

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 16, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, Committee Secretary  
Joe Triem, 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: SB 107, 4/14/2015

00:00:04 Chair Ballance

### **HEARING ON SB 107**

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

00:02:06 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 107, Revise K-12 school district expansion laws.

00:03:00 Chair Ballance

00:03:27 Sen. Brown

#### **EXHIBIT(aph77a01)**

00:13:46 Chair Ballance

00:13:54 Sen. Brown

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

00:20:00 Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent, East Helena School District

#### **EXHIBIT(aph77a02)**

00:30:24 Jim Standaert, East Helena School District

#### **EXHIBIT(aph77a03)**

00:00:04 Chair Ballance

00:43:59 Jim Smith, Board Member, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:44:22 Chair Ballance

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

00:44:37 Kent Kultgen, Superintendent, Helena Public School District

00:46:08 Chair Ballance

00:46:16 Jeana Lervick, Human Resources Director, Billings Public Schools

00:47:32 Chair Ballance

00:48:59 Jeana Lervick, Billings Public Schools

00:51:32 Terry Bouck, Superintendent, Billings High Schools

00:53:12 Kim Harris, Helena School District

00:59:15 Pat McHugh, Business Director, Missoula County Public Schools

01:03:31 Rep. McCarthy arrived.

#### **Informational Testimony:**

01:06:25 Aaron Rudio, D.A. Davidson & Co.

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

01:10:20 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:11:03 Sen. Brown

01:11:17 Chair Ballance

01:11:28 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:11:54 Sen. Brown

01:13:23 Rep. Brodehl

01:13:42 Kent Kultgen, Helena Public School District

01:13:47 Rep. Brodehl

01:14:02 Kent Kultgen, Helena Public School District  
01:14:29 Rep. Brodehl  
01:14:46 Kent Kultgen, Helena Public School District  
01:14:50 Rep. Brodehl  
01:15:11 Kent Kultgen, Helena Public School District  
01:15:37 Rep. Brodehl  
01:15:50 Kent Kultgen, Helena Public School District  
01:16:07 Rep. Brodehl  
01:16:43 Aaron Rudio, D.A. Davidson & Co.  
01:18:19 Chair Ballance  
01:18:42 Rep. Tschida  
01:19:34 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena School District  
01:20:10 Rep. Tschida  
01:21:14 Sen. Brown  
01:21:26 Rep. Tschida  
01:21:33 Sen. Brown  
01:21:58 Rep. Tschida  
01:22:54 Sen. Brown  
01:23:54 Chair Ballance  
01:24:11 Rep. Tschida  
01:25:26 Pat McHugh, Missoula County Public Schools  
01:26:25 Rep. Woods  
01:26:52 Sen. Brown  
01:27:00 Rep. Woods  
01:27:53 Sen. Brown  
01:28:41 Rep. Woods  
01:29:32 Sen. Brown  
01:30:34 Rep. Woods  
01:30:45 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:12 Sen. Brown  
  
01:38:52 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:47:03      Adjournment

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph77aad.pdf](#))**