

**K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

**9:00 a.m. Room 112 - State Capitol**

**Members Present**

Senator E. Anderson  
Senator M. Fischbach  
Senator D. Gaither  
Senator D. Hann  
Senator M. Jungbauer  
Senator S. Kelley  
Senator K. Langseth  
Senator S. Marko  
Senator G. Olson  
Senator T. Saxhaug  
Senator L. Scheid  
Senator W. Skoglund  
Senator B. Wergin

**Members Excused**

Senator L. Stumpf  
Senator D. Johnson  
Senator S. Nienow  
Senator D. Sparks  
Senator Wiger

Senator Marko called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

The Budget Division heard three bills which were laid over for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Budget bill.

Senator Neuville chief author of S.F. 1324 which allows school boards to elect to levy debt service against alternative referendum market value presented his bill.

Testifying:

Joel Whitehurst – Superintendent – Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District  
Leonard Pederson – School Board Member ISD 2143  
Chris Radatz – Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Tom Melcher – DOE  
Tom Deans

Handout # 1 – Comparison of Net Tax Capacity  
Handout # 2 – Fiscal Status

Senator Skoglund – S.F. 1367 which provides that a school district's net debt limit does not include bonds issued to pay pension fund liabilities presented his bill.

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Testifying:

Jim Grathwol – Mpls Schools

Senator Marko – chief author of S.F. 1052 which establishes a five-year pilot program in the South St. Paul School District to assess the benefits of extending the International Baccalaureate program across all grades in the district and to measure the program's effectiveness in improving student performance and academic achievement presented her bill.

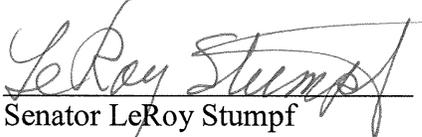
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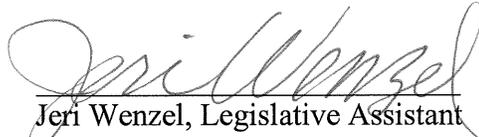
Dana Babbitt – Superintendent – South St. Paul  
Connie Garling – Principal – Lincoln Center School

Motion:

To lay S.F. 1052 on the table for possible inclusion into the Omnibus E-12 Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

  
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Jeri Wenzel, Legislative Assistant



## **SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING**

### **K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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#### **AGENDA**

S.F. 1324-Neuville: Levying debt services against referendum market value  
Joel Whitehurst, Superintendent - Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District  
Chris Radatz - Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

S.F. 1052-Marko: Elementary & middle schools years International Baccalaureate programs

S.F. 1367-Skoglund: Expanding the definition of net debt limit  
Jim Grathwol – Mpls Schools

Senator Sharon Marko  
Vice Chairperson

Jeri Wenzel  
Legislative Assistant