

Education Finance Committee
Thursday, January 19, 2023
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson - Vice Chair, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

S.F. 28: Senator Westlin: School districts special education services fully funding establishment and appropriation.

Senator Westlin offers the a-1 amendment. Amendment passes.

Testifiers: John Morstad Director of Finance AT Osseo School District, Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts Executive Director David Engstrom – Robbinsdale Superintendent, Kristi Peterson School board chair Shakopee Area schools, Heidi Nistler Special Education Director for Eden Prairie Schools, Rochelle Cox Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent, Kate Lynne Snyder Lobbyist Education Minnesota

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 28, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 21: Senator Oumou Verbeten: English learner programming funding increase; English learner cross subsidy aid addition; appropriating money.

Testifiers: Lourdes Flores-Hanson Administrator for the Multilingual Learners program at Roseville area schools, Dr. Sarah Schmidt de Carranza Executive Director Office of Multilingual Learning, Irma Márquez Trapero Executive Director of LatinoLEAD, Natalia Benjamin 2021 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Coordinator for Multilingual Learning, Rochester Public Schools, Paola Cole Educators for Excellence

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 21, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant