

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on January 10, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 123, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Comments by Chairman Ryan

HEARING ON SB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 **SEN. CAROL WILLIAMS (D), SD 46**, opened the hearing on **SB 123**, Full-time kindergarten.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:56 Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT (eds06a01)

EXHIBIT (eds06a02)

00:13:28 Sen. Peterson arrived at Committee Meeting.

00:15:52 Sen. McGee arrived at Committee Meeting.

00:18:16 Sen. Story arrived at Committee Meeting.

00:20:22 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

EXHIBIT (eds06a03)

00:24:20 Josh Melton, Superintendent of Schools in Laurel, Montana

00:29:23 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:34:12 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Advisor

00:37:48 Patty Myers, Vice-Chair, Montana Board of Public Education

00:40:50 Bryan Dunn, Superintendent of Schools in Great Falls, Montana

00:45:39 Kevin Udovich, 3rd Grade Teacher from Great Falls.

00:49:56 Steven Shallue, Parent and Educator from Great Falls.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:11 Mary Thompson, Montana Certified Elementary Education
Teacher and mother of three children

EXHIBIT (eds06a04)

01:02:08 Chadene Atkins, Discoveries Preschool

EXHIBIT (eds06a05)

01:06:28 Beth Emter, Parent from Clancy, Montana

EXHIBIT (eds06a06)

Proponents' Testimony Continued:

01:09:30 Jill Christensen, Kindergarten Teacher from Great
Falls

01:13:32 Terry Middle, Helena resident, speaking for staff from
Bryant School

01:20:34 Susan Duffy, Employed by Missoula Headstart

01:27:33 Melody Wall, Kindergarten Teacher, Four Georgians
School, Helena, Montana

01:32:06 Susan Fertina, Montana After School Network

EXHIBIT (eds06a07)

EXHIBIT (eds06a08)

01:35:40 Frank Nelson, Parent from Great Falls

EXHIBIT (eds06a09)

01:37:58 Craig Cumming, High School Principal, Belgrade High
School

01:40:58 Linda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools of Montana

01:44:59 Samantha Nelson, Mother of a Special Needs Child

EXHIBIT (eds06a10)

01:49:29 Holly Rorvik, Parent

EXHIBIT (eds06a11)

01:52:08 Marsha Davis, County Superintendent, Lewis and Clark
County

EXHIBIT (eds06a12)

01:55:11 Kelly Rosenleaf, Great Falls

02:00:04 Jamie Palagi, Bureau Chief, Early Childhood Services
Bureau with the Human & Community Services Division of
Department of Public Health & Human Services.

EXHIBIT (eds06a13)

02:01:49 Terry Minnow, MEA/MFT

02:03:15 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality
Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (eds06a14)

02:10:04 Wendy Stute, Rocky Mountain Development Council

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:51 Sen. Peterson to Dave Puyear

02:16:28 Sen. Peterson to Dr. Dunn

02:21:59 Sen. Black to Dave Puyear

Proponents' Testimony Continued:

02:25:43 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public
Schools____

02:28:48 Betty Pollman, Montana Economic Development
Association

02:30:16 Stewart Nicholson, Great Falls School Board

EXHIBIT (eds06a15)

02:34:49 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

EXHIBIT (eds06a16)

Opponents' Testimony Continued:

02:36:19 Whitney Shoestrom, private citizen

02:43:36 Jared Choc, Parent and citizen of Montana

EXHIBIT (eds06a17)

Informational Testimony:

02:48:58 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

02:49:29 Sen. Story to Superintendent McCulloch

02:52:11 Sen. Story to Sen. Williams

02:53:56 Sen. Story to Dr. Dunn

02:59:38 Sen. Story to Ms. Myers, Board of Public Education

03:02:00 Sen. Story to Craig Cumming, Principal from Belgrade

03:03:40 Sen. Story to Darrell Rud

03:08:21 Sen. Story to Mr. Vogel

03:09:49 Sen. Story to Superintendent McCulloch

03:11:17 Sen. Story to Mr. Nicholson

03:12:18 Sen. Peterson to Superintendent McCulloch

03:14:53 Sen. Black to Superintendent McCulloch

03:18:04 Chairman Ryan to Lonnie Yanks, Superintendent of Great Falls School

Closing by Sponsor:

03:21:03 Sen. Williams

EXHIBIT (eds06a18)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:28 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

DR/ms

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds06aad.pdf](#))