

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on April 15, 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. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

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: HJ 28, 4/2/2009

Executive Action: HJ 28

00:06:45 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON HJ 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:01 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Interim study of self-governing authority by school boards.

EXHIBIT (edh80a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:27 Ken Williams, Great Falls, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:36 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:16 Rep. Boniek
00:23:40 Rep. Butcher
00:24:29 Rep. Boniek
00:24:42 Rep. Butcher
00:25:05 Rep. Beck
00:25:45 Rep. Butcher
00:28:28 Rep. Wagner
00:29:22 Rep. Butcher
00:33:47 Rep. Wagner
00:34:42 Rep. Butcher

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:35 Rep. Butcher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28

00:38:47 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HJ 28 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:38:57 Rep. Bean
00:40:28 Rep. Wagner
00:43:12 Rep. Fleming
00:44:21 Rep. Washburn
00:45:19 Rep. Boniek
00:46:48 Rep. Wagner

00:47:23 Rep. Fleming

00:48:15 Rep. Wagner

00:50:20 Rep. Fleming

00:51:06 Rep. Wagner

00:51:44 Rep. Fleming

00:52:53 Rep. Grinde

00:54:29 Rep. Butcher

00:56:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner, and Washburn voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, McClafferty, Brown, and Malek voted by proxy.

00:59:38 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

01:01:19 Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh80aad.pdf](#))