

Minnesota State Senate

Education Policy Committee
Thursday, March 14, 2024
5:30 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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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 Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Grant Hauschild

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on March 14th, 2024, in Room 1150 of the Minnesota Senate Building. The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. A quorum was present.

S.F. 3617: Senator Mitchell: Physical and sexual abuse education requirement.

Senator Mitchell presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3617:
Marcia Millikin, MN Children’s Alliance
Anuraa Venkat, East Ridge High School student

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1318: Senator Mann: School employee health insurance authorization; nonlicensed school personnel minimum starting salary increase; paid orientation and professional development for paraprofessionals authorization; appropriating money.

Senator Mann presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1318:
William Schwandt, Program Management Aide, Poplar Bridge Elementary School, Bloomington Public Schools
Christopher Kampa, Director of Finance and Operations, Cambridge Isanti Schools

Senator Mann moved that S.F. 1318, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee. -
MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 3974: Senator Mann: Parental notice of a student pulled out of the classroom establishment.

Senator Mann presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3974:
Matt Singh, Student
Jordan Singh, wife of abuse survivor
Michael Singh, Parent
Roger Aronson, School Principal organizations
Matt Shaver, Education Allies

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 3771: Senator Coleman: High School League coaches eating disorder prevention education resources provision.

Senator Coleman presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3771:

Lisa Radzak, WithAll

Roger Aronson, Minnesota State High School League

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 3731: Senator Kunesh: North Star state education accountability plan amendment provision.

Senator Kunesh presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3731:

Dr Eric Melbye, Superintendent, Bloomington Public Schools, MSBA

Dr. Julio Caesar, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, Bloomington Public Schools

David Heistad, former Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, Minneapolis Public schools and Bloomington Public Schools

Shana Morse, Minnesota Department of Education, Assistant Director of Government Affairs

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 4545: Senator Kunesh: Commissioner of education modification of rules relating to regional libraries authorization.

Senator Kunesh presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4545:

Matt Udermann, Carver County Commissioner

Maureen Hartman, Director of the Saint Paul Public Library

Jodi Grebinoski, President of the Minnesota Library Association

Shana Morse, Minnesota Department of Education, Assistant Director of Government Affairs

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 4106: Senator Kunesh: School endowment fund apportionment modification.

Senator Kunesh presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4106:

Denise Dittrich, MSBA

Laurie Harper, Director of Education for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Chair of the Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC)

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 4106, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Call to Order

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25

