

AssemblyCommittee on Education - MeetingMarch 19, 1973

Members present: Schofield, Lowman, Barengo, Foote, McNeel  
Vergiels, Broadbent

Members absent: None

Guests present: Tom Magee - Nevada Air National Guard  
John Molini - " " "  
Cecily Jacobsen - Nevada State Education  
Bob Best - Nevada School Board Assn.  
Robert Rose - Nevada State Board of  
Education  
Mary Jean Trabert - Nevada State Education  
Assn.  
Robert Petroni - Clark County School District  
Edmund G. Psaltis - Nevada State Ed. Assn.  
John R. Gamble - State Department of Education  
Douglas Byington - Nevada Assn. of School  
Admin.  
Janet Stephenson - Wooster High School  
Jeff Broadbent - Wooster High School

Chairman Schofield convened the meeting at 4:00 P.M. by asking Assemblyman Bode Howard to speak on behalf of AB 534 a bill which concerns probationary status of teachers.

Assemblyman Howard said that what they were attempting to do with AB 534 was to allow any teacher after the probationary period of three years to transfer within districts without alleviating probationary status. He said they were having some problems with this bill and that after talking it over with the peoples involved it seemed they were restricting the Boards so he had suggested they amend the act by having some new language which would stipulate "however the Board may place such teacher on probationary status no longer than one contract year". By doing this, he said, it would allow the Board employing such teacher to keep him on one year of probationary status.

Chairman asked if there were any questions of Mr. Howard.

Assemblyman McNeel asked if this applied to teacher coming from without the State or just within the system here. He was answered from school district to school district.

Mr. Howard said that as it has been set up every time teachers changed districts they had to go on three year probationary status. He added he didn't know why this was.

Chairman asked Mr. Robert Best of the School Board Association if he could explain this.

Mr. Best said that when a school district employed a teacher it was a new teacher as far as they were concerned although he might have a good record in another district but just

in case something did happen the Board would like to have this authority.

Mr. Morgan said this was alright five years ago as it suited conditions at that time but now if a teacher had proved himself in one district this should be adequate.

Mr. Lowman asked Mr. Howard if he thought that if a city employee of Reno moved to Las Vegas shouldn't he have to go through a probationary period there. Mr. Howard said he thought this question unfair because they were speaking of professional and nonprofessionals.

Mr. Lowman added that he was just trying to relate this to other types of employment and he knew you could not apply this to private employment.

Mr. Byington of Nevada Association of School Administration said this bill did pertain to salaries and that different counties would allow the teacher not on probationary status automatically eligible for a higher salary by transferring when he was not actually qualified or had not proven himself.

Mr. Morgan said that there were cases, for instance, Elko County wanted a bandmaster from Humboldt County but the teacher couldn't accept the position as it would cost him money to take the job under the three year status that now exists but by eliminating this three year deal he could accept.

Chairman said that AB 411, 378 and 509 were similar bills and we would make a note of those and look at all of those together.

Mr. Howard said the intent of this bill is to allow teachers on probationary status to carry through upon a change.

Mr. Petroni said much was being done all over on the situation. The reason this was originally set up this way was that it was to keep teachers from going overboard on transferring, one year here and one year there. He said he would like to see the terminology changed to "three consecutive contract years" and this would eliminate the problem.

Chairman after a short recess asked them to take a look at AB 510, Mr. Lowman's bill for University Accountability.

Mr. Lowman said that he had presented this before he heard of the Governor's proposal and Mr. Morgan said that they did have a hearing on SCR 15 Thursday afternoon on accountability and the Senate had passed it.

Mr. Lowman asked if this SCR included the University and Mr. Morgan said it did not and Mr. Lowman said he was perfectly willing to tell them what he had done here

After some discussion on AB 510 it was decided to invite Chancellor Neil Humphrey from the University to speak on this subject.

It also was decided to ask Mr. Chuck Musser to speak on this. Mr. Lowman said he would ask him.

AB 541 on state funding for libraries was discussed next.

Miss Foote said there was a similar bill being considered by Ways and Means.

Chairman said that the leadership had suggested in cases of "money bills" that they refer them to Ways and Means whenever possible or they would be here forever and he would like to suggest that they delete Section 23 out of this bill which would allow them to get their bill moving.

It was brought out that if libraries were funded from the State level it would allow smaller counties and areas to have better libraries. It was discussed whether all libraries within the state were interchangeable with their books and it was said no only within districts.

Dr. Broadbent mentioned that he didn't see why this bill came into the Education Committee at all but that he personally did not relish spending his tax dollars on Pershings books. He said that was one area that a community could develop very nicely itself and he didn't see why the State should have anything to do with it.

Dr. Vergiels said he would like everyone everywhere in the State to read good books and whatever they could do to see that everyone in the State could do this both rural and urban. He said he would feel guilty in taking the money out of this bill.

Chairman said that all the library people in the state were behind this bill.

Mr. Petroni said he felt that that was just another big state supported program with a lot of vague definitions.

The discussion evolved that Chairman should invite the library people involved to speak on this.

It was agreed to hear the remaining bills on Monday 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Date 3/19/73 Time 4:00 Room 336

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
AB 539 ✓	Supplements retirement incomes for public employees who retired prior to 12/1/63	
AB 537	Includes certain vocational experience programs in the computation of average daily attendance for public school finance purposes	
AB 510 ✓	Establishes university education accountability programs for University of Nevada System	
AB 534 ✓	Provides post - probation status and salary for certain teachers	
AB 530) ✓ AB 380) ✓	Clarifies computation to teachers' deductions for absence	
AB 509	Provides for specific use of moneys from auto - mobile driver education fund	
AB 378	Authorizes additional use of school district funds	
AB 411 ? ✓	Dismissal and reemployment of teachers	

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<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
SB 210	Repeals provision requiring private schools to teach in the English language	
SB 212	Removes statutory minimum on annual expenditures for library books in school districts.	
SB 213	Repeals provision requiring construction of toilets for schools.	
SB 216	Permits staff members of state department of education to fulfill requirement for annual visitation of schools in each county.	
SB 217	Permits state department of education staff to conduct teachers and school administrator conf.	
AB 220	Generalizes power of school boards to establish special schools and classes.	
SB 211	Limits availability and other benefits to visually and handicapped children	