

MINUTES OF MEETING - FEBRUARY 25, 1971

PRESENT: Chairman, R. Young, Vice-Chairman, M. Howard, F. Young,
E. Brookman, D. Mello, J. Schofield, W. Swackhamer,
N. Hilbrecht.

ABSENT: R. Capurro, M. K. Hafen, C. W. Lingenfelter

GUESTS: Burnell Larson, Superintendent of Public Instruction;
Lincoln Liston, Assoc. Superintendent, Administrative Services;
Robert Rose, Chairman, State Board of Education
John Dolan, Administration, Budget Division
E. T. Oliver, Counsel Bureau Representative, Fiscal Analyst

The meeting was called to order by Roy Young, Chairman at 3:10 p.m.

Committee members were referred to Pages 106 and 107 of the Executive Budget, Distributive School Fund, and representatives of the Department of Education were introduced.

Mr. Larson made some introductory remarks as to the Department's administration of the Nevada Plan, noting that funds for Special Education (Physically handicapped etc.) were not included. He called special attention to the concept of Group-Unit costs, items that will not change significantly in a school or district.

Mr. Lincoln Liston then distributed to all present, copies of School Financing - Nevada Plan for 1971. He further discussed the Group-Unit Costs, stating these represented approximately 80% of a cost of operating whereas only 20% served the pupils on a one-at-time basis. The charts, beginning on Page 3, were then discussed in detail.

Mr. Liston, upon questioning from F. Young, indicated that the last three groups in Charge I (Teacher Units) were added and differences in division factors made to allow for the large urban school districts.

In Chart II, Secondary Units, the allotment is a little more generous since there are more specialized classes in High Schools. Mr. Liston did indicate that, percentage-wise, there are more costs at the elementary level because problems are more pressing at this level in the urban areas.

On page 3, Chart II (Other Certified Employee Units - District-wide) attention was called to the fact that more specialized employees were needed in the larger schools such as social workers, health directors, assistant superintendents, in addition to the classroom teachers.

Page 4, Chart II, shows in detail the actual costs and further indication that the 80-20% ratio is applicable in nearly all county school districts, with little variation. Column 5 of this chart was most meaningful, since it analyzes support distribution in a fair and reasonable way for each district.

Page 4, Chart III, was discussed and showed the characteristics of the districts were so wide-spread that it is not practical to treat them all at one time. This chart is broken down into the three general guidelines of districts. Further explanation of Direct Dollar Support per pupil per county was analyzed.

Chart V, Page 5, gave a complete breakdown of Outside Resources available for Basic Support (Per Pupil) plus basic support required equaling total spending power.

The final page showed the total support available, based on the Estimated A.D.A. less direct dollar support for the net equalized support.

In further reviewing the tables, Mr. Liston said that the ratio and tables could be applied to so many dollars - whatever the legislator appropriates. The "guts" of the plan is to try to make a fair and reasonable apportionment of available dollars so that every child in Nevada will have a reasonably equal educational opportunity.

Mr. Liston and Mr. Larson were informed that a sub-committee of three had been named to go over the budget further with the Department of Education. Mr. Oliver asked pertinent questions regarding legislation - whether it would reflect the ratio of dollars rather than a basic support dollar amount.

Mr. Liston stated that, even though the Executive Budget showed a 16% increase for education, it did not reflect the amount asked for by the department. They had requested \$2,800,000.00 more than the Governor had included in his request, mostly to cover anticipated urban requirements. However, the department's staff was instructed to take the recommended budget and try to do the best they could, but they did hope to see additional money appropriated.

Mr. F. Young questioned Mr. Larson and Mr. Liston about the possibility of decreasing the budget 10% this year and then increasing 20% the following year. This would be based on a possible increase in the outside resources available (based upon the inflationary trend). In referring to the finalization reflected on Page 107 of the budget recommendation, it was noted that the states obligation would be actually reduced in the year 1972.

Further discussion followed relative to legislation introduced but this and further matters relative to bills were to be taken up by the sub-committee and department heads next week when the sub-committees would start their work. Mr. Larson and Mr. Liston both felt they would prefer not having the budget cut for the first year and hoped for an increase in the second year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA - FEBRUARY 25, 1971 - THURSDAY

MORNING

<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENCY/BILL</u>	
7:30	<i>Ad</i> A. B. 235.....	Requires health division to pay certain counties to provide certain laboratory services.
	<i>De Paul</i> A. B. 320.....	Provides formula for computing annually the amount of and allocating and distributing excise taxes paid on motor vehicle fuel used in watercraft for recreational purposes.
	A. B. 420.....	Makes general fund appropriation to institute nursing program at University of Nevada, Las Vegas
	<i>De Paul</i> A. B. 438.....	Guarantees certain minimum pay for National Guard duty in civil disturbances.
	<i>De Paul</i> A. B. 439.....	Grants uniform allowance to all commissioned and warrant officers of Nevada National Guard.
	<i>De Paul</i> A. B. 440.....	Authorizes leave of absence without loss of pay for public employees who are members of Nevada National Guard.
8:30	Elko Community College (JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE)	
9:00	District Judges (JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE)	

AFTERNOON - BUDGET HEARINGS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
2:00	Distributive School Fund	106	Burnell Larson