

House Education Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Bennett, Chair of the Education Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM, on February 12, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BENNETT, Peggy, Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Vice Chair
JORDAN, Sydney, Lead
BIERMAN, Robert
DIPPEL, Tom
FALCONER, Alex
FOGELMAN, Marij
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
KEELER, Heather
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

Representative Jordan moved the minutes of February 11, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Bennett asked members and staff of the committee to provide a brief introduction and noted a copy of the committee's rules and procedures are available in member folders and on the committee webpage.

Representative Lawrence assumed the gavel at 3:09 PM.

HF0006 (Bennett) Read Act modified; appropriations cancelled; education innovation provisions modified; education innovation recodified and reorganized; Office of Achievement and Innovation established in the Department of Education; diversity, equity, and inclusion appropriation modified; and school performance reporting system established.

Chair Bennett moved that HF0006 be re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

Chair Bennett presented on HF0006.

Vice Chair Mueller presented on HF0006.

Representative Bakeberg presented on HF0006.

The following testified on HF0006:

Brandon Lunak, Superintendent, Moorhead Area Public Schools
John Magas, Superintendent, Duluth Public Schools
Denise Dittrich, Minnesota School Boards Association
Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
Frances Wittenberg, Duluth Public Schools
Cat Briggs, District 196
Sydney Piras, Minnesota School Counselor Association
Erin Sandsmark, Programs Manager, Solutions Not Suspensions Coalition

Khulia Pringle, Executive Director, STAND UP Minnesota Parents United
Teresa Greniger, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
Carrie Johnson, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
William Schwandt, Education Support Professional, Bloomington Public Schools
Dr. Justin Killian, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota
Todd Karich, Teacher, Farmington Public Schools
Laura Carpenter, Internal Organizer, Service Employees International Union
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

Chair Bennett renewed her motion to re-refer HF0006 to the Education Finance Committee.
Representative Jordan requested a roll call. The results were as follows:

AYES

BENNETT, Peggy, Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Vice Chair
DIPPEL, Tom
FOGELMAN, Mari
GORDON, Jimmy
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

NAYS

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On a vote of 7 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.



Representative Peggy Bennett, Chair



Isaac Pilon, Committee Legislative Assistant