

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - **Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, 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: Senator Karin Housley

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

Call to Order

READ Act Implementation Update Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Education

Testifiers:

- a. Assistant Commissioner Bobbie Burnham, Office of Teaching and Learning, MN Department of Education
- b. Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, MN Department of Education.

The following individuals presented on READ Act Implementation Update:
Assistant Commissioner Bobbie Burnham, Office of Teaching and Learning, Minnesota Department of Education
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

- Educators READ Act Training Update**
- a. Sarah Peterson, Literacy Coordinator, Shakopee Public Schools
 - b. Marty Fridgen, Elementary Music Specialist, South Washington County Schools, President, United Teachers of South Washington County (Remote)
 - c. Dr. Justin Killian, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota.

The following individuals testified on Educators READ Act Training Update:
Sarah Peterson, Literacy Coordinator, Shakopee Public Schools
Marty Fridgen, Elementary Music Specialist, South Washington County Schools, President, United Teachers of South Washington County (remote)
Dr. Justin Killian, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota

- District READ Act Implementation Update**
- a. Shannon Andreson, Chair, Hopkins School Board
 - b. Craig Anderson, Executive Director, Office of Teaching and Learning, St. Paul Public Schools
 - c. David Law, Superintendent, Amy Ladue, Assistant Superintendent, Minnetonka Public Schools
 - d. Gina Morken, Interim Superintendent, Spring Grove Public Schools.

The following individuals testified on District READ Act Implementation Update:
Kimberly Smith, Personalized Literacy Specialist - READ Act Literacy Lead Hopkins Public Schools
Craig Anderson, Executive Director, Office of Teaching and Learning, St. Paul Public Schools

David Law, Superintendent, Minnetonka Public Schools
Amy Ladue, Assistant Superintendent, Minnetonka Public Schools
Gina Morken, Interim Superintendent, Spring Grove Public Schools

PELSB Reading Audit Report a. Michelle Sandler, Teacher Education Specialist, MN Professional Licensing and Standards Board (Remote).

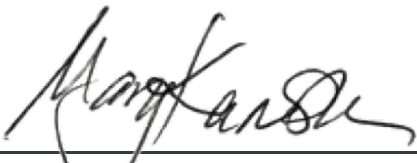
The following individuals presented on PELS Reading Audit Report:

Michelle Sandler, Teacher Education Specialist, Minnesota Professional Licensing and Standards Board

Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director, Minnesota Professional Licensing and Standards Board

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant