

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 11, 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. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (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: HB 355, 2/6/2009; HB 459, 2/6/2009

Executive Action: HB 332

00:01:29 Vice Chairman Robin Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 459

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:41 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 459, Create and fund K-12 distance learning network.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association/Montana Federation of Teachers
00:08:04 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public Schools
00:12:49 Larry Nielson, Vice President, Montana Federation of Teachers
00:17:12 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
00:22:00 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana
00:25:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board's Association

EXHIBIT (edh32a01)

00:27:53 Bob Runkle, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction
00:30:42 Phil Maxwell, 3 Rivers Telecomm Cooperative
00:32:24 Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, Montana Independent Telecomm System

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:17 Rep. Lake
00:33:54 Mr. Ferro
00:34:21 Rep. Lake
00:35:01 Mr. Nielson
00:35:32 Rep. Lake
00:35:41 Mr. Nielson
00:36:55 Rep. Lake
00:37:12 Mr. Nielson
00:37:22 Rep. Brown
00:38:09 Rep. Grinde
00:38:32 Mr. Messinger
00:39:26 Rep. Brown
00:39:58 Mr. Nielson
00:40:27 Rep. Brown
00:41:01 Mr. Nielson
00:41:38 Rep. Wilmer

00:42:49 Mr. Messinger
00:44:14 Rep. Bean
00:45:16 Mr. Runkle
00:45:49 Rep. Washburn
00:46:21 Mr. Nielson
00:46:43 Rep. Washburn
00:46:53 Mr. Nielson
00:47:06 Rep. Wagner
00:47:47 Mr. Puyear
00:49:49 Rep. Wagner
00:50:16 Mr. Puyear
00:52:34 Rep. Wagner
00:54:34 Mr. Puyear
00:56:59 Rep. Wagner
00:57:27 Mr. Puyear
00:59:09 Rep. Malek
00:59:27 Mr. Puyear
00:59:32 Rep. Malek
00:59:44 Mr. Puyear
01:00:42 Rep. Malek
01:01:37 Mr. Puyear
01:02:27 Rep. Washburn
01:03:20 Mr. Nielson
01:04:03 Rep. Wagner
01:05:16 Mr. Nielson
01:07:08 Rep. Wagner
01:07:13 Mr. Nielson
01:08:07 Rep. Butcher
01:09:51 Mr. Nielson
01:11:13 Rep. Butcher
01:11:50 Mr. Nielson
01:12:37 Rep. Wilmer
01:12:54 Rep. Butcher

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:12 Rep. Grinde

HEARING ON HB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:22 Rep. Malek, HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 355, Fund math and science academy at Montana Tech.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:42 Rep. Malek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 355

01:16:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Malek moved to Table HB 355. Vote carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:16:54 Rep. Brown

01:17:30 Rep. Grinde

BREAK

01:26:17 Vice Chairman Hamilton reconvened the meeting.

01:27:13 Rep. Malek

01:27:43 Rep. Grinde

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 332

01:28:11 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 332 DO PASS.**

01:28:24 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that HB 322 Be Amended.

EXHIBIT (edh32a02)

Discussion:

01:33:40 Rep. Boss Ribs

01:34:18 Rep. Beck

01:34:55 Rep. Grinde

01:35:25 Rep. Beck

01:35:35 Rep. Grinde

01:36:32 Hamilton

01:36:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Boss Ribs voting no.

01:36:58 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 332 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:37:09 Rep. Fleming

01:37:39 Rep. Brown

01:39:47 Rep. Grinde

01:40:07 Vice Chairman Hamilton

01:40:15 Rep. Malek

01:40:26 Rep. Brown

01:41:00 Rep. Malek

01:41:28 Rep. Brown

01:41:39 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board's Association

01:42:24 Rep. Malek

01:42:45 Mr. Vogel

01:43:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:45:00 Rep. Lake

ADJOURNMENT

02:03:56 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT ([edh32aad.pdf](#))