

Education Policy Committee

Monday, February 20, 2023

12:30 PM or Immediately Following Senate Session, 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 12:54 pm

S.F. 476: Senator Mitchell: Climate justice instruction for school districts and charter schools requirement.

Senator Mitchell presented SF476. Testimony was heard from Kristen Poppleton, Senior Director of Programs, Climate Generation; Noelle Cirisan, Political Manager, MN 350 ; Beth Mercer Taylor, Sustainability Education Co-Director, University of Minnesota; Yvonne Mongare, Nursing Student, University of Minnesota; Patty Born Selly, Climate Literacy Certificate Lead, Hamline University; Dr. Michelle Garvey, University of Minnesota Community-Based Programming Cohort, Environmental Justice Program; Josh Leonard, Climate Action Team, Saint Paul Public Schools; Jessica Garraway, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers; Clare Carroll, Communications Coordinator, Lower Phalen Creek Project; Emma Mushaka, Community Engagement Facilitator Lower Phalen Creek Project; Thomas Lucy, St. Paul Federation of Educators Climate Action Team, SPPS; Amal Mohamed, Bloomington Jefferson Green Team; Rakiya Sheikhosman, YEA! Leader, Edina High School Student; Manny Vazquez Fragoso, Minneapolis South High School Student, Youth in Power, MNIPL; Tahm Loyd, YEA! Leader, Bloomington High School Student; Alison Wood, Duluth High School Science Teacher; Clement Loo, Assistant Professor in Environment Studies, University of Minnesota Morris; Iman Deriche, Environmental Science, Student; Jenn Fuller, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 476, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1240: Senator Putnam: Support staff persons requirement for early childhood family education programs.

Senator Putnam presented SF1240. Testimony was heard from Sara McKeever, Parent Educator, St. Cloud Area School District 742.

Senator Mann moved that S.F. 1240, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1401: Senator Westlin: Service-learning integration into Minnesota\'s education system.

Senator Westlin presented SF1401. Testimony was heard from Paula Buegen, the Founder of Re-Invigorating the Conversation.

Senator Hauschild moved that S.F. 1401, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair

Reagan Greene

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