

Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division

March 16, 2006

3:00 p.m. Room 123

Chair, Senator John C. Hottinger

Present:

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

Absent:

Bob Kierlin

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: **S.F. 2885-Larson:** Bonding for a regional family resource and early childhood center in Verndale

Senator Larson introduced his bill.

- Jim Madsen, Superintendent, Verndale Public Schools, spoke in support of this bill. He wants to stop duplicating services, and combine programs

Senator Hottinger spoke about putting this bill into the official bonding request letter from the committee.

MOTION: Senator Kubly moved that the bill be recommended to pass, and considered for possible inclusion in the bonding request.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 2: **S.F. 894-Clark:** Adult Basic Education modifications

MOTION: Senator Nienow moved adoption of the A-1 Amendment.

Passed.

Senator Clark introduced the bill.

- Tom Cytron-Hysom, Legislative Chair, Literacy Minnesota, explained many ABE services and the demands thereof.
- Pat Thomas, ABE Director, Marshall area, helps people get citizenship. She is in support of the bill because it helps the economy.
- Meda Esperanza Paradise, 2005 adult diploma graduate, St. Paul, supports help for immigrants. She is an immigrant who faced many hardships, but has been greatly helped by ABE.
- Chue Lor, student, Roseville Adult Learning Center, ABE has helped him get a good job and take care of his family.
- Nancy Jane Meyer, Hmong American Partnership, introduced her student,
- Chee Xiong, student, intensive ESL, Hmong American Partnership, supports more money to ABE. He was a refugee from Thailand, and wants to be able to support himself.

MOTION: Senator Wergin moved to hold the bill over for possible inclusion in the bonding request letter.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: **S.F. 3233-Hottinger:** Bonding for an early childhood facility in St. Peter
Senator Hottinger introduced the bill, which would help St. Peter design, renovate, and equip a nursing home to become an early learning center.

- Dr. Terence S. Morrow, Chair, St. Peter Board of Education, spoke to the plans for the center.
- Jeff Olson, Superintendent, St. Peter Public Schools, answered questions and spoke in favor of this bill.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved to hold the bill over for possible inclusion in the bonding request letter.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: **“Coordination of Early Care and Education Programs,”** 2006 Report to the Legislature

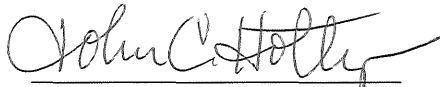
- Karen Carlson, Director, Early Learning Services, Dept. of Education
 - Deb Swenson-Klatt, Manager, Child Development Services, Dept. of Human Services
 - Mary Sheehan, Director, Community and Family Health, Dept. of Health
- The presenters walked the committee through the report.

“Family Child Care Licensing Fees,” Minnesota Department of Human Services

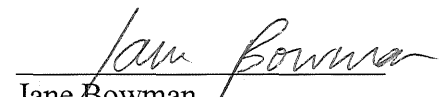
- Deb Swenson-Klatt, Manager, Child Development Services, Dept. of Human Services, spoke about the recommendations included in the report.
- Jerry Gerber, Director of Licensing, Department of Human Services, spoke to future considerations for the committee.
- Elizabeth Morge, President of Childcare Licensing Association, urged the committee to listen to the recommendation to address the inequality between the center rates and the home rates.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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