

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)  
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch  
Nadia Zylawy, 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 252, 3/4/2015; SB 260, 3/4/2015; SJ 10, 3/4/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

### **HEARING ON SB 260**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:25 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 260, Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:09 Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
[EXHIBIT\(edh58a01\)](#)

00:14:47 *Rep Schwaderer entered.*

00:16:21 Daniel Farr, Superintendent, Sidney Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a05\)](#)

00:23:15 Terry Quintus, Superintendent, Wibaux School

00:24:59 Keith Campbell, Superintendent, Miles City Public Schools

00:30:30 Tony Holecek, Superintendent, Westby Schools

00:33:25 Gail Staffanson, Superintendent, Richland County Schools

00:38:35 Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson Public Schools

00:40:56 Lora Tauck, Ekalaka Public Schools

00:41:56 Sandy Welch, North East Rural Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a06\)](#)

00:43:30 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:44:05 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

00:44:43 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools

00:45:08 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Office (MASBO)

00:45:24 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:45:41 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

00:45:51 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:46:10 Jim Molloy, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:49:55 Janelle Mickelson, School Finance Division Administrator, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:23 Rep. Salomon

00:50:49 Lance Melton, MTSBA

00:51:14 Rep. Salomon

00:51:21 Lance Melton, MTSBA

00:52:09 Rep. Salomon  
00:52:14 *Rep. Hertz entered.*  
00:52:31 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
00:53:27 Rep. Kelker  
00:54:38 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
00:58:27 Rep. Kelker  
00:58:52 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
01:00:31 Rep. Lamm  
01:00:58 Jim Molloy, Office of the Governor  
01:01:15 Rep. Lamm  
01:01:21 Jim Molloy, Office of the Governor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:49 Sen. Moore

**HEARING ON SB 252**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:43 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 252, Revise K-12 funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes.

**[EXHIBIT\(edh58a07\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:36 Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
01:10:25 Daniel Farr, Superintendent, Sidney Public Schools

**[EXHIBIT\(edh58a08\)](#)**

01:14:15 Terry Quintus, Superintendent, Wibaux Public Schools  
01:15:20 Tony Holecek, Superintendent, Westby Public Schools  
01:18:43 Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson Public Schools  
01:19:46 Sandy Welch, North East Rural Schools  
01:20:06 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools  
01:20:35 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:20:46 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)  
01:21:01 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
01:21:15 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
01:21:31 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties  
01:21:44 Gail Staffanson, Superintendent, Richland County Schools  
01:22:02 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:22:14 Jim Molloy, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

**Informational Testimony:**

01:23:38 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:55 Rep. Kelker  
01:24:28 Sen. Jones  
01:25:36 Rep. Kelker  
01:25:45 Sen. Jones  
01:28:03 Rep. Kelker  
01:28:18 Sen. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:25 Sen. Jones

**HEARING ON SJ 10****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:30:49 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SJ 10, Resolution requesting performance audit of data collection by OPI.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:35:18 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh58a09\)](#)**

01:38:40 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
01:40:35 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:41:29 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
01:42:19 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)  
01:44:13 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
01:48:12 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh58a10\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:54:58 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:55:23 Rep. Kelker  
01:55:51 Sen. Jones  
01:57:20 Rep. Kelker  
01:57:30 Sen. Jones  
01:57:53 Rep. Lamm  
01:58:25 Sen. Jones  
02:00:43 Rep. Lamm  
02:00:55 Sen. Jones  
02:01:34 Rep. Salomon  
02:02:02 Angus Maciver, LAD  
02:03:54 Rep. Lamm  
02:04:28 Dennis Parman, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:05:26 Sen. Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:07:58

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Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([edh58aad.pdf](#))**