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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1249

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1248

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01-21-03

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chris J. [Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Svedjan** Opened hearing on HB 1248. All members were present excluding Rep. Kroeber.

**Rep. Timm** Testified in favor of the bill. Minot HS needs a new Vo-Tech facility. The center would service not just Minot, but the whole area.

**Richard Larson, Superintendent of Minot Public Schools**

**Rep. Monson** Do you currently have ITV courses and do you offer dual credit classes?

**Larson** Yes, we have 2 studios to provide ITV to other areas. There is a 17-school cooperative that would use H.323 technology to get ITV through the Internet.

**Rep. Delzer** Who would actually own the building?

**Larson** It has not been decided yet, but I would assume either Minot Public School System or a joint-powers committee.

**Rep. Wald** Where are you on the State Board of Higher Education's priority building list?

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**Larson** We are not currently on it.

**Chairman Svedjan** What would be Minot Public School's funding source?

**Larson** The Building Authority would issue bonds and pay them off.

**Chairman Svedjan** The revenue to pay off the bond comes from where?

**Larson** The general fund.

**Sen. Seymoure** I'm for the project.

**Wayne Whitty, AWWL/MPS** See attached. Showed floor plans of proposed building

**Ladonna Elhardt, Coordinator of Vocational Programs in Minot**

**Chairman Svedjan** What money might you be able to generate from the Minot area?

**Rep. Carlson** Is the 4 million dollars bond issue money? Where does it come from? I'm referring to Dr. Larson.

**Larson** A bond issue is a possibility or the building authority.

**Rep. Carlson** The building authority is statutory?

**Larson** Yes, and it is used by various school districts.

**Rep. Carlson** Are there any safeguards in case the bond issue fails?

**Larson** We won't levy additional taxes.

**Rep. Warner** Elaborate on how non-Minot students will benefit from this, and include some discussion on open enrollment, funding, and access to your non-vocational programs. If its not practical for Minot students to travel across town to a stand-alone facility it certainly is not practical for New Town students to take English in New Town and travel to Minot for Auto Mechanics.

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**Larson** There is a joint powers agreement to provide services to some schools. Part of that is for us to work together to provide services, either grant writing services, gifted and talented, etc. Through that we could work out an arrangement for students to attend Magic City classes, or we can offer ITV. We would like to become a designated Vocational Center, right now we are not because we do not have other K-12 school districts associated with us to share classes.

**Rep. Warner** Is that a pay as you go system, it is not a free service to small schools?

**Larson** The schools would pay a pro-rata portion of the foundation aid.

**Rep. Skarphol** If you were to issue bonds for this would they be general obligation or revenue bonds?

**Larson** I'm not prepared to answer that question at this time.

**Rep. Skarphol** There is a substantial difference between the two. If they are issued as general obligation bonds and they should happen to fail then there is an automatic transfer of the funding for those bonds to property taxes.

**Rep. Kempenich** When you start a project as far as funding availability, is it associated with an air force base?

**Larson** We would do it in phases. It is not air force base related.

**Rep. Monson** The more I hear about this project, the more it is apparent to me that this is really an area of vocational technical center that is part of a high school campus. It is basically a high school building. Have you contacted some of these other school districts in the area to provide services? Why don't you get them to buy your services and pay for it that way with revenue bonds. That would be smarter than asking us to build you a high school building.

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**Larson** We have had some discussions. This is not just a high school building. It is a way to deliver Vo-Tech education. Do not call this a high school project. It services all students in the area.

**Rep. Aarsvold** The Burdick Job Corps center is involved, how are they linked?

**Larson** Some of our courses are available to the Job Corps.

**Elhardt** The Job Corps is anxious to work with us so their students may continue on and that boosts their placement accountability.

**Rep. Aarsvold** Would there be a duplication of curriculum between the two facilities?

**Elhardt** Yes, but they are a totally different audience.

**Rep. Wald** About the 4 million federal appropriation, are those dollars hard or soft dollars. Do you have the money in the bank or does it hinge on a news release from a federal office.

**Larson** It amounts to a news release from a federal office.

**Dr. Shaar, President of Minot State University** We see this project as something we would like to attach to.

**Joe McCain, President of the Williston State College** We will provide services of ITV to a large northwest ND region. We need to educate and retain "home-grown" workers in that region.

**Rep. Carlson** Are you interested in contributing financially to this venture?

**McCain** We would, but we are poor.

**Hearing Closed**

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Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02-18-03

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2		x	29.8-46
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chris S. Svedjan</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Svedjan** Opened HB 1248 for discussion.

**Rep. Timm** The NW part of the State wants this. The bill would accomplish something. Not everyone goes to college and how much money do we spend on that? They are working for a federal grant on this also. This is not a funny thing, its not just for Minot. **I move a Do Pass.**

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**Rep. Monson** I have a problem with who owns this building. ND shouldn't get into this.

**Rep. Gulleson** Is there a need for authorization of the project if funds are found?

**Rep. Timm** I want to remove my motion since it is against parliamentary procedure to make a motion immediately after speaking.

**Rep. Gulleson** If funds are identified, we should look into authorization of this project.

**Rep. Carlson** Maybe we should change the mission of one of our existing university facilities.

**Rep. Warnke** They are bringing it to the state before going to local support.

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**Rep. Timm** We're spending 27 million dollars on Workforce Training and this facility would work well with it.

**Rep. Carlson** Its hard to disagree with Workforce Training.

**Rep. Brusegaard** I move a Do Not Pass 2nd Carlisle. Motion Carries 16 yeas, 6 nays, 1 absent/not voting.

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