

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 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 Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Call to Order

S.F. 5252: Senator Kunesh: Supplemental funding provision for prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

Informational Hearing.
The following individuals testified on S.F.5252:
Willie Jett, Commissioner of Education; Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 5252, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

E12-Related Provisions in Public Finance Bill

The following individuals testified on E12-Related Provisions in Public Finance Bill:
Joseph T. Bagnoli, Lobbyist; Rhonda Skoby, Public Finance Attorney, Dorsey Law Firm

S.F. 3860: Senator Kunesh: English learner programs and alternative education programs modification.

Senator Gustafson assumed Chair duties.

Senator Kunesh presented S.F. 3860.
The following individuals testified on S.F.3860:
Michelle Higgins, Executive Director, Rebuilding the Village; Zeke Jackson, Executive Director, People for PSEO; Jerry Von Korff, Attorney; Brad Jensen, President, MAAP

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 3860, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4293: Senator Westlin: Cardiac emergency response plans for schools requirement and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

Senator Westlin offered the A1 amendment to S.F. 4293. **MOTION PREVAILED.**
Senator Westlin presents S.F. 4293.
The following individuals testified on S.F.4293:

Troy Hoehn, Minnesota Athletic Trainers' Association; Roger J. Aronson, on behalf of School Principals and others; Paul Weirtz, State Government Relations Director, American Heart Association; Dale Wakasugi, Proprietor, MY AED and CPR Solutions

Senator Gustafson assumed Chair duties.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 4293, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4907: Senator Cwodzinski: Onetime aid creation to improve student attendance.

Senator Cwodzinski presented S.F. 4907.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4907:

John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney; Christine Tucci Osorio, Superintended, North St. PaulMaplewood-Oakdale; Brenda Lewis, Superintendent, Fridley School District; Zena Stenvick, Superintendent, Columbia Heights School District; Lucia Guillen, Check & Connect, Minneapolis Public Schools; Nona Champion, 9th Grade, Roosevelt High School; Ayaniah (Yani) Hernandez-Mata, 10th Grade, Roosevelt High School; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 4907, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4805: Senator Farnsworth: Historic school building preservation long-term facilities maintenance revenue authorization.

Senator Farnsworth presented S.F. 4805.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4805:

Richard Aldrich, Superintendent, Hibbing Public Schools; Kim McLaughlin, School Board Member, Hibbing Public Schools

Senator Farnsworth moved that S.F. 4805, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4995: Senator Hauschild: School district seasonal tax base replacement aid establishment.

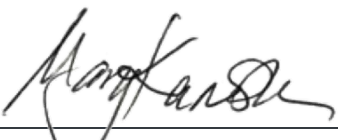
Senator Hauschild presented S.F. 4995

The following individuals testified on S.F.4995:

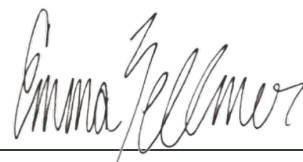
Jay Belcastro, Superintendent of Lake Superior Schools; Kim Johnson, School Business Manager for St. Louis County Schools; Christopher Belanger, Industrial Technology teacher from Lake County; Chad Benesh, Teacher, Cook County Schools

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 4995, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41am.



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Emma Zellmer, Committee Administrator