

Education Finance Committee  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
6:00 PM Livestream YouTube

## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Mary K. Kunesch - 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

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Senator Mary K. Kunesch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Call to Order

**S.F. 32:** Senator McEwen: Wage credits modification and reimbursement provision.

Senator McEwen offered the a-1 amendment, a-1 amendment passed with a voice vote


### Testifiers

1. Dave Kamper, Economic Policy Institute
2. Adosh Unni, J.D. Director of Government Relations MDE
3. Sarah Cooke, Roseville Public School Parent
4. Denise Dittrich, Minnesota School Boards Association
5. Leah Harper, St. Louis Park Parent (virtual)
6. Jodi Primrose, Paraprofessional, Brainerd Public Schools (virtual)
7. Rochelle Stoffel, Clerk, St. Paul Public Schools
8. Scott McMahon, MN School Bud Operators Association
9. Lwan Moe, First Student Bus Driver
10. Christie Elliot, Para with Crosby-Ironton Schools (virtual)
11. Avonna Starck, Fridley School Board Member (virtual)
12. Tina Burkholder, Director of Business Services, Monticello Public Schools (virtual)
13. Andrea Hanek, Duluth Parent (virtual)
14. Sara Rapp, Cook at Hastings High School
15. Cat Briggs, Bus Driver District 196

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 32, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Higher Education Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM



Senator Mary Kunesch, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant