

MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 4, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Vergiels  
Mrs. Gomes  
Mr. Goodman  
Mr. Horn  
Mr. Kissam

Members Excused: Mr. Rhoads  
Mr. Schofield

Guests Present: Barbara Berford, Energy Education Adv.  
Committee  
Harry Dickson, Carson City School District  
Ken Haller, Washoe County Democratic Party

Chairman Vergiels called the meeting to order in Room 214 at 3:19 p.m. and presented the first order of business, AB 526, which requires boards of trustees of school districts to establish consistent charges for private use of school property.

AB 526 - Mrs. Gomes, sponsor of the bill, said she submitted it because schools are located conveniently throughout the community and should be used by the community, but that a fair and consistent policy must be developed so that all organizations are treated fairly and equally. She said this bill doesn't change anything but does charge school boards with establishing uniform charges. She also noted that the more a school is used, the less opportunity there is for vandalism.

Ken Haller, Washoe County Democratic Party, explained that his organization uses the schools for precinct meetings and feels that, while they are willing to pay their fair share for services, they were treated capriciously when charged \$350 for insurance, and a fair and consistent policy for all users of school property, known to all, must be established. He noted that his personal feeling is that the schools, supported by popular taxes, should be available to all without charge.

Harry Dickson, Carson City School District, explained that the Carson City schools are open for use of the public. They are available after school for such groups as 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, in the evening for UNR classes and Community College and to other non-profit organizations. Generally groups are not charged fees after school and other organizations are billed on a pro-rated system according to their use; e.g., Sierra Pacific pro-rates electricity; if the custodian works overtime, the organization is charged. He stated he feels this bill would restrict the use of school facilities, especially for outside adult groups and therefore the schools would not serve the public as well.

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Mrs. Gomes wondered who should decide who should pay and who shouldn't and suggested that everyone should pay or no one should.

Mr. Dickson pointed out that the board is responsible for the facilities and must maintain control over their use and try to use them for the advantage of all.

Mr. Horn then suggested that local boards might devise categories differentiating among groups; e.g., youth groups where the intent is to encourage them and keep children off the streets, continuing education, clubs and organizations, school-connected groups. Mr. Vergiels suggested the elimination of "all" in line 11.

Mr. Dickson mentioned that Carson City's current policy does not allow use by profit-making organizations and that they do require insurance (many organizations, such as Girl Scouts, are covered by blanket insurance policies nationally).

Mr. Vergiels summarized that since so many outside organizations do use the schools, local boards should establish policies so everyone understands what is required.

Mr. Horn moved a Do Pass with his amendments: adding "by categories" after procedures in line 10 and changing "all" in line 11 so that the section will now read "The board of trustees of each school district shall establish by regulation a uniform policy and procedures by categories to be applied consistently to users for the deposit of any amounts necessary as security and for the reimbursement of expenses." Mr. Goodman seconded and the committee unanimously approved. Mr. Horn will handle the amendment and bill on the floor.

AB 546 - Mr. Horn chaired the meeting while Mr. Vergiels, sponsor of AB 546, explained the bill which calls for closed hearings involving suspension or expulsion of pupils. He stated this was introduced at the request of Clark County School District and was not referred to the Judiciary Committee because the chairman indicated he would have difficulty with the concept of a closed hearing, no matter what the reason; however, Mr. Vergiels stated his feeling that in these circumstances a hearing should be closed and private to protect the juvenile and this policy is now by regulation rather by law, and should be firm.

Mrs. Gomes concurred with Mr. Vergiels and moved a Do Pass. Mr. Kissam seconded. The committee approved with Mr. Goodman voting "no."

AB 371 - Mr. Kissam, chairman of the subcommittee, asked Mr. Craddock, sponsor of AB 371 which proposes reorganization of the NIAA, to speak to his bill. Mr. Craddock was concerned with a letter from Mr. Cooper, Executive Secretary, stating support for Mr. Craddock's bill is non-existent within the present educational community and one from Robert Foard, principal, stating it is a case of one individual (Mr. Craddock) versus almost the total educational structure in Nevada.

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Mr. Craddock stated documents he offered at the previous hearing show this is not true. He mentioned that two years ago a similar proposal drew organized anti-reorganization flak. However, in response to communications which he sent out recently, Mr. Craddock received six letters, one from a small school (Lander County) complaining because of the absence of rules and regulations to deal with problems; one from Sparks and one from Clark County requesting more information; and three from which he quoted as follows: "I do believe that action needs to be focused on the apportionment matter." ... "The principle upon which you base the law is excellent and such revisions could be very beneficial to athletics. Definite policies governing athletics are necessary and strict enforcement essential to make the program fair to all." ... "We strongly favor reorganization of the NIAA as recommended in your letter. Population should determine the school's representation on one board, but there should be equal representation on the other, lest the larger areas decide all policy."

Mr. Kissam pointed out that the two sides are diametrically opposed and unable to reach a compromise between the present structure of a commission with an advisory council underneath and two bodies with equal authority. He recommended accepting Mr. Craddock's bill which calls for the two policy-making bodies without delegating more authority to the Executive Secretary which is not mentioned but could be implied.

Mr. Vergiels suggested the committee should go along with its subcommittee. Mr. Kissam moved a Do Pass without amendment. Mrs. Gomes seconded. The committee unanimously approved. Mr. Craddock will handle the bill on the floor.

Chairman Vergiels announced the committee will hear AB 604 Monday, April 11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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SUBJECT AB 526

MOTION:

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

Moved By Mr. Horn Seconded By Mr. Goodman

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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT AB 546

MOTION:

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

Moved By Mrs. Gomes Seconded By Mr. Kissam

AMENDMENT:

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

AMENDMENT:

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

MOTION

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VOTE:

Yes

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Yes

No

Yes

No

GOMES

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GOODMAN

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HORN

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KISSAM

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TALLY:

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

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SUBJECT AB 371

MOTION:

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

Moved By Mr. Kissam Seconded By Mrs. Gomes

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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: 5

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

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Attached to Minutes 4/4/77