

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 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 Karin Housley, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

Call to Order

S.F. 1197: Senator Hauschild: School district seasonal tax base replacement aid establishment.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1197:
Carol Copp, Grand Rapids Educator
Anna Oelke, Superintendent, ISD 696 Ely Public Schools (Remote)
Gina Kleive, Superintendent, ISD 381 Lake Superior School District

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1197, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1198: Senator Hauschild: Roof projects authorization as part of the long-term facilities maintenance program.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1198:
Jason Splett, ICS Consulting
Seth Putz, Facilities Director, St. Peter Public Schools
Ryan Laager, Superintendent, Belle Plaine
Tina Burkholder, Director of Business Services, Monticello Public Schools

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 523: Senator Farnsworth: Historic school building preservation grants appropriation.

Senator Farnsworth moves the A-1 amendment - motion prevailed.
The following individuals testified on S.F.0523:
Richard Aldrich, Superintendent, Hibbing Public Schools (Remote)
Bob Kearney, Historian, Tour Guide and Retired Custodian, Hibbing High School (Remote)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1460: Senator Maye Quade: School district to reauthorize a capital projects referendum by board action authorization.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1460:

Anna Williams, Board Vice Chairman, ISD 196, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District

Janet Swiecichowski, Director of Communications, ISD196, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District

Tina Burkholder, Director of Business Services, Monticello Public Schools

Senator Kreun offered the A-2 amendment.

Senator Maye Quade moved an oral amendment to the A-2

Page 1, line 4 after "school board" insert ", after holding a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal."

MOTION PREVAILED

A-2 as amended adopted.

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

S.F. 2244: Senator Kupec: Referendum levy equalizing factors increase provision and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2244:

Dr. Brenda Lewis, Superintendent, Fridley Public Schools

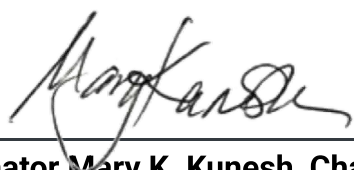
Kris Crocker, Executive Director of Business Services, St. Michael-Albertville Schools

Jeff Elstad, Superintendent, Owatonna (Remote)

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant