

MINUTES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, 55TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION,
FEBRUARY 25, 1969:

Present: Lingenfelter, Prince, Wilson, Swallow, Webb and Foote.
Absent: Tyson

Chairman Lingenfelter opened the meeting and announced for the record that Mrs. Tyson had requested to be excused. He welcomed Mr. Burnell Larson, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mr. John Gamble, Deputy Superintendent to the meeting as representatives of the Nevada Department of Education. He stated that their comments would be appreciated by the committee in their consideration of SB 129, 132, 133 and 135.

SB 129 substitutes clerks of boards of school trustees for county auditors as persons determining the eligibility of teachers to draw salaries. Mr. Larson told the committee that the processes for the drawing of teachers' warrants would be expedited by this bill and that the county auditors would be relieved of unnecessary detail work. Under the present system the county auditors are furnished with a list of those eligible to draw teachers' salaries and are held with the responsibility of determining that eligibility prior to warrant issuance. The responsibility for that determination rests with the Department of Education and properly should fall to the clerks of boards of trustees of the school districts who could then forward the warrant requests to the auditor for his handling.

SB 132 makes school pupil's records confidential except to certain persons. Mr. Larson said that technically anyone could now go and request the school records of pupils to be shown to him. In practice this has not been allowed but this bill would define and clarify the circumstances under which records of pupils may be revealed and also to whom they may be revealed.

Chairman Lingenfelter said that an amendment had been suggested to him for SB 132 by Senator Hug which would add counselors and the employees of county or district health offices to the persons designated in Section 1, par. 2. He said this amendment had been requested by the Department of Health and Welfare and asked if Mr. Larson had any objections to it. Mr. Larson said that he did not. Further, the committee discussed the term "a fellow school employee" in Section 1, par. 1 and it was agreed with Mr. Larson that this term wanted restriction inasmuch as a janitor could qualify under the term. Both Mr. Larson and Mr. Gamble agreed that this was a good observation and deserved correction.

SB 133 removes authority to grant temporary teaching permits. Mr. Larson said that the granting of temporary teaching permits is no longer done except as a paperwork duplicating process. At one time it was felt that these permits could be used in the certification process but experience has developed that the entire certification process must be retained and either provisional or substitute certificates are required other than temporary permits. The bill, then, would clarify certification and delete the duplicate process of "permits"

SB 135 changes designations of employees of the department of

education. Mr. Larson said that this bill is necessary to correct the statutes as the result of the reorganization of the department that has taken place. In the reorganization process, job designations were altered. For example, first assistants became deputies and some assistants became associates.

SB 129 was further discussed by the committee with regard to the allowing of the teacher's oath of office to be administered by a notary public. Mr. Larson and Mr. Gamble explained that the teacher's oath of office is made a part of the application and certification process. It is no longer a separate entity and this provision would allow the oath requirements to be met by a teacher applicant prior to the time of school opening. The oath is still required but it can be administered earlier and thereby expedite the process of certification.

Chairman Lingenfelter thanked Mr. Larson and Mr. Gamble for their appearance and excused them from the meeting.

The Chairman asked for the committee's pleasure on SB 129.

Prince moved Do Pass SB 129.

Webb seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Prince moved that SB 132 be amended. The committee agreed to amend line 5 by deleting "a fellow school employee" and inserting "a certificated school employee"; and to amend par. 2 by substituting: "Any such record may be examined by a peace officer, juvenile probation officer, counselor, or employee of the welfare division of the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation, or an employee of a county or district health office."

Prince moved Do Pass SB 132 as amended.

Swallow seconded.

Motion passed over the objection of Webb.

The committee discussed SB 133.

Swallow moved Do Pass SB 133.

Webb seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Webb said that SB 135 was also the budget bill before Ways and Means. He suggested that the changes Mr. Larson requested would be effected by Ways and Means approval of the bill.

Swallow moved Do Pass SB 135.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Webb called the committee's attention to AB 432 which requires parental consent for physical training in public high schools and also to AB 436 which allows dismissal of teachers without cause within two years of employment. He said he had introduced them February 24th and they would be before the committee for consideration.

Meeting adjourned.