

Touring

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group went to Bodie and then to Virginia City.

"We took the steep route," he said. "You needed to be in low gear to get up that hill."

The 6-cylinder engine cars were built between 1929 and 1936 and have been restored to their original condition.

The group is staying at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden.

"A lot of the owners of these motor cars have done a wonderful job of restoration," said 25-year club member Jim Pappakostas.

Pappakostas said he has enjoyed his stay in Carson Valley.

"The people at the Inn have been very gracious," he said.

The organization was founded in 1961 and has 8,000 members worldwide.

More information is available at www.vcca.org.

The organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Flint, Mich., next summer.

Group members said they were leaving Carson Valley for their next stop on Saturday morning.



Jim Pappakostas' 1933 Chevrolet waits to turn south on Foothill after visiting Genoa on Thursday morning. Members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America were visiting regional attractions.

Kurt Hildebrand

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She proposed drawing up to 35 percent of the funds this year as phase I, approximately \$398,000, to use first in conjunction with count day findings.

If high enrollment exists at certain sites, Noonan set spending at \$120,000-\$220,000 to hire one-year-only teachers rather than pulling staff from schools where enrollment is low.

She said the Douglas County Professional Education Association proposed the same measure to avoid disrupting current classes.

The teacher's union also proposed rehiring teachers who were laid off at the end of the last school year. Due to declining enrollment, seven teaching positions were eliminated.

Noonan recommended using \$120,000 to rehire two teachers as "special assignment" teachers, to be placed where most needed for the remainder of the year.

Following Noonan's recommendation, principals

could then apply for the remainder of phase I funding, approximately \$58,000-\$158,000, to bolster site intervention monies used for tutoring and other programs, with a priority on using classified staff who've had work hours or days reduced in past budget cycles.

The big chunk of emergency funding, \$739,000, or 65 percent, should be saved for the 2011-12 fiscal year as part of phase II, Noonan argued, in order to save as many jobs as possible when the state's "budget cliff" approaches and becomes reality.

"If we anticipate the budget cliff coming, and may have to reduce positions beyond attrition, then we should hire this year for one year only," Noonan said. "I don't think we can commit in September 2010 to how far out this money will go. Any jobs offered now need to end in June."

School board members agreed, voting 6-0, with Cindy Trigg absent, to approve Noonan's plan as outlined.

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