

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on January 30, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. John Fuller, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
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 247, 1/30/2019; SB 16, 1/30/2019; SB 11, 1/30/2019

15:04:25 Chair Berglee

**HEARING ON SB 11**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:44 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 11, Clarify age requirements related to the definition of pupil.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:05:49 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:06:46 Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:07:13 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:07:26 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:07:54 Sen. Salomon

15:08:22 Chair Berglee

**HEARING ON SB 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:28 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 16, Revise school funding related to special education joint boards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:09:58 Kirk Miller, SAM

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:11:25 Sen. Salomon

**HEARING ON HB 247**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:11:56 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 247, Provide greater flexibility for school districts in financing major maintenance.

**EXHIBIT(edh18a01)**

15:13:54 Chair Berglee

15:13:59 Rep. Morigeau left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:14:34 Kirk Miller, SAM

15:15:32 Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.

15:17:42 Lance Melton, MTSBA

15:20:11 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

15:22:38 Rep. Schreiner entered the meeting.

15:24:53 Dan Villa, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments

15:25:10 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

15:26:22 Dennis Parman, MREA

15:26:45 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:27:20 Rep. Funk

15:28:25 Lance Melton, MTSBA

15:29:09 Rep. Morigeau entered the meeting.

15:30:02 Rep. Beard

15:31:00 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:32:05 Rep. Grubbs

15:33:08 Chair Berglee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:33:38

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh18aad.pdf](#))