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MINUTES

The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the following order of business.

Adoption of the April 13, 2011, minutes

SB 344 (Hildenbrand) Education; teachers; tenure rights for certain teachers assigned to teach in certain schools; modify.

SB 345 (Hildenbrand) Labor; collective bargaining; staffing of certain schools and programs; define and make prohibited subject of bargaining.

Senator Pavlov requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2011, committee meeting. The motion was made by Senator Colbeck. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next items of business were Senate Bills 344-45.

As the sponsor, Senator Hildenbrand provided the members with a brief explanation of the bills.

Senator Emmons arrived at 12:43 p.m.

The following individuals testified in support of the legislation:

- Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr. - Superintendent of Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Fredericka Williams, Exec. Dir. Of Human Resources, Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Kenyatta Hill, 6th grade teacher, Grand Rapids University Prep Academy
- Diane Gibbs, Director of Community Health Programs, Spectrum Health - Member of the Advisory Council for School of Health, Science and Technology - a Center of Innovation co-located on the Central High School campus
- Misty Stallworth, high school teacher, Academy for Design and Construction - a Center of Innovation co-located on the Union High School campus
- Dan Lamore, Vice President, Christman Construction Company, member of the Advisory Council to the Academy for Design and Construction
- Matt Patulski, parent, Grand Rapids Montessori
- Ben Emdin, on behalf of the Civic Action Group of Grand Rapids

Paul Helder, Grand Rapids Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bills.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bills but did not wish to speak:

- Andy Johnston, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
- Bob Kefgen, MI Assn of Intermediate School Administrators/MI Assn of School Administrators
- Judy Allen, Oakland Schools

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bills but did not wish to speak:

- Ellen Hoekstra, IUOE #324
- Linda Myers, MI Education Association
- Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers MI

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m. without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: June 1, 2011

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.