

Minnesota State Senate

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

Minutes

Present: Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - **Chair**, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice 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: No Members Absent

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Call to Order

S.F. 1354: Senator Boldon: School Health Advisory Committee establishment.

Tara Cliff, President of the School Nurse Association Minnesota and Licensed School Nurse in District 112 (virtual)
RuthEllen Luehr, Registered Nurse and Licensed School Nurse

Be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee.

S.F. 2250: Senator Maye Quade: Hours of educational instruction modification.

Testifiers:
Julian Spencer, Good Trouble
Sharell Edwards, Exploration High School Student
Sarah Bachia, Good Trouble
Patrick Walsh, Superintendent BBE Schools (virtual)
Jeff Pawlick, Principal at Shakopee High School
Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director at Education Evolving

Be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

S.F. 1048: Senator Maye Quade: Sexually transmitted infections and diseases program requirements modification.

Senator Maye Quade moved to adopt A2 amendment on S.F. 1048, voice vote, amendment adopted.

Testifiers:
Meg Bartlett-Chase, Honest Sex Ed Minnesota
Stephen Chapin, Health teacher at St. James Public Schools (virtual)
Liz Schultz Nuytten, Parent
Rasana Mamdani, Student at St. Paul Central High School

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

S.F. 16: Senator Mitchell: Physical and sexual abuse education requirement.

Testifiers:

Julian Spencer, Good Trouble

Sharell Edwards, Exploration High School Student

Sarah Bachia, Good Trouble

Patrick Walsh, Superintendent BBE Schools (virtual)

Jeff Pawlick, Principal at Shakopee High School

Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director at Education Evolving

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2390: Senator Mann: Certain restrictions on public data requests to a school district addition.

Senator Mann moved to adopt A2 amendment on S.F. 2390, voice vote, amendment adopted.

Testifiers:

John Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer at Rochester Public Schools (virtual)

Erick Enger, Interim Superintendent at Plainview-Elgin-Millville (virtual)

Rick Neumeister

Senator Cwodzinski moved an oral amendment to the bill, S.F. 2390.

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MOTION ADOPTED

As amended and referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee without recommendation.

S.F. 1670: Senator Duckworth: Teacher shortage report requirements modification provision.

Senator Duckworth moved to adopt A2 amendment on S.F. 1670, voice vote, amendment adopted.

Testifiers:

Matt Shaver, Ed Allies

As amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



Eileen Otto, Legislative Assistant