

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 19, 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 Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

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

Call to Order

S.F. 551: Senator Putnam: Building Assets, Reducing Risks Center funding provision and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0551:
Angela Jerabek, Founder and Executive Director, BARR Center
Josh Omang, Principal, Detroit Lakes High School (Remote)
Stephen Gorde, Professional Development Lead, Stillwater Public Schools

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2239: Senator Kupec: School districts local optional revenue increase provision and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2239:
Paul Bourgeois, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, Minnetonka Public Schools
Brenda Lewis, Superintendent, Fridley Public Schools
Jake Karnopp, Board Chair, Fridley Public Schools
Shannon Mitchell, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (Remote)
Ann-Marie Foucault, Superintendent, St. Michael-Albertville
Matt Valen, School Board Member, Moorheard Public Schools

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2188: Senator McEwen: Additional school unemployment aid appropriation.

Senator Cwodzinski moved the A-1 amendment - motion prevailed.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2188:
Cat Briggs, Bus Driver, ISD 196
Ann Krampitz, Behavioral Interventionist, Owatonna Public Schools (Remote)

Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Denise Dittrich, MN School Boards Association

Noel Schmidt, Superintendent, Rockridge Public Schools

Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, Workforce Services and Transformation, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Sami Rajab, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

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

S.F. 82: Senator Rarick: Consolidation transition aid increase for school districts provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0082:

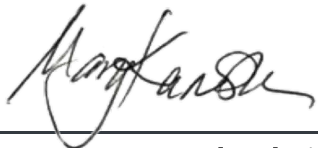
Mary Carlson, Board Chair, Wrenshall Schools

Laura Nilsen, Board Chair, Carlton Schools


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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant