

PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK
SESSION ON SB 346 AND SB 355
TAPES 049 - 050 A/B

SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 19, 1997 - 9:00 A.M. - HEARING ROOM B - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Ken Baker, Chair

Sen. Neil Bryant, Vice Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes (arrived 9:21 a.m.)

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Tom Hartung

Sen. Randy Leonard (arrived 9:07 a.m.)

Witnesses: Sen. Gene Timms, District 30

Ray Crawford, Superintendent of Klamath Falls City Schools

Dave Davis, Superintendent of Klamath County Schools

Yvonne Katz, Superintendent of Beaverton School District

Ron Naso, Superintendent of North Clackamas School District

Staff: Steve Meyer, Economist

Carol Phillips, Committee Assistant

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TAPE 049, SIDE A

005 Chair Baker Called meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 355

030 Ray Crawford Exhibit B - 6 pages of data on pending merger of two districts. Currently superintendent of Klamath Falls Elementary School District No. 1 and Klamath Union and Mazama High School District No. 2. The Attorney General's Office reviewed this situation and gave opinion that the two city school districts needed to merge by merger law, but nothing else need occur. There is an overlap area now and will still have an overlap area when the two districts merge. Not asking for additional money. This is a distribution clarification. Questions and discussion followed.

242 Dave Davis Exhibit C - 7 pages of written testimony. Supports SB 355 as proposed.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 355

OPENED WORK SESSION ON SB 355

271 Sen. Bryant MOVES SB 355 TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.
ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES 6 - 0

277 Chair Baker SENATORS VOTING AYE: DUKES, DUNCAN, HARTUNG, LEONARD, BRYANT, BAKER.

Sen. Bryant or Sen. Timms will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 346

295 Yvonne Katz Exhibit D - Equity, Adequacy, and Rapid Growth. Exhibit E (-2) Proposed Amendments to SB 346. Exhibit F (-3) Proposed Amendments to SB 346. Exhibit G (-4) Proposed Amendments to SB 346. Addressing the issues of equity funding now, adequate funding for public education, and the challenges of rapid student enrollment growth. Equity funding for public schools in Oregon must be achieved now. Beaverton School District has grown more than 5,000 students in six years, more than 20% growth.

TAPE 050, SIDE A

002 Katz Continuation of comments. (Reading Exhibit D.) Asking for a grant of \$85,000 for each new portable classroom made necessary for increased student enrollment. Strongly urges inclusion of rapid growth formula factor in SB 346. Also urges full equity as soon as possible. Legacy of Measures 5 and 47 have left local school districts, parents, and students

with nowhere else to turn for help but to the legislature.

- 065 Ron Naso Exhibit E - Written testimony, 1 page. The problems faced in the North Clackamas School District are somewhat different from those in the Beaverton School District, i.e. sustained growth vs. explosive growth. Expect about 3,000 more students added in the next eight to ten years. Voters in North Clackamas School District recently received ballots for an \$82 million bond issue to bring a new high school, new elementary school, and add capacity at current junior highs and elementary schools. In North Clackamas they support (-2) and (-3) amendments. The reason he and Dr. Katz are testifying today is that the equity formula as it currently exists is not working because it is not being funded equally or adequately. Supports the need for amendment; it is of signal importance to get equalization in place. Questions and discussion followed.
- 199 Katz Beaverton high schools have classrooms with 40-42 students, middle schools are 35-37 students, elementaries have 24-28 students depending on the school.
- 217 Naso North Clackamas student ratios are 1 to 25 elementary and 1 to 27 or 28 in middle schools and high schools.
- 230 Sen. Bryant From an election standpoint, asked the witnesses if there was 50% voter turnout in their school districts on bond issues. Dr. Katz responded "No". Mr. Naso also responded "No". Sen. Bryant pointed out that even with vote-by-mail their turnout was less than 50%. Questions and discussion interspersed.
- 259 Chair Baker Asked general cost to equip a new school. Dr. Katz responded that at the high school level, the cost is about \$2.5 million to equip a \$24-\$25 million facility. West View High School was built for \$100.26 per square foot. In the Pacific Northwest the range is \$100 - \$130 per square foot. A middle school would cost approximately \$1 million to equip and \$12 - \$13 million to build. Elementary schools cost about \$750,000 to equip and \$5 - \$6 million to build. Average student attendance is 2,000 in high, 1,200 in middle, and 750 in grade schools in Beaverton. Questions and discussion interspersed.
- 296 Naso Indicated that 10% - 12% of the total cost of school construction cost is given to equipping interior. North Clackamas elementary school target is 600 students, middle schools is 900 students, and high schools approximately 1,800.
- 358 Chair Baker Asked witnesses how their districts voted on Measures 5 and 47. Katz said voters had direct opposite percentages of voting as the state reflected. They defeated it by 52% and the Yes vote was 49% or so. It was that way in the City of Beaverton as well as the school district. Washington County, however, passed it. Naso stated that Clackamas County was among the leaders in percentage favoring Measure 47.
- 395 Chair Baker Adjourned meeting at 9:57 a.m.

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Exhibit Summary:

- A. Container Tax, Marks, Written testimony from earlier meetings, 12 pages
- B. SB 355, Crawford, Written testimony, 6 pages
- C. SB 355, Davis, Written testimony dated 2/14/97, 7 pages
- D. SB 346, Katz, Equity, Adequacy and Rapid Growth, 7 pages
- E. SB 355, Katz, (-2) Proposed Amendments to SB 346, 2/18/97 (CH/ps), 8 pages
- F. SB 346, Katz, (-3) Proposed Amendments to SB 346, 2/18/97 (CH/ps), 8 pages
- G. SB 346, Katz, (-4) Proposed Amendments to SB 346, 2/18/97 (CH/ps), 8 pages
- H. SB 346, Naso, Written testimony dated 2/19/97, 1 page