

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 16, 1997, at 8:08 am, in room 312-2 in the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Office of Public Instruction,
1/15/97.
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON welcomed the staff from the Office of Public Instruction, and upcoming schedules were discussed before their testimony was heard.

Ms. Nancy Keenan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented an overview of the school system and Office of Public Instruction, their budgets and goals.

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Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff Office of Public Instruction (OPI), made additional remarks about the Office of Public Instruction, and their legal and educational obligations.

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Questions from members of the committee.

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Ms. Kathy Fabiano, Administrator, Office of Public Instruction discussed the divisions within OPI; technological support, word processing pool, centralized services, budgeting and accounting and information services.

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Questions and comments from the committee.

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Ms. Deborah Fulton, General Services Administrator, presented an overview of the Capitol renovation and space analysis plan, as well as additional building leases.

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Questions from the committee.

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Ms. Gayle Gray, Assistant Superintendent, Accreditation and Curriculum Services, spoke about effects legislative cuts and vacancy savings have had on OPI.

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Questions from the committee.

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Dr. Dori Nielson, Education Analyst, spoke about the school improvement package. **Dr. Joanne Erickson, Special Projects**, discussed school improvement issues and items which measure effectiveness of schools.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

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Mr. Scott Buswell, Operations Information/Technology Administrator, discussed technological awareness, integration and planning and the need for additional staff to improve hands-on technical assistance.

EXHIBIT D

EXHIBIT E

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Questions from the committee.

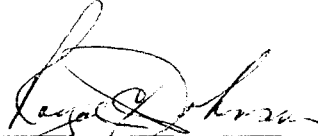
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on four (4) 60 minute tapes.