

Education Policy Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 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 12:41

General Items:

S.F. 911: Senator Morrison: School-related active transportation policy provisions modification.

Senator Morrison presented SF911. Testimony is heard from Dorian Grilley, Executive Director, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota.

Senator Morrison presented SF911A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 911, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Transportation Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2500: Senator Hoffman: High school students permission to earn elective credits through employment with certain health care providers.

Senator Hoffman presented SF2500. Testimony was heard from Tara Erickson, Best Life Alliance, Disability Service Coalition; Nicole Mattson, Long Term Care Imperative.

Senator Hoffman presented SF2500A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 2500, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2373: Senator Kunesh: Prekindergarten statutes obsolete language removal.

Senator Kunesh presented SF2373.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 2373, be recommended to pass.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2377: Senator Kunesh: Childhood family education statues obsolete language removal.

Senator Kunesh presented SF2377.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 2377, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 60: Senator Kunesh: Educational data sharing permission with Tribal nations about Tribally enrolled or descendent students.

Senator Kunesh presented SF60. Testimony was heard from Adosh Unni, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Education; Irene Folstrom, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 60, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

Senator Bolden assumed the gavel.

S.F. 680: Senator Cwodzinski: Teacher preparation time provisions modification.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF680. Testimony was heard from Ginger Williams, English Language Arts teacher, Moorhead Public Schools; John Bartholow, Social Studies teacher, Winona; Chris Triggs, Principal, Robert Asp Elementary, Moorhead Public Schools; Chuck Ochocki, Principal, South St. Paul High School; Crystal Brakke, Richfield School Board Member, the chair of AMSD; Sam Walseth, MN Rural Education Association; Erick Norby, Principal, Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

Chair Cwodzinski moved SF680 to be laid on the table.

Chair Cwodzinski reassumed the gavel.

S.F. 1273: Senator Maye Quade: The Read Act.

Senator Maye Quade presented SF1273. Testimony was heard from

Maria Roberts, Wilshire Park Principal, New Brighton, MN; Kate Skippel, SD 197, Eagan and Mendota Heights; Justin Killian, Education Minnesota; Khulia Pringle, Parent and Community Advocate; Barb Duffin, Mahtomedi Superintendent; Lucy Payne, Mahtomedi School Board Member & PESBL Board Member; Wendy Stuttgen, Associate Director of Literacy, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAERI) University of Minnesota; Nafeesah Muhammad, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Deputy Director of Campaigns; Charlie Tirey, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Organizer; Dr. Justin Killian, Policy and Research, Education Minnesota; Emilia Kalsheur, Structured literacy, Special educator, Rochester school district; Malachi Johnson, teacher of color, advocate for students of color; Adosh Unni, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Education; Dr. George G. Hruby, Associate Research Professor, Director of Collaborative Center for Literacy Development.

Senator Maye Quade presented SF1273A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1273, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair

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