

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

00:00:01

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wanda Grinde, on January 30, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**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 369, 1/21/2009

Executive Action: None

00:16:30 Chairman Grinde

**HEARING ON HB 369**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:50 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 369, Headstart funding.

**[EXHIBIT \(edh22a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:06 Terry Minow, MEA/MFT

**[EXHIBIT \(edh22a02\)](#)**

00:26:36 Patricia Dahl, Head Start Director, Broadwater County

**[EXHIBIT \(edh22a03\)](#)**

00:32:21 Andrea Edgar, Mother of Four Children

00:35:03 Ashley Hooper, Eighth grade student, Bonner, Montana

00:35:48 Darrel Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

00:37:53 Shirley Bullock, Head Start Teacher, Billings, Montana

00:42:26 Shannon Bender, Head Start Family Advocate

00:43:32 Melanie Beleinger, Broadwater County Parent

00:46:00 Joy Silverthorn, Office of Public Instruction

**[EXHIBIT \(edh22a04\)](#)**

00:47:26 Michelle McLean, Head Start Parent, Billings

00:49:12 Karen Juliani, Missoula Head Start

00:50:45 Dan Hendricks, Great Falls Head Start Parent

00:53:00 Mary Jo Papenfush, Head Start Assistant Teacher

00:54:20 Holly Kirilovich, Mother of Two Children

00:55:29 Raney Emmons, Mother of Student in Missoula

00:58:34 Karen Moses, former Billings School Trustee

01:00:41 Kimberly Edmonston, Parent, Gallatin Gateway, Headstart

01:01:08 Erin Walters, Teacher, Belgrade Head Start

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:33 Rep. Brown  
01:02:57 Rep. McClafferty  
01:03:33 Rep. Lake  
01:03:54 Ms. Dahl  
01:04:39 Rep. Lake  
01:04:50 Ms. Dahl  
01:05:05 Rep. Lake  
01:05:20 Ms. Dahl  
01:05:31 Rep. Lake  
01:06:00 Ms. Dahl  
01:08:06 Scott Anderson, Director, Missoula Head Start  
01:09:07 Rep. Wagner  
01:10:18 Chairman Grinde  
01:10:28 Ms. Minow  
01:10:51 Rep. Washburn  
01:11:24 Mr. Anderson  
01:11:35 Rep. Washburn  
01:13:41 Mr. Anderson  
01:13:53 Ms. Minow  
01:14:47 Rep. Blasdel  
01:15:09 Ms. Minow  
01:15:22 Rep. Blasdel  
01:15:49 Ms. Dahl  
01:15:52 Rep. Blasdel  
01:16:00 Ms. Dahl  
01:16:06 Rep. Butcher  
01:16:56 Ms. Minow  
01:17:56 Rep. Butcher  
01:18:46 Ms. Minow  
01:19:06 Rep. Butcher  
01:19:57 Ms. Minow  
01:20:16 Rep. Beck  
01:20:49 Ms. Dahl  
01:21:10 Mr. Anderson  
01:21:28 Rep. Malek  
01:21:55 Mr. Anderson  
01:22:44 Rep. Malek  
01:23:03 Ms. Minow  
01:23:56 Rep. Wagner  
01:24:57 Mr. Anderson  
01:25:42 Rep. Wagner  
01:25:53 Mr. Anderson  
01:26:04 Rep. Wagner  
01:26:22 Mr. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:52 Rep. McClafferty

01:31:07 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibit:**

**EXHIBIT (edh22a05)** Letter from David Ewer, Budget Director re: HB  
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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT (edh22aad.pdf)**