

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Kris Hansen, on April 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kris Hansen, Chair (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)  
Rep. Douglas Coffin (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. David Halvorson (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch  
Marissa Stockton, 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 175, 3/26/2013

**HEARING ON SB 175****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:19 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 175, Generally revise public education funding.

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:43 Chair Hansen

01:05:27 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:07:04 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a06\)](#)

01:08:48 Kary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a07\)](#)

01:12:33 Denise Ulberg, Executive Director, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

01:13:22 Marco Ferro, Montana Association of Teachers-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:14:51 Tim Tharp, President, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:17:27 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a08\)](#)

01:21:08 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:24:29 Kris Kuehn, Superintendent, Malta Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a09\)](#)

01:26:10 Dan Farr, Superintendent, Sidney Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a10\)](#)

01:28:48 Gary Lusin, Board Chair, Bozeman Public Schools

01:30:58 Andy Carlson, Superintendent, Havre Public Schools

01:32:26 Laura Tauck, Business Manager, Ekalaka Public Schools

01:33:43 Jan Cahill, Board Chair, Bozeman Public Schools

01:36:12 Daryl Schliem, President/CEO, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

01:37:50 Paul Finnicum, Board Chair, Culbertson Public Schools

01:39:19 CeCe Buntler, Self

01:41:18 Marsha Davis, County Superintendent, Lewis and Clark County Public Schools

01:42:34 Libby Goldes, Board Chair, Helen Public Schools

01:45:22 Dexter Thiel, Trustee, Sidney Public Schools

01:47:22 Mary Sheehy Moe, Vice Chair, Great Falls Public Schools

01:49:27 Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby

01:50:04 Scott Chauvet, Superintendent, Fort Benton Public Schools

01:52:09 Kathleen Aragon, Trustee, Billings Public Schools

01:54:13 Mary Ruby, Trustee, Kalispell Public Schools

01:55:34 Tim Bronk, Superintendent, Laurel Public Schools

01:56:53 Rob Hankins, Principal, Hardin Public Schools

01:58:16 Leland Stocker, Director of Education, Havre Public Schools

01:59:31 Ann Hokanson, Vice Chair, Harrison K-12 Schools

02:02:01 Randy Cline, Superintendent, Frenchtown Public Schools  
 02:06:58 Steve Johnson, Deputy Superintendent, Bozeman Public Schools  
 02:07:14 Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson  
 02:07:29 Terry Bauck, Superintendent, Billings School District  
 02:07:49 Heide Arneson, Trustee, Bozeman Public Schools  
 02:08:10 Lew Anderson, Executive Director of Facilities, Billings Public Schools  
 02:08:26 Patricia Hubbard, Director of Finance Billings Public Schools  
 02:08:43 Tracy Stroebe, Billings Public Schools  
 02:09:41 Rob Watson, Superintendent, Bozeman Public Schools  
 02:09:54 Denise Haymen, Trustee, Bozeman Public Schools  
 02:10:18 Tara Goodwin, Self  
 02:10:40 Mike Arnold, Business Manager, Havre Public Schools  
 02:10:59 Rob Bayuk, Montana Association of School Business Officials  
 02:11:23 Margaret Eller, Teacher, Fairfield Public Schools  
 02:11:49 Les Meyer, Superintendent, Fairfield Public Schools  
 02:12:07 Andrea Johnson, Superintendent, Townsend Public Schools  
 02:12:23 Candy Lubanski, Superintendent, Belgrade Public Schools  
 02:12:38 Chad Fordyce, Geraldine School  
 02:12:53 Helen Kane, Ekalaka Public Schools  
 02:13:04 Sue Sweeney, Principal, Helena Public schools  
 02:13:30 Chair Hansen

02:13:42 Meeting recessed.  
 02:19:19 Meeting resumed with Rep. Laszloffy not returning.

02:19:46 Chair Hansen

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:19:53 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators (MCHE)  
**EXHIBIT(edh73a11)**  
 02:24:52 Richard Dunbar, President, Phillips County, and Oil and Gas Counties  
**EXHIBIT(edh73a12)**  
 02:27:07 Barbara Rush, Self  
**EXHIBIT(edh73a13)**  
 02:30:08 Rep. McClafferty  
 02:30:13 Chair Hansen  
 02:30:26 Barbara Rush  
 02:31:14 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools  
 02:33:48 Becky Stockton, Self  
 02:34:29 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum  
 02:37:14 Pat McCain, Self  
 02:37:41 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
 02:41:32 Clayton Elliot, Northern Plains Research Council

**Informational Testimony:**

02:46:08 Jim Standaert, LFD  
**EXHIBIT(edh73a14)**  
 02:46:52 Chair Hansen

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:47:31 Rep. Schwaderer  
02:48:21 Sen. Jones  
02:49:58 Rep. Schwaderer  
02:51:28 Randy Cline, Frenchtown Public Schools  
02:53:35 Rep. Wilmer  
02:54:18 Sen. Jones  
02:56:24 Rep. Wilmer  
02:56:57 Sen. Jones  
02:57:15 Rep. Coffin  
02:58:33 Jim Standaert, LFD  
02:58:44 Rep. Coffin  
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03:00:58 Rep. Coffin  
03:01:41 Jim Standaert, LFD  
03:02:41 Rep. Coffin  
03:03:17 Sen. Jones  
03:04:42 Chair Hansen  
03:05:11 Sen. Jones  
03:07:17 Rep. Washburn  
03:08:40 Sen. Jones  
03:10:23 Rep. Washburn  
03:10:57 Sen. Jones  
03:11:49 Rep. Brockie  
03:12:39 Sen. Jones  
03:15:14 Rep. McNiven  
03:16:31 Sen. Jones  
03:20:45 Rep. McNiven  
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03:30:03 Sen. Jones  
03:30:40 Rep. Price  
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03:32:54 Rep. Schreiner  
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04:01:24 Rep. Halvorson  
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04:01:37 Rep. Halvorson  
04:01:43 Sen. Jones  
04:01:49 Chair Hansen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

04:01:56 Sen. Jones

[EXHIBIT\(edh73a15\)](#)

04:13:13 Chair Hansen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 04:14:05

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Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([edh73aad.pdf](#))**