

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Llew Jones, on February 13, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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:** Sen. Jim Peterson, Chair (R)

**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 203, 2/1/2013; SB 257, 2/11/2013; SB 283, 2/11/2013

**HEARING ON SB 203**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:44 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 203, Enter into interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:33 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 21  
00:30:33 Brigadier General (Retired) Norman Arflack, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC 3)  
00:31:43 Rick Masters, General Counsel, Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (ICEO)

**EXHIBIT(eds32a01)**

00:36:04 Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, Great Falls  
00:38:09 Cheryl Crawley, Superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools  
00:39:51 Lara Duranti, self  
00:42:59 Dawn Beal, Malstrom Air Force Base School Liaison  
00:44:35 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
00:45:20 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:16 Sen. Facey  
00:47:43 Lara Duranti, self  
00:48:03 Sen. Arntzen  
00:48:46 Brigadier General Arflack, MIC 3  
00:49:11 Sen. Arntzen  
00:49:16 Brigadier General Arflack  
00:49:25 Sen. Arntzen  
00:49:31 Brigadier General Arflack  
00:49:47 Sen. Jones  
00:50:07 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:29 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 283**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:53:46 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 283, Revise criteria for expansion from elementary district to K-12 district.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:25 Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Public Schools  
**EXHIBIT(eds32a02)**

01:00:58 Kevin Bokovoy, Board of Trustees, East Helena School District  
01:05:22 Mary Emmons, self  
01:07:26 Mike Fasbender, self  
01:08:42 Marcia Ellermeyer, Board of Trustees, East Helena School District  
01:12:27 John Gordon, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)  
01:13:01 Martin Balukas, self  
01:14:33 Kit Johnson, Board of Trustees, East Helena School District and City Council  
01:16:07 Terrie Casey, Former City Council Member, Former Mayor of East Helena  
01:18:22 Denice Harris, self  
01:19:29 Rachel Bright, self, East Helena Public Schools  
01:20:54 Heather Ireland, self  
01:24:06 Sen. Peterson entered the hearing.  
01:24:28 Heather Sobrepena-George, self  
01:28:49 Karen Goldsberry, self  
01:31:55 Kael Goldsberry, self  
01:34:06 Scott Walter, Board of Trustees, East Helena School District  
01:37:22 Don Reed, self  
01:42:16 Janene Felter, self  
01:45:30 Michelle Lingenfeter, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:47:36 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)  
01:58:23 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
01:59:43 Kent Kultgen, Superintendent of Helena School District  
02:00:45 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)  
02:07:12 Libby Goldes, Chair Board of Trustees, Helena Schools  
02:09:21 Sabrina Steketee, School Board, Jefferson Schools  
02:12:54 Mike Hurford, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:16:49 Sen. Murphy

02:22:01 Vice Chair Jones turned over Chair responsibilities to Chairman Peterson

**HEARING ON SB 257**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:22:34 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 257, Revise and clarify responsibilities of the board of public education.

[EXHIBIT\(eds32a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:25:07 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association ( MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:31:04 Sen. Facey  
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02:31:54 Lance Melton  
02:32:08 Chairman Peterson  
02:32:58 Sen. Jones  
02:34:02 Sen. Arntzen  
02:35:44 Lance Melton  
02:38:58 Sen. Arntzen  
02:39:37 Lance Melton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:40:57 Sen. Jones

**Committee Business:**

02:42:41 Sen. Arntzen  
02:43:26 Chairman Peterson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:29 p.m.

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Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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