

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Sue Vinton, on January 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. John Fuller, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Clerk  
Laura Sankey Keip, 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 153, 1/23/2019; HB 27, 1/23/2019

**HEARING ON HB 153**

15:03:17 Chair Vinton

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:44 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 153, Generally revise education laws related to gifted and talented programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:07:43 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana's Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

15:09:10 Marco Farro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:09:34 Abigail St. Lawrence, AGATE

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:10:07 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:10:32 Rep. Bishop

15:11:26 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:12:45 Rep. Keogh

15:13:32 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:14:19 Rep. Keogh

15:14:33 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:14:54 Rep. McKamey

15:15:21 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

15:15:30 Rep. McKamey

15:16:06 Kirk Miller, SAM

15:16:43 Rep. McKamey

15:16:49 Rep. Beard entered the meeting

15:16:52 Kirk Miller

15:20:09 Rep. Fuller

15:20:53 Kirk Miller

15:21:17 Chair Vinton

15:21:45 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:22:01 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting

15:22:15 Rep. Fuller

15:22:40 Ken Bailey, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:23:06 Rep. Kelker

**HEARING ON HB 27****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:53 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 27, Generally revise special education funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:28:35 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech, Language, Hearing Association (MSHA), AGATE

15:29:37 Shelley Dempsey, Prickly Pear Cooperative

**[EXHIBIT\(edh13a01\)](#)**

15:32:23 Jan Cahill, Superintendent, Vaughn Public Schools

15:36:51 Daniel Farr, North East Rural Schools (NERS)

15:38:03 Kirk Miller, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:45:23 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:54 Rep. Tschida

15:46:23 Shelly Dempsey, Prickly Pear Co-op

15:46:53 Rep. Tschida

15:47:47 Shelley Dempsey, Prickly Pear Co-op

15:47:58 Rep. Tschida

15:48:08 Rep. Beard

15:48:37 Shelley Dempsey, Prickly Pear Co-op

15:49:06 Rep. Beard

15:49:21 Shelley Dempsey, Prickly Pear Co-op

15:49:47 Rep. Beard

15:50:29 Jan Cahill, Vaughn Public Schools

15:50:57 Rep. Anderson entered the meeting

15:51:37 Rep. Bishop

15:52:14 Jan Cahill, Vaughn Public Schools

15:53:52 Rep. Bishop

15:54:13 Jan Cahill, Vaughn Public Schools

15:58:07 Chair Vinton

15:58:29 Rep. Funk

**[EXHIBIT\(edh13a02\)](#)****Closing by Sponsor:**

16:00:53 Rep. Funk

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:02:11

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh13aad.pdf](#))