked how much money is in the research fund. **Dr. Buchanan** answered \$70,000 (approx.), some of which is encumbered in grants.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN DARYL TOEWS** asked why there was a 15% increase in the operating budget. **Dr. Buchanan** answered that the increase was primarily the rent cost.

**SEN. ARNIE MOHL** asked where the \$4,701 equipment budget in Fiscal 94-95 has been subtracted out for Fiscal 96-97. **Mr. Nichols** said it is reflected in the Fiscal 1997 PL Base Adjustment.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** said that Executive Action would probably be taken Monday, January 9.

#### HEARING ON VOCATIONAL-EDUCATION COUNCIL

Tape 1:A:545

**Mr. Culver** stated that the Vocational-Education Council (Vo-Ed Council) is 100% federally funded and mandated under federal law.

Tape 1:A:570

**Jim Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, Vocational-Education Council**, introduced his fiscal officer, **Lucy Wilson**. He gave background on the Vo-Ed Council and its mandated duties.

**EXHIBIT 1, 2 and 3**

**Mr. Fitzpatrick** stated that the council does not try to spend all the money that is available if it is not necessary. **Mr. Fitzpatrick** addressed the travel budget, which is important for the 13 member board, seven of whom are from the private sector, to stay updated by attending conferences, site visits, etc.

**Tape 1:A:775**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN TOEWS** asked for an explanation of how the Vo-Ed Council and the School-to-Work program interact. **Mr. Fitzpatrick** explained that the council's job is to insure that the state Vo-Ed Council complies with federal law. School-to-Work is separately funded and works directly with schools, students and businesses. The Vo-Ed Council is a member of the advisory council for Schools-to-Work and there are no duplication of services.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked how much was currently in the travel budget. **Ms. Wilson** answered \$20,084 in 1994. **CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** clarified with **Mr. Fitzpatrick** that the requested increase in travel is approximately 10%.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked, referencing the increase in consulting costs, what mandates aren't currently being covered. **Mr. Fitzpatrick** said that the 1990 Carl D. Perkins Act added at least six new mandates and in order to respond to these mandates, the Vo-Ed Council has commissioned a state-wide study of current Vocational Education programs. The consultants are all in-state.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** asked why the Governor's Budget (Page E-21) shows \$80,000.00 in general funds from Carl D. Perkins money if the Vo-Ed Council is funded 100%. **Mr. Nichols** explained that the Governor's Budget was showing the administrative funds for Vocational-Education and this money was from a separate grant than the Vo-Ed Council grant. The administration money in the Governor's budget needs state matching funds. (Some discussion lost on the tape while changing sides.)

**Tape 1, Side B**

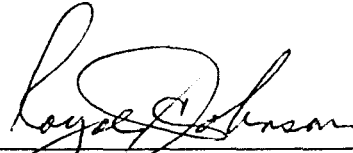
**Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Analyst**, said the grant match is 50%/50%.

**REP. DON HOLLAND** asked if the \$2,000.00 travel increase is annual or for the biennium. **Ms. Whitney** answered it is annually.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** said Executive Action would not be taken yet on the Vo-Ed Council.

ADJOURNMENT

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.



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REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, CHAIR



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PAULA CLAWSON, SECRETARY

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[THIS MEETING IS RECORDED ON 1 90-MINUTE TAPE]

## EDUCATION

### Joint Appropriations Subcommittee

ROLL CALL

DATE 1/4/95

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Royal Johnson, Chairman	✓		
Rep. Mike Kadas	✓		
Rep. Don Holland	✓		
Sen. Daryl Toews	✓		
Sen. Greg Jergeson	✓		
Sen. Arnie Mohl	✓		

## WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MONTANA COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION?

The Council is required to provide the State with reports, recommendations, and advice concerning the status of vocational technical education in Montana.

The Council provides the Governor, State Board, business community, and general public with:

- recommendations on policies the State should pursue to strengthen vocational education; and
- recommendations on initiatives and methods the private sector could undertake to assist in the modernization of vocational education programs.

The Council submits reports to the Governor, State Board, Job Training Coordinating Council, U.S. Secretary of Education, and U.S. Secretary of Labor on:

- findings resulting from the State Council's evaluation of the vocational education delivery systems and the Job Training Partnership Act in terms of their adequacy and effectiveness;
- adequacy and effectiveness of the coordination between vocational education and JTPA; and
- extent vocational education, employment, and training programs represent a consistent, integrated, and coordinated approach to meeting the economic needs of the state.

The Council provides the State Board with:

- recommended procedures to ensure and enhance public participation in local programs, particularly the participation of local employers and labor organizations;
- recommendations on the conduct of vocational education programs which emphasize the use of business concerns and labor organizations;

- reports on the availability of vocational education activities and services within the state and the extent to which members of special populations have equal access to quality vocational programs.

The Council consults and advises the State Board on the:

- development of the State Plan for Vocational Education;
- establishment of evaluation criteria for vocational education programs;
- establishment of technical committees to develop inventories of skills and define state-of-the-art model curricula.

The Council also:

- analyzes vocational education funding in the state and the distribution of financial assistance, particularly between secondary and postsecondary programs; and
- analyzes and reviews corrections education programs in the State;
- conducts hearing/meetings to obtain the public's view of vocational education.



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Vocational Technical Education

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## WHAT IS THE MONTANA COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION?

The Montana Council on Vocational Education (Council) is a thirteen member council appointed by the Governor. Membership is broadly representative of citizens and groups throughout Montana who have an interest in vocational technical education. Seven members represent the private sector interests of agriculture, business, industry, and labor and the council chair is selected from this membership. The other six members represent secondary and postsecondary vocational education, career guidance and counseling, and special needs.

The Council is established under Public Law 101-392, The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990. In accordance with the Act the Council is mandated to report and make recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Regents, the Office of Public Instruction, the Board of Public Education, the business community, and general public of the State on matters relative to vocational technical education. The primary goal of the Council is to assess, evaluate, and analyze the effectiveness of Montana's secondary and postsecondary vocational technical education delivery systems. Council activities are carried out in close coordination and cooperation with state and local vocational technical education organizations and agencies.

## MEETINGS

The State Council meeting dates are set and program of work developed annually. In 1993-94 the Council will hold regular meetings in August, October, January, March, and May. The 1994 Public Hearing will be conducted at the March meeting. All Council meetings are open to the public and interested persons are urged to attend.

If you would like further information about the work of the Council, schedule of meetings, or to communicate with the Council about your concerns for vocational technical education, contact the Council office at:

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## PUBLICATIONS

Following are some of the more recent State Council publications which are available upon request:

STRENGTHENING THE LINKS: EDUCATION AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR - 1993

TECH PREP - A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR INITIATING TECH PREP EDUCATION IN MONTANA - 1993

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1992 - MONTANA COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

ADEQUACY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND COORDINATION OF JTPA AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - PROGRAM YEAR 1990 AND PROGRAM YEAR 1991

A REPORT OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO SPECIAL POPULATIONS ASSISTED UNDER TITLE II PART C, OF THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990 - December 1992

EMPLOYMENT NEEDS IN MONTANA - 1992 - A QUALITY WORKFORCE -- THE KEY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 1990

- Survey Results - Vocational Technical and Job Training Service Providers
- Survey Results - Montana Employers
- Montana's Economy...Montana's Workforce...Tools for Economic Development...

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRENDS IN MONTANA - Study of Enrollments 1983-1990

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

- Leadership Guide - 1990
- Member's Guide - 1990

A video for Local Advisory Councils is also available.



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# Annual Report

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March 15, 1994

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Dear Governor Racicot:

The Montana Council on Vocational Education (Council) is pleased to submit this Annual Report for fiscal year 1993 (June 30, 1992 - July 1, 1993). This report provides an overview of activities conducted by the Council, identifies critical issues relating to Montana's secondary and postsecondary vocational and technical education delivery systems, and includes recommendations supported by rationale statements for improving, enhancing, and extending vocational technical education in Montana.

In addition to the Annual Report, the Council compiles reports which are mandated under Section 112 of Public Law 101-392, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Amendments of 1990 (Perkins Act). These reports comply with Council mandates and serve to meet the requirements for advising the Governor, Sole State Agent (Board of Regents), Office of Public Instruction, and the U.S. Secretaries of Education and Labor. Major findings and recommendations from those reports are also included in this report.

The Council's mandated duties and functions extend beyond oversight and evaluation of the implementation of the Perkins Act. The State Council on Vocational Education addresses significant concerns and issues which impact Montana's secondary and postsecondary vocational technical education systems; evaluates and analyzes the status of vocational technical education in Montana; evaluates the adequacy, effectiveness, delivery, and coordination between vocational technical education and the job training programs; identifies employer training needs; and conducts public hearings, forums, conferences, etc.

The Council is hopeful this report will serve as a valuable resource to Montana's policy and decision makers in their efforts to address and strengthen Montana's secondary and postsecondary vocational technical education systems. The Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss the content of this report and other reports with you and/or members of your staff.

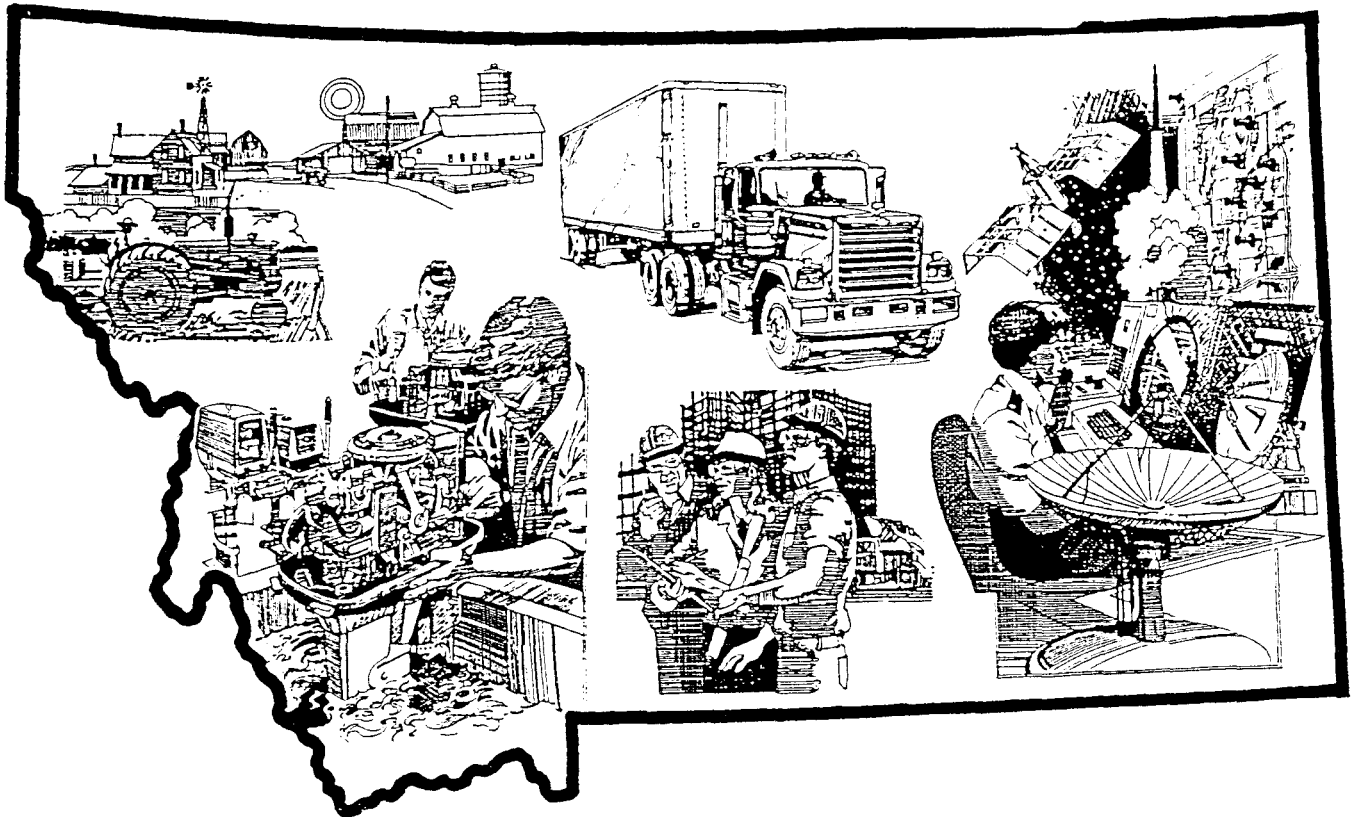
Sincerely,

*Jon Jourdonnais*  
Dr. Jon Jourdonnais  
Chairman

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**MONTANA COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**1994 Public Hearing**

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WORKFORCE TRENDS**

**MONTANA COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**1994 PUBLIC HEARING**

**May 6, 1994  
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