

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Thursday, April 4, 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 Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten

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

Call to Order

S.F. 3449: Senator Gustafson: General education basic formula allowance increase and appropriation.

Senator Gustafson presented S.F. 3449.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3449:
Matt Grose, Superintendent, Grand Rapids; John Vento, director on Robbinsdale Area Schools school board; Jeff Holmberg, Superintendent of Centennial Schools #12

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 3449, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4184: Senator Gustafson: Local optional revenue modifications, unemployment costs and family paid medical leave in local optional revenue inclusion, referendum revenue simplification, equalization aid increase, and appropriating money.

Senator Gustafson presented S.F. 4184.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4184:
Shannon Mitchell, Public Policy and Advocacy Director, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS); Jeff Holmberg, Superintendent of Centennial Schools #12; Paul Bourgeois, Director of Finance and Operations, Minnetonka Public Schools; Brad Lundell, Executive Director, Schools For Equity in Education

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 4184, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 5256: Senator Kunesh: Certain lunchroom furniture costs authorization in the school food service fund.

Senator Cwodzinski assumed Chair duties.
Senator Kunesh presented S.F. 5256.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5256:
Mandy Fletcher, Superintendent, Blue Earth Area School District; Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent, Becker Public School District

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 5256, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4192: Senator Maye Quade: Children placed in foster care to access school-age care programs priority requirement; school age-care revenue eligibility and uses modification; appropriating money.

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

Senator Maye Quade moved the A1 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Maye Quade presented S.F. 4192.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 4192, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3790: Senator Hauschild: Child care cost assistance program establishment; disclosure of tax return information for purposes of verifying eligibility for early child care and learning benefit programs authorization; appropriating money.

Senator Hauschild presented S.F. 3790.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3790:

Jill Westendorp, Leader, TakeAction Minnesota Leader; Robert Haider, Legislative Director, TakeAction Minnesota; Karen DeVos, Owner, Little Learners, Ada and Halstad, MN; Ericca Maas, Think Small Policy & Advocacy; Laura Delventhal, Parent; Debra Messenger, Owner, All Ages & Faces Academy and Childcare Center (St. Paul, MN)

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 3790, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Emma Zellmer, Committee Administrator