

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, February 18, 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 8:36

Call to Order

- Special Education Apprenticeship Program Update
- a. Dr. ValRae Boe, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 916
 - b. Dr. Jeff Horton, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 288
 - c. Dr. Michael Favor, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 917
 - d. Alvin Chambers, Apprentice, Intermediate School District 287
 - e. Kirsten Rasmussen, Journeyworker, Intermediate School District 287
 - f. Kyle Brown, Apprentice, intermediate School District 916
 - g. Marcy Doud, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 287.

The following individuals testified on Special Education Apprenticeship Program Update:

- Dr. ValRae Boe, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 916
- Dr. Jeff Horton, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 288
- Alvin Chambers, Apprentice, Intermediate School District 287
- Kirsten Rasmussen, Journeyworker, Intermediate School District 287
- Kyle Brown, Apprentice, intermediate School District 916
- Marcy Doud, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 287

- Minnesota State University, Mankato SPED Apprenticeship Program
- a. Dr. Mwarumba Mwavita, Dean, College of Education
 - b. Dr. Teri Preisler, Director, Center for Educator Partnerships and Student Support.

The following individuals testified on Minnesota State University, Mankato SPED Apprenticeship Program:

- Dr. Mwarumba Mwavita, Dean, College of Education
- Dr. Teri Preisler, Director, Center for Educator Partnerships and Student Support

S.F. 949: Senator Maye Quade: Registered special education apprenticeship programs in intermediate school districts grants appropriation.

The following individual testified on S.F.0949:
Valerie Dosland, Ewald Consulting

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 949, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

- Special Education Student Teacher Scholarships**
- a. President Rob Vischer, University of St Thomas**
 - b. Dr. Shelley Neilsen Gatti & Dr. Lynn Stansberry Brusnahan, UST School of Education**
 - c. Justin Jones, Student.**

The following individuals testified on Special Education Student Teacher Scholarships:
President Rob Vischer, University of St Thomas
Dr. Lynn Stansberry Brusnahan, University of St Thomas School of Education
Dr. Shelley Neilsen Gatti, University of St Thomas School of Education
Justin Jones, Student

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant