



**THE SENATE**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

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Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- Adoption of the 2013-14 committee rules
- A discussion on the Michigan Merit Curriculum

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In the room at the time of the roll call were Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be a discussion on the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the issue:

- Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent
- Sen. Caswell and guest, Michael Hoffner, Principal, Branch County Tech Center
- Sen. Proos and guests: Matt Tyler, Vickers Engineering  
Jerry Holtgren, Director of New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy  
Tom Hurst, Niles Community Schools, Career and Technical Education Director  
Dr. Richard Weigel, Superintendent, Niles Community Schools  
Jeff Curry, Niles School Board member
- Phil Jankowski, Shawn Mahfet, Pat DeFever, Armada Schools
- Kendra Everett, legislative aide, office of Senator Tom Casperson
- Representative Ed McBroom

Senators Hopgood and Young arrived.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the rules for the 2013-14 legislative session; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The following people submitted cards wishing to speak, but time did not permit:

- Greg Handel, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau
- Chris Fisher, Associated Builders and Contractors
- Mike Foster, Retired Superintendent
- Wendy Zdeb-Roper, MI Association of Secondary School Principals

Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:34 p.m.

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