

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - **Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Chair**, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth - **Vice Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jason Rarick called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

Call to Order

MN State Laws and Rules Affecting Schools: Issues and Concerns at the Local Level Testimony from District and School Leaders.

Testifier list:

- a. Kenneth G. Gagner, Superintendent, Braham Area Schools
- b. Kim Hiel, Superintendent; John Morstad, Executive Director of finance and Operations, Osseo Area Schools
- c. Matt Grose, Superintendent, Grand Rapids Area Schools
- d. Rick Aldrich, Superintendent, John Berklich, School Board Chair; and Kim McLaughlin, School Board Director, Hibbing Public Schools
- e. Kim Johnson, Finance Director, St. Louis County Schools (Remote)
- f. Michael Cary, Superintendent, Cloquet Public Schools (Remote)
- g. Cindy Stolp, Superintendent, Pine City Schools
- h. Nathan Libbon, Superintendent, Cromwell-Wright Public Schools
- i. Cory McIntyre, Superintendent, Anoka-Hennepin School District
- j. Stefanie Youngberg, Superintendent, East Central Schools
- k. Ann-Marie Foucalt, Superintendent, St. Michael-Albertville Schools
- l. Delon Smith, Associate Superintendent, Roseville Area Schools (Remote)
- m. Zena Stenvik, Superintendent, Columbia Heights Public Schools (Remote)
- n. Michael Bolsoni, Superintendent, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
- o. Laura Oksnevad, School Board Member, St. Anthony-New Brighton Schools
- p. Tom Sager, Executive Chief of Finance, Saint Paul Public Schools (Remote)
- q. Molly Schilling, Superintendent, Adrian Public Schools (Remote)
- r. Chace Anderson, Superintendent, Wayzata Public Schools.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am


Senator Jason Rarick


Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant