

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

Minutes

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

Senator Mary K. Kunesch called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Call to order

S.F. 2552: Senator Kupec: Equalization aid increase for the debt service equalization program.

Testifiers

1. Mark Matuska, Kasson-Mantorville Superintendent (remote)

Senator Kunesch moved that S.F. 2552, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1330: Senator Kupec: Long-term facilities maintenance revenue program cost remodel and appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Brandon Lunak, Superintendent of Moorhead Public Schools
2. Jeff Drake, Superintendent of Fergus Falls Public School

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1330, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1601: Senator Hoffman: Operating referendum program equalization aid increase; property tax levies decrease; appropriating money.

Testifiers

1. Michelle Vargas, Chief Financial Officer, Anoka-Hennepin School District (in-person)
2. Marci Anderson, Board Chair, Anoka-Hennepin School District (in-person)

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 1601, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 866: Senator Westlin: Future increases in local optional revenue linkage to the growth in the general education basic formula allowance.

Testifiers

- 1. David Law, Minnetonka Superintendent (in-person)**
- 2. Anne-Marie Foucalt, St. Michael Albertville Superintendent (in-person)**

**Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 866, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1247: Senator Dahms: Allowed uses clarification of long-term facilities maintenance revenue and capital levies.

Testifiers

- 1. Dena Hagen, Director of Special Education, Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative (virtual)**
- 2. Jeremy Kovash, Executive Director of Lakes County Service Cooperative (in-person)**

**Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 1247, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant