

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. Senator Erin K. Maye Quade took the gavel at 8:34. Senator Mary K. Kunesh took the gavel at 9:20 am.

Call to Order

Adjourn

S.F. 2485: Senator Kunesh: Library online databases funding increase provision and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2485:
Sara Swenson, Media Specialist, Edina High School
Vivienne Kaste, Student, Eastview High School
Will Richter, Library Director, Grand Rapids Area Library (Remote)
Maggie Snow, Director, Minitex

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2486: Senator Kunesh: School library aid allowable uses modifications.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2486:
Jenna Pomrang, Library Media Specialist, Mounds View School District
Natasha Thorager, Elementary Library Media Specialist, Rutherford and Lake Elmo Elementaries
Rachel Haider, Library Media Specialist, Eagan High School

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S.F. 2965: Senator Kunesh: Certain expenditures authorization from the school service fund.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2965:
Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent, Becker Public School District
Tina-Michelle Burkholder, Director of Business Services, Monticello Public Schools
Jeff Holmberg, Superintendent, Centennial Schools (Remote)

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S.F. 2285: Senator Lucero: Requirement removal for an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee to concur for a district to receive American Indian education aid.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2285:

Marsha Ven Denburgh, St. Francis American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee Elder

Robert L. May, Red Lake District Representative

Annie Huberty, American Indian Education Coordinator, Hopkins Public Schools

Stephanie Spencer, American Indian Coordinator, Centennial School District (Remote)

Amanda Roll, American Indian Education Coordinator, Cambridge-Isanti School District (Remote)

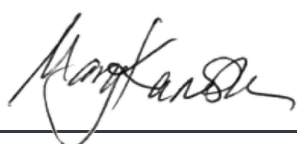
Haley Dagle, American Indian Education Coordinator, St. Francis Area Schools

Laurie Harper, Leech Lake Education Director, Tribal Nations Education Committee Chairperson (Remote)

Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am



Senator Mary K. Kunes, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant