

Education Policy Committee
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
12:30 PM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - Chair, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm.

S.F. 449: Senator Gustafson: Comprehensive school mental health services lead positions establishment and appropriation.

Senator Gustafson presented SF449. Testimony was heard from Amy Jones, Member of MN State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Senator Gustafson presented SF449A1. Senator Maye Quade moved to adopt SF449A1. Voice Vote was taken.
Motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 449, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.
MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 619: Senator Kunesh: Teachers of Color Act modification and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh presented SF619. Testimony was heard from Sarah Lancaster, Teacher, Onamia School District, 2022 MN Teacher of the Year; Azomali Obisakin, Student, St. Paul Public Schools; Sidarth Gazula, Minnesota Youth Council Rep, Student, Wayzata Public Schools Marsara Dunbar, Minnesota Youth Council Rep, Student, Parnassus Preparatory School; Janet Freeberg-Lawson, Teacher, Osseo Area Schools; Kimyatta Lewis, Teacher Candidate, MSU-Mankato; Shannon Geshick, Executive Director, MN Indian Affairs; Katya Zepeda, Legislative and Policy Director of Education, MN Council on Latino Affairs.

Senator Kunesh presented SF449A1 and moved to adopt. Voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 619, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



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