

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - 54TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY
SESSION - MARCH 28, 1967

Present: Garfinkle, Prince, Espinosa, Foote, Getto, Wilson.

Absent: Webb

Chairman Garfinkle welcomed Dr. John L. Glaspey, Jim Butler, and Charles Fleming to the committee.

Dr. John Glaspey was invited for comments on SB 417 that would permit school districts to make immediate payment of obligations of \$50 or less. He explained to the committee that the bill was permissive and would be of greatest benefit to the large counties. He cited that in Clark County there were over 9,000 purchase orders 54% of which were less than \$50. The clerical saving alone is self-evident and also under the present system there is much duplication because the school district has to record the transactions and then the auditor has to duplicate the transaction. The system outlined in the bill would set up a revolving fund out of which the payments could be made and to which reimbursement would be continuous. The system recommended, Dr. Glaspey emphasized, is already being used in many large businesses. It is a procedure that has been endorsed by the C.P.A.'s.

Dr. Glaspey also asked to comment on SB 465 which allows school districts the option of administering their own funds. The same arguments in favor of SB 417 apply. It would speed up processing of school district warrants. The school district choosing this option would apply to the Nevada Tax Commission for permission; they would set up their own accounts and would have to have a Treasurer. The bill is sponsored by the Nevada School Administration and drafted by the Nevada Tax Commission. It would comply with the Local Budget Act and has the endorsement also of the CPA Association.

Chairman Garfinkle called attention to AB 423 which would change the method of sale or lead of school property and contains a provision relating to emergency situations in which the necessity for competitive bids would be eliminated. This section of the bill was discussed at length and both Mr. Getto and Mr. Prince emphasized the danger of "tagging" situations as emergency in nature in order to avoid proper procedural requirements. The need to clarify this section was discussed. Mr. Butler suggested that competitive "quotations" might be substituted for "bids".

Chairman Garfinkle requested Dr. Glaspey to assist the committee in working out some amendments for AB 423. He said he would do so and was excused from the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was SB 115 which Chairman Garfinkle advised the committee had been considered and amended to its present form. Mr. Butler and Mr. Fleming were asked to give their comments on the measure.

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Mr. Butler identified himself to the committee as Executive Secretary of the Nevada State Educators who are a group of over 400 membership in the State containing 85% of the teachers and all of the superintendents. This bill SB 115, adopting a professional practices act for teachers, is the result of several years' demands from the membership to set up safeguards for the teachers and provide equitable procedures for supervisory controls.

In the main the bill provides that educators who sign contracts are liable to suspension or revocation if they fail to fulfill their contracts. The reasons for dismissal are specifically outlined, this being essential for enforcement. A review board is provided for such actions in an attempt to establish legalization for this type of action. There should be a right for hearing and the hearing would be prior to dismissal. The bill is approved by the state board. It is felt that the bill will encourage a more careful and extensive evaluation of educators by the school administrators. It will also cause the districts to take a look at their personnel policies.

In the discussion that followed Mr. Butler's presentation the subject of "tenure" protection was evaluated. The committee agreed that "tenure" provisions are undesirable. Mr. Wilson commented upon the large representation of the group Mr. Butler represented and reminded the committee that a rival organization opposed to this bill was very active in Clark County. Mr. Butler identified the rival group and stated that they supported "tenure" provisions.

Chairman Garfinkle called for consideration of SB 423 which would allow the issuance of temporary teaching permits to cover periods during which investigation and supplementation of applications was being effected. Mr. Espinosa stated he did not understand why teachers would need to be given permits prior to completion of the investigatory procedures. It was developed that often situations arise where teachers must be obtained before the time has elapsed to complete those procedures.

The committee agreed to introduce BDR 28-4500 a bill supported by Mr. Wilson and Assemblyman Frank Young that would allow the University of Nevada Regents to avail themselves of professional consultants for long range planning. The procedure has been used successfully in Clark County for the future planning of school sites and development.

Mr. Getto moved Do Pass SB 423.
Espinosa seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

A brief discussion of AB 498 which would allow North Las Vegas to annex the site of Rancho High School followed.

Espinosa moved Do Pass AB 498.
Wilson seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Espinosa moved Do Pass SB 417.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

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Mr. Wilson was asked to handle SB 417 on the floor.

Miss Foote moved Do Pass SB 115.

Espinosa seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

The committee agreed that SB 115 was a start toward establishment of procedures that may need amendment and revisions.

Dr. Glaspey advised the committee that he had prepared amendments for AB 423 and Chairman Garfinkle said he would confer on them after adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.