

Minnesota State Senate

Education Policy Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
12:30 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - **Chair**, Senator Julia E. Coleman - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice Chair**

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:38PM

Call to Order

S.F. 360: Senator Farnsworth: Required mathematics academic standards and credit requirements modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0360:
Terry Vesel, Retired Industrial Arts teacher (remote)
Scott Vedbraaten, Superintendent, Browerville Schools
Tony Harkonen, Retired Math Teacher (remote)
Chad Snider, Assistant Principal, Hibbing (remote)
Robert Wedl, Former MDE Commissioner
Dr. Kristen Hengtgen, PhD (remote)
Matt Shaver, Ed Allies

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 360, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1355: Senator Boldon: Healthy aging and dementia education provided by school encouragement provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1355:
Robert Freeman, Alzheimer’s Association

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 1355, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1474: Senator Gustafson: Public high schools requirement to participate in the direct admissions program.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1474:
Matt Shaver, Ed Allies
Casey Metcalfe, Students United
Sierra Roiger, Students United
Mike Dean, North Star Prosperity
Karina Villeda, Student (remote)
Thalia Trebelhorn, Student (remote)

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1474, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Higher Education Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 507: Senator Mann: Districts requirement to adopt policies and processes to assist parents who require language assistance.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0507:
Maren Christenson
Jillian Nelson, Autism Society
Valerie Dosland, MN Administrators for Special Education
Fatima Moles, Parent
Jules Edwards, MN Autistic Alliance

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 507, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33PM



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



Bridget Ritzer, Legislative Assistant