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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1292

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02/12/01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa Gilbert</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman R. Kelsch, Vice-Chair T. Brusegaard, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Grumbo, Rep. Haas, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Hawken, Rep. Hunsakor, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Meier, Rep. Mueller, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Thoreson

Chairman Kelsch: We will now open the hearing on HB1292.

Rep. Brandenburg: (District 26) *Please refer to attached clippings*

Rep. Hawken: This is just within your school district, this is not sharing with other school districts?

Rep. Brandenburg: This particular case just dealt with the school district of Edgily.

Rep. Hawken: Are there not currently school districts currently that are sharing superintendents?

Rep. Brandenburg: Yes, there are a number of schools that are doing that.

Chairman Kelsch: Is there anyone who wishes to appear in opposition to HB1292?

Larry Klundt (ND Council of Educational Leaders) We are in opposition to HB1292. We've hashed this concept over a few times already this session. There's a couple of things that are important to remember. Accreditation is important to maintain a quality educational system. We kind of accreditation as our seal of approval. It doesn't guarantee that it's quality, but the likelihood of quality existence because of the standards does exist. We separate superintendents, secondary and elementary principals into a couple of categories. Superintendents are hard educational leaders, a person who has the responsibility for the planning and the developing of everything that goes on in a school district to provide quality education. Principals are less noble in nature. They look at their schools and they become the instructional leaders in their school and identify effective and ineffective teaching. Quality leadership results in quality schools. Whenever you start taking small pieces out of accreditation, after that, whenever one piece gets washed out, it endangers the strength of the entire system, so we have to be very careful. The waiver committee exists for waiving rules and regulations of things that get in the way of providing innovative, experimental programs, not for the purpose of getting around qualification. If we could be shown that by changing the qualifications would enhance the quality of education, I think we'd take a serious look at that. We have resisted doing things just to get around qualifications. It's not whether or not they can share, it's whether or not they should be qualified to share, and that's where the difference is. We support sharing of positions as long as they're qualified. There's nothing that disallows school districts to share.

Rep. Brusegaard: 1292 seems to be specific in talking about accreditation standards. What are the requirements in accreditation?

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Kludt: I believe that no school is required to have a full time superintendent. It just says that one of the requirements is that you have a superintendent and then there's time requirements based on size.

Rep. Brusegaard: A school decides in Edgely, how much time do they have to have?

Kludt: I believe they can go down to half time.

Rep. Mueller: This bill talks about superintendents. I'm not getting the connection between them and the principals.

Kludt: I think what happened was Jim Vetter, who was elementary principal, resigned late, and he went to, I believe Milner, to be superintendent. They took applications for elementary principalship, and I don't know that they found applications that they were particularly interested in.

Rep. Mueller: Does this bill do then, what it was intended to do for that particular situation.

Kludt: I don't think so.

Rep. Nelson : We talk about the principals, this is superintendents and the new language in subsection in 2. That's not required now?

Kludt: That's correct.

Rep. Nelson: Subsection 3, that's not required now?

Kludt: I believe that's correct.

Rep. Hanson: Is this an isolated case, or does it happen quite a bit?

Kludt: I don't know for sure. This is the only one that I've been involved to this extent.

Chairman Kelsch: We will close the hearing on HB1292.

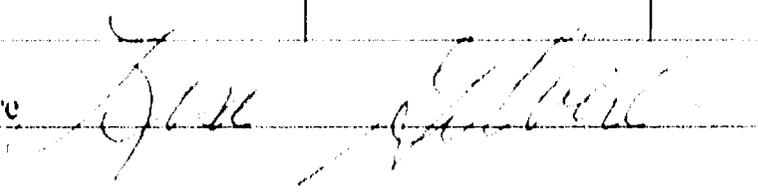
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Minutes:

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Chairman Kelsch: We will now take up HB1292.

Rep. Nelson: I move a DO NOT PASS.

Rep. Mueller: Second.

Chairman Kelsch: Committee discussion.

The motion of DO NOT PASS passes with 15 YAY 0 NAY 0 ABSENT.

Floor assignment: Rep. D. Johnson

Date: 2/12/01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ~~HB 1200~~ 1292

House House Education Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Nelson Seconded By Rep. Mueller

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman-RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓		Rep. Howard Grumbo	✓	
V. Chairman-Thomas T. Brusegaard	✓		Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓	
Rep. Larry Bellew	✓		Rep. Bob Hunsdor	✓	
Rep. C.B. Haas	✓		Rep. Phillip Mueller	✓	
Rep. Kathy Hawken	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓	
Rep. Dennis E. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meler	✓				
Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 15 *Click here to type Yes Vote* No 0 *Click here to type No Vote*

Absent 0

Floor Assignment *Click here to type Floor Assignment* Rep. D. Johnson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2001 1:05 p.m.

Module No: HR-24-3050
Carrier: D. Johnson
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1292: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS
(15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1292 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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Requirements clear District needs elementary principal according to officials

BY PATTY WOOD BARTLE

Two conference calls clarified the issue of filling the elementary principal position or pursuing a waiver for Edgeley Public School District.

A conference call with Dr. Gary Gronberg, Assistant DPI Director, spelled out that the district does not need three full-time administrators, but it does need someone at least part-time, with the proper elementary credentials.

Gronberg outlined some options open to the district. Arlyn Irion said information received from Mary Walsh at DPI indicated the rules have changed to be someone with 20 hours rather than the previous 16. Gronberg said the 20 hours requirement is if the individual does not have a masters in administration. He said the district could hire someone on staff to serve as a half-time principal. Or they could fill the position as a half-time principal with teaching duties. The bottom line was, the position needs to be filled to meet requirements to be accredited and receive full foundation aide payments.

Following that conference call the board along with Irion, Rick Diegel, principal and Rep. Mike Brandenburg (R-Dist 26), participated in a discussion with Richard Ott from the school board association and Dr. Larry Klundt (they are two of the three members of the waiver committee), to talk about if the waiver under NDCC 15-21-04.5 might apply.

Irion explained the background to Ott and Klundt. The district has been without an elementary principal since August when Jim Vetter resigned. He also stated the district will receive a warned accredited status effective March 31, 2000, giving them a year to correct the situation or face losing \$200 per student in foundation aide. The warned status is due to the lack of an elementary principal with proper credentials.

Irion stated in his written overview for the meeting "Having now

foundation aide during the second year the district would be officially assigned a status of unaccredited."

With that background information delineated those present discussed the waiver.

The response the board heard was the waiver committee has not waived exceptions to certification and licensure in the past. Rich Ott commented it appears as if the district is trying to fix something by backing into a waiver rather than having an innovative plan. Klundt agreed the driving force seems to be the lack of a credentialed individual. He did add he would not be against waiving credentials on the short term while someone gets the proper education.

Rep. Mike Brandenburg (R-Dist 26), noted something needs to be done to address the needs and problems in the rural area while allowing districts to provide a quality education and meet accreditation standards. He said one idea was to share administrators.

Ott responded, the interpretation of the law allows to make exceptions for innovative programs but does not give latitude beyond that. Clearly the limitation of the law is innovation, not expediency.

Discussion moved to the need for K-12 certification in North Dakota. Ott and Klundt indicated they would be willing to have further discussion to refine standards for K-12 certification. Brandenburg asked about a hardship and the difficulty of attracting qualified people to rural areas. Klundt said, "I hope the answer is not a reduction in quality of services."

Steve Feist said he was not interested in lowering standards but didn't want to be in the position of filling a position with a body just to get the \$200 per student. It was recognized as an excellent point but no solution presented itself.

Pastor Bruce Adams pointed out health care providers are filling the need in rural areas with nurse practitioners. Officials argued a nurse wouldn't perform surgery.



Just a little diversi

Staff at The Edgeley Mall sit weather on Tuesday, Jan. 1 snowball.

Professionals Requirements: Work towards K-12 certification

(from pg. 1)

Brandenburg asked if officials would work with him, if elected, in the next session to develop K-12 credentialing. Klundt indicated he would be very interested in promoting the concept.

Brandenburg asked if they were aware of any schools which had lost the \$200 per student. They said they were not aware of any. But Irion said he was told of a district which will lose aide if they do not meet requirements by March 31, 2000.

After the conference call the board consensus was the position should be opened for three weeks. At the next board meeting they can decide further steps. Contract negotiations with administrators will wait until after that board meeting.

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