

Assembly  
 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - HEARING - 56TH SESSION  
 MARCH 16TH, 1971

MEMBERS PRESENT: Swallow, Wilson, Smalley, Foote, Hawkins

ABSENT: White, Frazzini

GUESTS: Frank D. Meyers, U. of N. Professor - Reno  
 Margie Meyers, Reno High - teacher  
 Jacqueline Elder, School Psychologist - Washoe County School District  
 Marvin Roth, Washoe County School District  
 Ron Pennington, Washoe County School District  
 Helga Pennington, Peavine School, Reno  
 Margaret Mason, Peavine School, Reno  
 Sylva Manesa, Jessie Beck School, Mother  
 B. J. Berry, Peavine School, Reno  
 Alice Wiggins, Peavine School, Reno  
 Sharon Oglesby, Mother  
 Delonse Kuhlgy, Mother  
 Kathey Kimmel, Mother  
 Bonnie Partee, Mother, Reno  
 Patty Stewart, Mother, Reno  
 Joseph R. Chancerelle, Elementary Teacher, Reno  
 Rachel L. Strieve, Clayton Jr. High, Reno  
 Gaven Lee, Peavine School, Reno  
 Mary W. Clarke, Elementary Teacher, Reno  
 Audrey Brooks, Peavine School, Reno  
 Joyce Everest, Peavine School, Reno  
 Dorothy Betts, Peavine School, Reno  
 Berneece Ott, Mother, Reno  
 Lynn Burgess, Mother, Carson City  
 Lauri Northway, teacher - Brown School, Reno  
 Martha Jessup, 1st grade teacher, Brown School, Reno  
 Deloris Gianopulos, Kindergarten teacher, Vets Memorial School, Reno  
 Verlita Conner, Kindergarten teacher, Elmcrest School, Reno  
 Ruby Ruedy, Librarian - Clayton Jr. High, Reno  
 Gail Trounday, Nursery School, Teacher, Reno  
 Roger Trounday, H.W.R. Carson  
 Jacqueline Carleton, Kindergarten Teacher, Flo Drake, Sparks  
 Betty Morris, mother of 4, teacher, Jesse Beck School, Reno  
 Robert Cahill, High School Teacher, Wooster High, Reno  
 Deanna A. Cahill, Peavine Elementary School, Teacher - Reno  
 Marcella Rundus, Clark County, Kindergarten teacher  
 Shirlee Wedow, State PTA, Sparks  
 Relia Dolan, State PTA, Las Vegas  
 Georgia A. Hastings, Preschool & Elem. Consultant, State Dept. of Ed.  
 Joyce Lewalle, Kdg. Teacher, Carson City  
 Mary Ray Kinne, Kdg. Teacher, Carson City  
 Emily L. Keating, Teacher, grade 2, Carson City

Chairman Swallow called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. The discussion of the meeting was to be devoted to SB 77 which would change age at which child is required to attend school. He asked for proponents to speak first to be followed by comments of the opponents.

Richard Morgan of NEA spoke briefly for this measure.

Assemblyman Jack Schofield from Clark County said it would not be a financial problem with the amendments added and spoke in favor of this measure, due to personal experience and as a teacher.

Mr. Wilson asked him what grade he had taught and he answered the 5th. Mr. Wilson asked him if he had ever taught first and he answered no.

Mr. B. J. Berry, teacher Peavine School, told Committee he would be happy to answer any questions they would like to ask.

Mr. Smalley asked on what he based his support. What do you propose to do with these children who are above normal he asked. Mr. Berry answered keep him at home. They never have to be bored.

Chairman said there is talk about starting children earlier and earlier.

Mr. Wilson asked if they didn't think the teacher pupil ratio wouldn't help, smaller classes.

Miss Hawkins asked him what tells you the child is ready?

Mr. Berry answered one that can not work into a routine for one thing.

Bernice Ott spoke on the subject next and said that children needed this time at home as long a time as possible.

Emily Keating, teacher of 2nd grade, Carson City as well as mother of five children said she supported the bill from both standpoints. She added among her comments that all but two teachers in the shole system are supporting this bill.

Margaret Mason, teacher to the entire quota of elementary grades except first, was in favor of SB 77. Said that boys were slower than girls and this early school experience affected them more.

Betty Morris, Jessie Beck School in Reno showed samples (visual art displays) of younger children mixed in with those a few months older and compared them.

Dorothy Best said she had taught school twenty two years, fourteen years of which were in Nevada, also in Maryland and Virginia. She said here it is the most difficult as the other states have the six year old law.

Virginia Palmer, Reno 4th grade teacher, in favor of SB 77.

Roger Trounday of Carson City spoke in favor of this measure.

Ed Perry, principle of school in Lyon County recommended this measure.

Alice Wiggins, mother teacher favored the measure.

Robert Cahill, High School teacher spoke for this, as well as Heda Pennington of Reno and Marcella Rundis, kindergarten teacher from Las Vegas.

Chairman Swallow asked for the proponents of the measure to please come forth.

Bob Sweeney, 1st grade teacher did so.

Brenda Hildogg, Jackie Elder, both mothers introduced themselves and spoke against this measure saying that we should have flexibility.

Mr. Ron Gallaher, father, said he felt it was unconstitutional and discriminatory that there should be flexibility and more attention give to the individual child.

Chairman Swallow thanked all who spoke and said the Committee would give the measure careful consideration based on what they had heard on both sides in taking any action.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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