

**Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division**  
**March 8, 2005**  
**3:30 p.m. Room 123**  
**Chair, Senator John C. Hottinger**

Present:

Hottinger, Chair  
Bob Kierlin  
Gary Kubly  
Sean Nienow  
Sandy Pappas  
Linda Scheid  
Dan Sparks  
Betsy Wergin

Absent:

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Presentation by EdWatch**

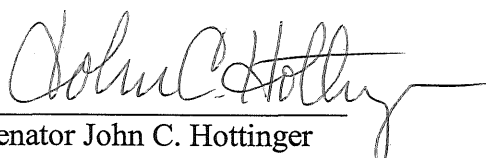
- Karen Effrem, Ph.D, gave a PowerPoint presentation, accompanied by the attached handouts. Dr. Effrem stated that the Education Standards are vague and subjective. They are also extremely controversial.
- Mike Grabow, child care provider, made the point that not all kids are ready for school at the age of 5. For most children preschool is unnecessary, and for others it is counter productive.
- Joanne Aldrich, concerned grandmother from Shorewood, is against taking children away from their parents at early ages. She referenced the care her grandchildren are receiving in Italy.
- Dr. Effrem answered questions from the committee.

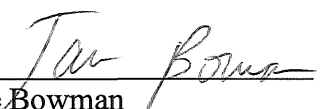
**AGENDA ITEM #2: S.F. 1278 Olson, Governor's Education Budget Bill, Articles 8 – 10**

- Karen Carlson, Department of Education, gave a summary of the changes to Articles 8 & 9.
- Dr. Barry Shaffer, Department of Education, gave a summary of Article 10.
- Ms. Carlson and Dr. Shaffer answered questions from the committee.
- There was no vote take on this bill, as it was a generally information hearing.

Senator Kubly adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Senator John C. Hottinger  
Division Chair

  
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Jane Bowman  
Division Secretary

# **Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division**

Chair: Sen. John Hottinger

**Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

## **Presentation by Ed Watch**

1. Dr. Karen Effrem
2. Michael Grabow
3. Joanne Aldrich

## **S.F. 1278-Olson: Governor's education budget bill, Articles 8 - 10**

1. Minnesota Department of Education staff
  - Karen Carlson
  - Lisa DeRemee
  - Dan Smith
  - Dr. Barry Shaffer

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: ~~Early~~ Early Childhood Education Policy & Budget division

Date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Day: Tuesday Start Time: 3:07

### Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	S.F. 1287 - Olson
Short Descriptor	- <del>first hearing</del>
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