

MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Vergiels  
Mrs. Gomes  
Mr. Horn  
Mr. Kissam  
Mr. Rhoads  
Mr. Schofield

Guests Present: Joyce Woodhouse, NSEA  
Mark Schofield  
Pat Weninger, NSEA  
Edward S. Gallagher, MD, Washoe Co. Health  
Dept.  
C. Robert Cox, Washoe County School Dist.  
Ann M. Hibbs, Nevada Nurses Association  
Dick Wright, Washoe County School Dist.  
Robert Petroni, Clark County School Dist.

Chairman Vergiels called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m. in Room 214.

AB 652 - Out of deference to Mr. Goodman who has a similar corporal punishment bill, Mr. Horn moved an Indefinite Postponement on his bill, AB 652. Mr. Schofield seconded and the committee unanimously approved.

AB 644 - Chairman Vergiels appointed a subcommittee of Mr. Goodman, Assemblyman Lloyd Mann, Attorney Robert Petroni and Ms. Joyce Woodhouse to work out problems contained in Mr. Goodman's corporal punishment bill.

AB 679 - Mr. Goodman read a prepared statement, Exhibit A, supporting his bill which would require a proficiency test for teachers.

Ms. Woodhouse suggested, on behalf of the NSEA, that the tests should better be directed toward the university system as a graduation requirement. Mr. Horn concurred that waiting until after graduation is too late to institute such a test, stating his opinion that the bill attacks the problem one step too late and questioning the fiscal impact of such a bill which would require formulation, administration, grading of a test and possible remedial work. Mr. Rhoads wondered whether any other state has such a law and how teachers proved incompetent could be let go. Ms. Woodhouse pointed out there is a dismissal act and Mr. Goodman stated it is his intent to require this test of new teachers only. The chairman suggested he and Mr. Goodman meet to work out a fiscal note and report back to the committee.

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AB 688 - Ann Hibbs, Nevada Nurses Association, stated the bill serves only Washoe County which does not currently have an immunization clinic and interferes with one already operating successfully in Clark County. Her comments are attached as Exhibit B.

Mrs. Gomes, one of the sponsors of this bill, explained that there is some confusion surrounding the bill and stated her intention to withdraw the bill and pursue locally with Mrs. Wagner the matter of requiring immunization for certain diseases for registration in public school. Accordingly, Mrs. Gomes moved an Indefinite Postponement. Mr. Schofield seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

AB 704 - Mr. Vergiels explained this bill proposes enabling legislation for school districts to set up special purpose schools if they desire; e.g., a science high school. In answer to Mr. Schofield, he replied that these schools would operate on the same schedule and same funding as present schools. He suggested deleting any section, such as lines 20 - 22, which deal with specifics. Robert Cox, attorney for Washoe County, stated that districts already are engaged in this practice and he does not consider this necessary legislation. Mr. Schofield moved to Indefinitely Postpone this bill. Mr. Rhoads seconded. Mr. Goodman cast the only "no" vote.

AB 711 - This bill which would permit rental of school buses to certain nonprofit groups was sponsored by Mrs. Brookman.

Mr. Robert Best, Executive Secretary of the Nevada School Trustees Association, said a similar bill was killed last session because the districts try to retain their flexibility and enter into agreements with governmental units to provide services to groups, like city recreation, but try not to compete with private enterprise. Mr. Cox stated his opinion that this will lead to less freedom for use of buses rather than more. Mr. Horn suggested that the phrase "composed principally of persons over 60 years of age," lines 4 and 5, be deleted. Mr. Goodman moved a Do Pass as Amended and Mr. Kissam seconded. The committee unanimously concurred.

AJR 54 - Mr. Horn spoke to this resolution which would memorialize Congress to propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting busing of public school children for purposes of racial balance. Mr. Horn stated that he feels busing to bring about racial balance is not working and gave a brief history, discussing "separate but equal" and "separate cannot be equal" and saying that since (1) busing takes children out of their neighborhood schools; (2) busing causes children to spend excessive time being transported; (3) busing is excessively expensive; (4) busing is disruptive of and interferes with education; and (5) only a constitutional amendment can correct this, therefore, Mr. Horn urged adoption of his resolution.

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Mrs. Gomes took exception to Mr. Horn's statements, speaking for equality of education and integration to make it effective and stating her opinion that such a resolution as this would be a step backwards. Mr. Horn moved a Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Schofield and was supported by Mr. Kissam, Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Schofield and opposed by Mrs. Gomes, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Vergiels.

SB 352 - The summary states that this bill revises probationary status provisions for certain educational personnel in categorical grant positions but there was general confusion as to the intent of the bill and the possibility that it could mean that persons hired with federal grant money would have to be retained after the grant no longer existed. Mr. Goodman moved for Indefinite Postponement and Mr. Rhoads seconded. Mr. Schofield cast the only "no" vote.

The chairman announced the committee would review any outstanding bills Wednesday, April 20, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Harriet M. Knauff*

Assembly Attache

INFORMATION CONCERNING A.B. 679

Academic achievement among students in public schools throughout the nation has been on a steady decline for about 20 years.

Verbal and mathematical ability of students has dropped every year for 14 consecutive years, according to scores on the College Entrance Examination Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Scores on American College Testing Program (ACT) tests have also fallen during the past 11 years for which data are available.

This alarming deterioration of basic reading, writing, speaking, thinking, and mathematics skills among public school students nationwide is not restricted just to the one million college preparatory students who take SAT and ACT tests nationwide each year. This tragic decline of basic everyday skills is also occurring in the lower elementary and junior high school grades, where the learning of such skills will determine a person's success or failure during his entire working life.

The suggested Teacher Proficiency Act is designed to help stop and reverse the decline in basic academic skills among students at all grade levels, in public schools in all the states.

It simply requires that teachers themselves--as a prerequisite for being awarded educator certificates--be able to pass a test demonstrating their own proficiency in basic reading, writing, grammar, spelling, and mathematics in order to obtain a tax-salaried teaching or school administration job in the public school system.

Declining National Test Scores

School Year	SAT <sup>1</sup> Score Averages		ACT <sup>2</sup> Score Averages Composite
	Verbal	Mathematical	
1962-63	478	502	NA <sup>3</sup>
1963-64	475	498	NA <sup>3</sup>
1964-65	473	496	19.9
1965-66	471	496	20.0
1966-67	467	495	19.4
1967-68	466	494	19.0
1968-69	462	491	19.4
1969-70	460	488	19.5
1970-71	454	487	18.9
1971-72	450	482	18.8
1972-73	443	481	18.9
1973-74	440	478	18.7
1974-75	434	472	18.3
1975-76	431	472	NA <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Scholastic Aptitude Test. Scale ranges from 200 to 800.

<sup>2</sup>American College Testing Program. Scale ranges from 1 to 36.

<sup>3</sup>Not Available.

SOURCE: College Entrance Examination Board and the American College Testing Program.

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Nevada State Health Division is opposed to all of the proposed amendments to the Nevada Immunization Law, as set forth in AB 688.

It appears that it may be a regional bill to serve the only School Districts in the State (Washoe) which at this time do not have Immunization Clinics actually held in the schools.

Clark County School District has gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to computerize its student immunization records. The proposed amendments in AB 688 would be ruinous to the Clark County computerized immunization record system.

The Bill would allow doing away with immunization surveys presently performed by the schools, but those surveys fulfill a federal reporting requirement and would have to be done in any event.

The effectiveness of Immunization programs is often reflected in the numbers of Measles cases reported in communities. Note that the numbers of cases of Measles reported to us in 1976 was:

Clark County:	13
Washoe County:	71
All Rural Counties:	5

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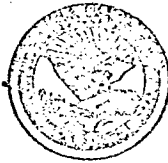
William M. Edwards, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chief, Community Health Services

Kindergarten Immunization Audit

School	#Enrolled	#Complete	#Incomplete
Agnes Risley	97	47 48.4%	50
Alice Maxwell	70	31 44.3	39
Anderson	71	56 78.9	15
Brown	36	21 58.3	15
Echo Loder	38	22 57.9	16
Elmcrest	57	48 84.2	9
Florence Drake	68	49 72.0	19
Grace Warner	44	36 81.8	8
Greenbrae	100	65 65.0	35
Huffaker	23	13 56.5	10
Hunter Lake	55	47 85.5	8
Incline	62	55 88.7	7
Jessie Beck	47	27 57.4	20
Kate Smith	50	37 74.0	13
Lemmon Valley	84	74 88.1	10
Lena Juniper	70	50 71.4	20
Lincoln Park	70	38 54.3	32
Mamie Towles	48	23 47.9	25
Mt. Rose	83	65 78.3	18
Natchez	11	7 63.6	4
Peavine	63	57 90.4	6
Pleasant Valley	44	24 54.5	20
Rita Cannan	60	40 66.7	20
Robert Mitchell	67	41 61.2	26
Roger Corbett	49	35 71.4	14
Roy Gomm	32	30 93.8	2
Sierra Vista	50	46 92.0	4
Smithridge	75	37 49.3	38
Stead	86	66 76.7	20
Sun Valley	135	85 62.9	50
Verdi	19	7 36.8	12
Veterans	58	42 72.4	16

1922

132-1 = 68.73%



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December 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM: MIKE NASH, IMMUNIZATION PROJECT MANAGER

SUBJECT: ANNUAL IMMUNIZATION SURVEY

As per Nevada Statutes we are asking that each of the school districts report on the immunity level of their students by December 31, 1976.

We have enclosed the form for the survey. It is the same document used for last year's survey so that we may assess the improvement of each of the districts in gaining immunity for its students.

You will note that we are only requiring a record audit of the normal school entering class. (i.e., kindergarten or first grade.) If your audit system is computerized for a larger group or you feel a wider survey is necessary for your administrative needs then please note the additional population on the form and submit it.

We ask that each of the superintendents review the results of the survey when it is complete. If your level is below 85% in any given area there are enough susceptible students to support an epidemic.

My office can arrange for immunization clinics in your schools at no charge to the district or to the student. We urge you to request this service if your survey indicates a need.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call upon me at the above address or by phone at 885-4800.

Enclosure

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SUBJECT AB 688

MOTION:

Do Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Indefinitely Postpone X Reconsider \_\_\_\_\_

Moved By Mrs. Gomes Seconded By Mr. Schofield

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

VOTE:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
GOMES	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GOODMAN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HORN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KISSAM	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RHOADS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: 7

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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59TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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SUBJECT AB 711

MOTION:

Do Pass  Amend  Indefinitely Postpone \_\_\_\_\_ Reconsider \_\_\_\_\_

Moved By Mr. Goodman Seconded By Mr. Kissam

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GOMES	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GOODMAN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HORN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KISSAM	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RHOADS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: 7

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT AJR 54

MOTION:

Do Pass  Amend  Indefinitely Postpone  Reconsider

Moved By Mr. Horn Seconded By Mr. Schofield

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
GOMES	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
GOODMAN	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
HORN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KISSAM	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RHOADS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	4	3				

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed  Defeated  Withdrawn

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SUBJECT SB 352

MOTION:

Do Pass  Amend  Indefinitely Postpone  Reconsider

Moved By Mr. Goodman Seconded By Mr. Rhoads

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
GOMES	X					
GOODMAN	X					
HORN	X					
KISSAM	X					
RHOADS	X					
SCHOFIELD		X				
VERGIELS	X					
TALLY:	6	1				

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