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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1444
 House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 2003

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Minutes: Chairman Kelsch opened hearing on HB 1444.

Rep. Kroeber, District 12, Jamestown, See Attached Testimony.

(350) Rep. Jon Nelson : In case of the present practice, who (administration or teachers) are the representative.

Kroeber: The list is on the second page, read the list.

Rep. Jon Nelson : In fact the two local district representatives 'may or may not' include a classroom teacher, administrators, school board members. Who is included in that definition today?

Kroeber: Certainly they could be, may be classroom teachers, but they do not have to be. This would require that at least two classroom teachers presently engaged in education on this 12 member voting board.

Rep. Jon Nelson Who are we cutting out if we make this change, who is one there that would not be tomorrow?

Kroeber: I don't know who they are. I do not have a clue who they are.

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LeAnn Nelson, Director of Professional Development with NDEA

I little background on me. In the 1980's I graduated with a BA in elementary education and minor in computer information systems. At that time they did not know how to connect education with the technology. I ended up taking a lot of courses that I didn't need, which was a lot of programing courses, cobalt and etc. With education technology that is not the direction that technology went. So in the early 1990's I was the technology coordinator in a school district. In that position, I helped in purchasing the tools, technology, train teachers on the uses of software. O this it was Microsoft word. How do you use. We didn't get into how to integrate it into your classroom. Until recently, I assisted educators with integration of technology into curriculum. To successfully integrate technology it is important that teachers understand how to successfully integrate so that it enhances the curriculum. This means that they have to use the technology to learning strategies, align to technology standards, assess a tool successfulness by meeting the goals and objectives, and support and facilitate the use of technology with the students.

With initiatives such as the ND Teaching of Technology, ND educators are making huge strides in successfully integrating technology. It is not easy process. It is a different way of thinking and learning technology.. Even though I have researched, trained, and have observed successful integration, I have not actually been involved in implementing into the classroom. Because I have not been in the classroom for several years. This is why we feel it is important to have teachers on the Council, they give that different perspective.

Rep. Mueller Do you know who fills the positions on the board?

Nelson: No I do not.

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Rep. Haas I the requirements for the council, there is also a rep. from the ND Assoc. of Technology Leaders, are you a member of that organization?

Nelson: No.

Rep. Haas Do you know who represents that organization?

Nelson: No

OPPOSITION

Lisa Feldner, Chairman of the Education Technology Council, See Attached Testimony

Rep. Hawken: What is wrong with making classroom teachers mandatory?

Feldner: We feel that teachers are already well represented. And we feel that if you mandate two teachers this time the next time you will mandate two technology directors.

Rep. Hawken: From this list, and we work with these people often, I would guess that a percentage of these people that head these organizations. They may have been a teacher but they are not now. I think what this is looking at is the person who is currently in the classroom doing everything that you are talking about.

Rep. Hanson There are seven members who are educators, where, who, and what they do.

Feldner: listed them

Bev Nielson, ND School Boards Association

We have 1 teacher, 1 administrator. We have a teacher, the Governor did appoint a classroom teacher. We are okay and working well together. We do not object to an amendment to this bill to make that 1 teacher for sure.

Rep. Mueller Does the Governor receive a list for the appointments.

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Nielson, He wasn't required to pull from a list, these were his appointments, He was directed in the other ones.

Chairman Kelsch By the looks in the statue, he selects from a list of three nominees for 4 of the positions, and the two representatives of the school districts are his appointments.

Nielson: Lisa said he did receive a list from NDEA.

Rep. Mueller Interesting point in your testimony earlier, when you said that as your perception, is that she is one of the best on that committee. If that is the case, it is the person involved in the classroom, knowing exactly what it is for the students to learn technology.

Nielson: When those are the discussions, she is very helpful. When we are talking about statewide working and networks, Lisa is a key person. They are play a role.

Dean Bard, ND Small Organized Schools

See Attached Testimony, Our Organization has adopted #6 on this form: All schools should have access to improved distance learning technology for instructional purposes....

I have not heard any human cry that the make up of this council needs to be changed. It seems to me that if teachers have an interest in serving.

Robert Pope, Nexus Innovations

We were the firm that was asked to study and make recommendation for the make up of this council. The purpose of the board is to set policy and to make strategic decisions regarding to technology for education. Committee members should have merit and not be mandated. A teacher who has a strong passion for technology should make application or make it known to the council.

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Rep. Jon Nelson Value of classroom teacher and the current make up and offered a suggestive amendment. Is that something you would look upon as not as restrictive or doable?

Pope: Certainly doable. Like I said earlier, the person needs to stand on merit for the appointment. The Governor has latitude statewide to make that appointment, he is better off.

Rep. Jon Nelson I agree with you about the merits.

NEUTRAL

Dan Pohl, Director of the Council

We are functioning very well right now, we are only 1 1/2 years old. The two school districts reps who currently serve on the council. The two reps were on the old board and the Governor felt that they would bring continuity to the board. As terms expire, it is important for me as the Director to have individuals of a good broad base of stakeholders on the council. And the flexibility that is given now allows the council to tell the Governor the direction we are going in and the tell him who would be valuable.

Rep. Jon Nelson how many times can they be re-appointed?

Pohl: No term limit.

Closed Hearing

Committee work later in the day.

Chairman Kelsch The amendment that Bev Nielsen proposed, read propsed amendment. see attached.

Vice Chair Johnson putting this into statute, the example given they had two teachers and one moved to principal, does he have to resign from the board now?

Chairman Kelsch just one has to be, that is a minimum not the max.

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Rep. Norland I don't think we should change this at all. I can't imagine that the governor who is in charge of appointing for that board, to have less than one active classroom teacher. If one is lost, the board would recommend to the Governor that they need the appointments to be such. I don't see any reason to change this.

Rep. Haas There hasn't been a problem with the structure. They all commented how well it is doing.

Rep. Sitte I don't want to narrow it much for this board.

Rep. Herbel Functioning for 1 1/2 years with no problems and don't fix a problem that doesn't exist. Wait until there is.

Rep. Meler moved to DO NOT PASS, Vice Chair Johnson second the motion.
discussion; I hate looking for solutions when there is no problem.

Rep. Mueller be proactive, so that there is not problem down the road.

Rep. Hunsakor Current make up of council, it is possible not to have a teacher on this board, it is possible to mandate to have at least one teacher.

Chairman Kelsch My guess is that NDEA goes into the Gov's office with recommendations

Rep. Hawken: Many boards have guidelines, therefore we don't need it in statute.

Vote on the DO NOT PASS. passed 11-3-0

Chairman Kelsch reserve the right to reconsider this vote later today.

Staggering years and if someone left before the next session. **Rep. Haas** made the motion to reconsider HB 1444, Rep. Hanson second. roll call vote: 8-4-2

Rep. Sitte was asked to work with Mark on the amendment and bring it back this afternoon.

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Chairman Kelsch opened work on 1444.

(2000) Chairman Kelsch See new amendment. reviewed.

Rep. Norland We are getting to specific in the amendment

Rep. Mueller moved a DO PASS on the amendment, Rep. Solberg second the motion
voice vote, passed.

Rep. Jon Nelson moved DO PASS as AMENDED, Rep. Mueller seconded the motion.

Vote 14-0-0, carried by Rep. Solberg

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