

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson Vice Chair, Senator Jason Rarick, 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 Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Steve Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Call to Order

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 presents S.F. 1318.
Senator Cwodzinski offered the A5 amendment to S.F. 1318. **MOTION ADOPTED.**
The following individuals testified on S.F.1318:
Melissa Grewe, Paraeducator at Mounds View; Denise Dittrich, Minnesota School Boards Association; Michelle Denard, ESP, Osseo;
Melissa Grewe, Paraeducator at Mounds View

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1318, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3370: Senator Gustafson: Student teacher stipend establishment and appropriation.

Senator Gustafson offered the A1 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED.**
Senator Gustafson presents SF3370
The following individuals testified on S.F.3370:
Laura Mogelson, Legislative Liaison, MN Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies; Khalia Kelly-Ellis, Winona State University Senior, Special Education Major

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 3370, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 5204: Senator Kunesh: Teacher and paraprofessional compensation working group establishment.

Senator Gustafson assumed Chair duties.
Senator Kunesh offered the A2 amendment to S.F. 5204. **MOTION PREVAILED.**
Senator Kunesh presents SF5204
The following individuals testified on S.F.5204:
Justin Killian, Ph.D, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 5204, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4219: Senator Dornink: Special education teacher pipeline grant uses modifications and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

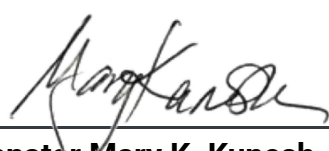
Senator Dornik presented S.F. 4219

The following individuals testified on S.F.4219:

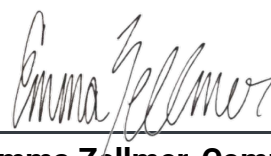
Dan Armagost, Executive Director, Southern Minnesota Education Consortium

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 4219, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Emma Zellmer, Committee Administrator