

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Peterson, on January 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Peterson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Elizabeth Whiting, 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 2, 1/10/2013; SB 32, 1/10/2013; SB 78, 1/10/2013

**HEARING ON SB 78**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:45 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 78, Require elementary students to be proficient in reading before advancement.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:41:20 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a01\)](#)

00:53:17 Debra Silk, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:55:33 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:58:51 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:00:12 Dave Puyear, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:01:03 Bruce Spencer, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:54 Sen. Facey

01:03:17 Sen. Lewis

01:03:57 Sen. Facey

01:04:21 Kirk Miller, SAM

01:05:25 Sen. Arntzen

01:06:09 Sen. Lewis

01:07:03 Sen. Arntzen

01:07:13 Steve York, OPI

01:10:33 Sen. Arntzen

01:10:56 Steve York

01:11:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:12:42 Kirk Miller

01:14:12 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:18:46 Steve York

01:19:54 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:20:57 Sen. Windy Boy

01:21:25 Steve York

01:22:34 Chairman Peterson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:22:38 Sen. Lewis

[EXHIBIT\(eds08a02\)](#)

**HEARING ON SB 2**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:10 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 2, Revise certain OPI reporting requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:28:27 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:29:29 Mandy Smoker-Broaddus, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(eds08a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:32:13 Sen. Windy Boy

01:33:19 Mandy Smoker-Broaddus, OPI

01:33:24 Sen. Windy Boy

01:33:57 Sen. Facey

01:35:29 Chairman Peterson

01:36:15 Sen. Facey

01:37:19 Sen. Windy Boy

01:38:15 Steve York, OPI

01:38:29 Mandy Smoker-Broaddus

01:40:17 Sen. Windy Boy

01:40:30 Mandy Smoker-Broaddus

01:40:52 Sen. Windy Boy

01:41:09 Chairman Peterson

01:42:03 Sen. Facey

01:43:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:44:16 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:44:23 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:44:56 Chairman Peterson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:45:10 Sen. Facey

**HEARING ON SB 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:51 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 32, Allow excess cash in student extracurricular funds to be invested.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:47:20 Steve Johnson, Superintendent of Operations of Bozeman Public Schools (BPS)

01:49:26 Debra Silk, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

01:49:47 Denise Ulberg, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:51:24 Sen. Facey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:30 pm

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Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds08aad.pdf](#))**