

**K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

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

**Members Present**

Senator L. Stumpf  
Senator E. Anderson  
Senator M. Fischbach  
Senator D. Gaither  
Senator D. Johnson  
Senator M. Jungbauer  
Senator S. Kelley  
Senator K. Langseth  
Senator S. Marko  
Senator S. Nienow  
Senator G. Olson  
Senator T. Saxhaug  
Senator L. Scheid  
Senator W. Skoglund  
Senator D. Sparks  
Senator B. Wergin  
Senator C. Wiger

**Members Excused**

Senator D. Hann

Senator Stumpf called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The agenda today are bills that provide for increases in the basic education formula. These bills passed for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education Budget bill.

Senator Rest, chief author of S.F. 1311 which funds an area learning center pupils introduced her bill.

Testifying:

Dr. Tom Melcher – DOE

Motion:

Senator Scheid moved S.F. 1311 for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger, chief author of S.F. 12 relating to education finance presented his bill.

Testifying:

Kathy Miller – School Board Chair – North St. Paul

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Mary Jacobson – parent

Dan Kaler – Superintendent North St. Paul Maplewood Oakdale Public Schools

Motion:

That S.F. 12 is recommended for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Kelley, chief author of S.F. 1304 relating to education funding presented his bill.

Motion:

Senator Kelley moved to put the A-1 amendment before the committee. Motion prevailed.

Kay Kessel – League of Women Voters

Kim Lang – League of Women Voters

Mary Cecconi – Parents United Network

Marge Porter – Battle Creek Elementary School

Barbara Klaas – Alliance for Student Achievement

Janet O'Connell –

Craig Roen – Groveland Park Elementary

Motion:

Senator Kelley moved that S.F. 1304 be considered for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Bachmann, chief author of S.F. 1532 which proposes a uniform increase in the basic general education revenue amounts presented her bill.

Testifying:

Brad Lundell – Schools for Equity in Education

Stephanie Atkins – parent

Motion:

Senator Olson moved to put the A-1 amendment before the committee. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 1532 be considered for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Jungbauer, chief author of S.F. 1239 which would modify pupil units for certain students presented his bill.

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Testifying:

Bobby Heller – Elk River Student

Ashley Winkelman – ALC student

Blaine Erickson – Student – Iverson Community College - Elk River

Allen Zinski – Guadalupe Alternative Programs

Motion:

Senator Jungbauer moved that S.F. 1239 be recommended for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Chaudhary, chief author of S.F. 1697 which provides for a long-term stable source of funding for MN school districts presented his bill.

Motion:

Senator Kelley moved to put the A-1 amendment before the committee. Motion prevailed.

Testifying:

Mimi Fitzsimmons – Parent Legislative Team

Roger Giroux – Superintendent – Anoka Hennepin School District

Dave Buck – Director – Business Services – Anoka Hennepin School District

Jim Bartholomew – MN Business Partnership

Motion:


Senator Kelley moved that S.F. 1697 as amended be considered for possible inclusion in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.


Senator Wiger, chief author of S.F. 10 which restores the special education program growth factors presented his bill.

Motion:

Senator Wiger moved to include S.F. 10 in the E-12 Omnibus Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 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

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

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**9:00 am. -11:30 a.m.  
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### **Agenda**

- S.F. 1311-Rest: Funding for area learning center pupils
- S.F. 1304-Kelley: Increasing basic formula allowance  
Kay Kessel – League of Women Voters  
Mary Cecconi – Parents United Network  
Marge Porter – Battle Creek Elementary School  
Barbara Klaas – Alliance for Student Achievement  
Janet O'Connell –
- S.F. 12-Wiger: General education formula allowance increase  
Dan Kaler – Superintendent – North St. Paul Schools  
Kathy Miller – School Board Member – North St. Paul  
Mary Jacobson – Parent
- S.F. 1532-Bachmann: Uniform increase basic general education revenue  
Brad Lundell – Schools for Equity
- S.F. 10-Wiger: Restoring special education growth factors  
Dan Kaler – Superintendent – North St. Paul Schools  
Kathy Miller – School Board Member – North St. Paul  
Mary Jacobson – Parent  
Steve Larson – ARC Minnesota
- S.F. 1239-Jungbauer: Increasing the formula allowance and modifying pupil units.
- S.F. 1697-Chaudhary: Long term stable education funding source  
Dave Buck -Director -Business Services, Anoka-Henn School District  
Roger Giroux - Superintendent - Anoka-Hennepin School District  
Mimi Fitzsimmons - Parent Legislative Team  
Jim Bartholomew – Minnesota Business Partnership

S.F. 1698-Chaudhary: Restoring funding for special education program  
Bob Brick of the PACER Center - parent of special ed student  
Roger Giroux - Superintendent - Anoka-Hennepin School District  
Dave Buck - Director -Business Services, Anoka-Hennepin School District  
Mimi Fitzsimmons - Parent Legislative Team

S.F. 1402-Stumpf: School finance study  
Brad Lundell – Schools for Equity  
Dr. Greg Vandal  
Mary Cecconi – Parents United Network

S.F. 245-Marty: Increasing basic formula allowance.  
William Morris – MN Recreation and Park Association

S.F. 945-Saxhaug: Requiring state payment of excessive educational costs

S.F. 394-Stumpf: SD 595 East Grand Forks levy for disability access projects

S.F. 587-Sams: North Central Service Cooperative Calculation of Special Ed Revenue

Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

Jeri Wenzel  
Legislative Assistant