

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 7, 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. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Jim Elliott (D)

**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: HB 347, HB 417, 3/28/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

**HEARING ON HB 347**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:51 **REP. SCOTT BOGGIO (R), HD 59**, opened the hearing on **HB 347**, Revise law on school trustee letting contracts and bids.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:27 Bob Anderson, Fort Benton School District

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00:05:50 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards' Association

00:08:23 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:09:16 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:21 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:30 Sen. Juneau to Rep. Boggio

00:11:43 Sen. Juneau to Bob Vogel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:11 Rep. Boggio

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:41 **REP. GALEN HOLLENBAUGH (D), HD 81**, opened the hearing on **HB 417**, Clarifying provisions for financing school district consolidation and annexation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:44 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

00:20:09 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards' Association

00:20:37 Annie Glover, MEA/MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:21:05 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:21:12 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:18 Chairman Ryan to Madalyn Quinlan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:23 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:23:06 Comments by Chairman Ryan

00:23:40 Comments by Claudette Morton, Montana Small Schools Alliance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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