

the Deaf and the Omaha Public School District in terms of finding a different place for this facility?

SENATOR BROWN: I am aware that there have been discussions with another school district about the possibility of moving into a facility that they have that is substantially smaller.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In addition to talking to the Omaha School District?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And would that be District 66, do you know?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And the only reason I'm asking this because I'm trying to get into focus exactly what is happening. If these negotiations prove unsuccessful, does that mean that the School for the Deaf would remain where it is?

SENATOR BROWN: I do not believe so. I think that the Appropriations Committee and the Department of Education has signaled to the School for the Deaf that the per pupil cost that they're running in the facility that they are currently occupying is just not reasonable and that within the next biennium that this will be resolved and so this is just a temporary maintenance of their funding so that they can have a little time to continue to pursue their options but I'm relatively sure that within the next two years they will be in a different facility.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is information that I need to have. If that does not happen, would the Nebraska School for the Deaf cease to be?

SENATOR BROWN: That would depend on decisions made in the Department of Education in terms of what their budgeting...what they would ask for from the Appropriations Committee, what the Appropriations Committee would recommend to this body.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we are concerned in the instance of locating a juvenile facility about the fact that people who may have land to sell are aware that the state has put a mandate on a division to purchase land and therefore the sellers are given