

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 29, 2003

Place: Room 22

Convened: 1/29/2003
3:10 PM

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 1/29/2003
4:45 PM

Present: Senators Boettger-VC, Horn-RM, Kibbie, Shull
Representatives Dolecheck-CH, Upmeyer-VC, Winckler-RM, Davitt, Dennis, Frevort,
Greimann, Kurtenbach, Tymeson

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Schuerer-CH

Senator Nancy Boettger called the meeting to order.

The roll was taken and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Senator Boettger introduced Owen Newlin, President of the Board of Regents Special Schools, who then introduced Greg Nichols, Executive Director. He told the committee what makes the special schools special, and invited the members to visit the schools.

President Newlin introduced and thanked William Johnson, Director of the Iowa School for the Deaf, for his 16 years of service to the school. Mr. Johnson then explained the central purpose and the achievements of the school.

Then President Newlin introduced Dennis Thurman, Director of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, who gave a brief overview and history of the school, and explained the three basic types of services offered by the school.

Following questions and comments for the special school directors, Senator Boettger introduced Steven Wooderson, Acting Administrator Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. He explained the major program areas of the division, as well as the history of the expenditures.

Senator Boettger then introduced Allen Harris, Executive Director of the Department for the Blind, who offered a brief overview of the department's programs. The department controller explained the departments budget request.

Representative Dolecheck and Senator Boettger thanked all the presenters, and Chairman Boettger asked for any final business. There being none, Representative Tymeson moved to arise.

Senator Nancy Boettger

Beverly Walsmith, Committee Secretary