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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Senate Chambers

Date Meeting Held: 2/1/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 10:15 P.M.

Committee Chairman: Richard Champoux

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE EDUCATION  
AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: State Board of Education - Higher Education

Roll Call:

Richard Champoux	<u>Present</u>
Robert Noble	<u>Present</u>
Lloyd Barnard	<u>Present</u>
William Burkhardt	<u>Present</u>
Marjorie Cain	<u>Present</u>
Max Conover	<u>Present</u>
Carl Davis	<u>Present</u>
Gene Harbaugh	<u>Present</u>
Dan Harrington	<u>Present</u>
Robert Woodmansey	<u>Present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

Forest Anderson - Governor  
Robert Watt - Montana Student President Association  
Harry Gaghen - Faculty Senate - EMC  
Dolores Colburg - Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Polly Prechal - Faculty Senate - EMC  
James Short - President, WMC  
Carl McIntosh - President MSU  
Chadwick Smith - Montana School Boards Association  
C. R. Anderson - Dillon  
Lloyd Markell - Montana Education Association  
James Kenny - Montana School Boards Association

The Governor was the first to speak. He said he would answer questions on the subject of the state board and his role on it. He said the two board system had advantages, although it was not necessarily needed. He said there would be competition for funds not matter what and that competition made for a better government. The Governor should be kept as an ex officio member of the board. He was in favor of the appointment not election of the board members. The number on the land board should be either three or five and not an even number.

Dolores Colburg, State Superintendent spoke next. A copy of her testimony is attached. If there were two boards, the Board of Education would control the elementary and secondary schools and the Board of Regents would control higher education, with adult and post-secondary education under the statutes.

Mr. Harry Gagen on the faculty senate at Eastern Montana College spoke next. A copy of his testimony is attached.

Mr. James Short, President of Western Montana College testified. He was in favor of the two board concept.

Mr. CARL McIntosh, President of Montana State University, passed out a pamphlet, with which his objectives agreed with. A copy of this is attached.

Mr. Robert Watt, lobbyist for the Student Body Presidents of the University System, spoke next. A copy of his testimony is attached.

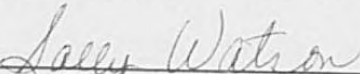
Mr. Chadwick Smith, Helena attorney representing the Montana School Boards Association spoke next. One board is preferred by the MSBA. No one has been able to outline the duties of two boards. He felt two boards would intensify the competition for funds. He said they want a balanced educational system in all aspects of education. He felt the State Superintendent should be appointed. If the work load is too heavy then the State Board should meet more often. The more professionalism on the board the better the board. He felt the duties of the State Superintendent should be set forth by the legislature and the Board.

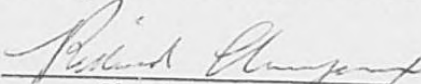
Mr. Lloyd Markell representing the Montana Education Association testified next. He stressed (1) retention of the single Board of Education (2) retention of the State Superintendent as an elected officer and (3) retention of the three ex-officio members of the Board as voting members. He mentioned that we might move in the direction of a chancellor system for the universities.

Mr. C. R. Anderson from Dillon spoke briefly. He said the superintendent does all the work and the board approves it. He felt the State Superintendent should set on the board for elementary and secondary education.

James Kenny, also representing the Montana School Board Association testified. He said he would hate to see the two systems divorced by atonomy. He also stressed the essence of one board.

This concluded the hearing. The committee then discussed a time for deliberation. It was decided to leave this open an up to the chairman.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman