

Education Finance Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on April 1, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KRESHA, Ron, GOP Chair  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl, DFL Chair  
BAKEBERG, Ben, GOP Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Frances, DFL Vice Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam  
BAHNER, Kristin  
BENNETT, Peggy  
DIPPEL, Tom  
ENGEN, Elliot  
GREENE, Julie  
HILL, Josiah  
HUDSON, Walter  
JOHNSON, Pete  
LEE, Liz  
KNUDSEN, Krista  
LAWRENCE, Bryan  
MUELLER, Patricia  
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa  
QUAM, Duane  
REHM, Lucy  
REHRAUER, Kari  
RYMER, Max  
SENCER-MURA, Samantha  
VIRNIG, Bianca

Representative Bennett moved the minutes of March 27, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1161 (IGO) - SCHOOL DISTRICT SEASONAL TAX BASE REPLACEMENT AID**

Chair Kresha moved the bill before the committee.

Representative Igo presented on HF1161.

Testifiers:

Aaron Riehle, Educator, Grand Rapids Public Schools  
Gina Kleive, Superintendent, Lake Superior Public Schools (Remote)  
Matt Grose, Superintendent, Grand Rapids Public Schools (Remote)

Chair Kresha laid over HF1161 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

**HF2201 (MYERS) - LOCAL OPTIONAL AID FOR SCHOOLS INCREASED, STATE-PAID FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES TO FAMILIES WITH INCOMES AT OR BELOW 500 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL LIMITED, AND MONEY APPROPRIATED.**

Chair Kresha moved the bill before the committee.

Representative Myers presented on HF2201.

Testifiers:

Kent Pekel, Rochester Superintendent

Dan Olson, School Board, Minnetonka Schools

Matt Shaver, EdAllies

Leah Gardner, Hunger Solutions

Lori Smith, Head Cook, St Cloud Public Schools

Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota

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

Chair Kresha moved the A1 amendment.

Chair Kresha withdrew the A1 amendment.

Chair Kresha moved the A2 amendment.

Chair Kresha withdrew the A2 amendment.

Chair Kresha laid over HF2201 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

**HF2786 (BENNETT) - REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MODIFIED.**

Representative Bennett moved the bill before the committee.

Representative Bennett presented on HF2786.

Chair Kresha moved the A1 amendment.

Chair Kresha withdrew the A1 amendment.

Chair Kresha laid over HF2786 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

**HF1053 (BAKEBERG) - REENROLLMENT AFTER STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL ENCOURAGED, AND NOTIFICATION AND RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THE FAMILY OF AN UNENROLLED CHILD.**

Vice Chair Bakeberg moved the bill before the committee.

Vice Chair Bakeberg moved the DE4 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Greene moved the A4 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Vice Chair Bakeberg presented on HF1053, as amended.

Representative Keeler presented on HF1053, as amended.

Testifiers:

Ashley Hightower, Be at School Program, Hennepin County

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

Chair Kresha laid over HF1053, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

**HF51 (VIRNIG) - EDUCATION FINANCE; ROOF PROJECTS AUTHORIZED AS PART OF THE LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Representative Virnig moved the bill before the committee.

Representative Virnig presented on HF51.

Testifiers:

Seth Putz, St. Peter Public Schools

Patricia Magnuson, St. Louis Park School District

Evan Gough, Goodhue Public Schools.

Chair Kresha laid over HF51 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.



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Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



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Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant