

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, 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: SB 272, 2/10/2015; HB 162, 2/10/2015

**HEARING ON SB 272**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 272, Encourage Indian language immersion schools.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:56 Charles Walking Child, Blackfeet and Chippewa-Cree Tribes

00:07:49 Dustin Monroe, founder and CEO, Native Generational Change (NGC); representing Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes Language and Culture Department; member, Nakoda and Blackfeet Tribes

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[EXHIBIT\(eds33a02\)](#)

00:10:59 Jesse Desrosier, graduate, Cuts Wood School; member Blackfeet Tribe; veteran, US Marine Corp; student, University of Montana; founder, ASUM Club (indigenous languages)

00:12:44 Merle Tendoy, self - Rocky Boy Chippewa-Cree, maternal side; Shoshone, paternal side; Tri-lingual

00:16:33 Nathaniel St. Pierre, member, Chippewa-Cree Tribe; president, Stone Child College

00:23:22 Kenneth Helgeson, Nakoda language teacher, School District #50, Fort Belknap

00:27:38 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:28:01 Sen. Jones entered the hearing.

00:28:13 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

00:31:23 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21, Crow Agency

00:56:05 Dennis Parman, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

00:56:34 Sen. Jon Sesso, SD 37, Butte

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:32 Sen. Moe

01:01:44 Mr. Monroe, NGC

01:02:50 Sen. Cohenour

01:03:27 Mr. Tendoy, self

01:06:15 Chairman Brown

01:06:33 Mr. Tendoy

01:08:05 Chairman Brown

01:08:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:43 Sen. Windy Boy

**HEARING ON HB 162**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:22:42 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 162, Revise laws related to the Montana digital academy.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:24:03 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
[EXHIBIT\(eds33a03\)](#)

01:28:43 Dennis Parman, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI); chair, Montana Digital Academy

01:29:12 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

01:29:50 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

01:30:26 Diane Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:22 Sen. Hansen

01:32:28 Rep. Schwaderer

01:34:28 Sen. Hansen

01:35:25 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

01:37:20 Sen. Hansen

01:37:46 Mr. Melton

01:38:17 Sen. Hansen

01:39:33 Mr. Melton

01:42:04 Sen. Hansen

01:42:34 Mr. Parman, OPI

01:44:12 Sen. Facey

01:44:44 Mr. Melton

01:44:48 Sen. Facey

01:45:04 Mr. Melton

01:46:20 Sen. Facey

01:46:31 Mr. Melton

01:46:45 Sen. Facey

01:46:52 Mr. Melton

01:47:22 Sen. Facey

01:47:45 Chairman Brown

01:47:59 Sen. Jones

01:48:32 Rep. Schwaderer

01:49:25 Sen. Jones  
 01:50:45 Mr. Parman  
 01:52:20 Sen. Jones  
 01:53:03 Sen. Parman  
 01:53:07 Sen. Moe  
 01:54:33 Mr. Melton  
 01:54:49 Sen. Moe  
 01:55:51 Mr. Melton  
 01:56:32 Sen. Moe  
 01:57:00 Mr. Melton  
 01:57:37 Sen. Moe  
 01:57:50 Mr. Melton  
 01:57:58 Sen. Moe  
 01:58:24 Robert Currie, director, Montana Digital Academy (MDA)  
 01:58:52 Sen. Moe  
 01:59:24 Mr. Parman  
 01:59:50 Sen. Moe  
 02:00:13 Mr. Currie, MDA  
 02:00:25 Sen. Moe  
 02:00:43 Sen. Jones  
 02:01:40 Sen. Arntzen  
 02:02:09 Mr. Currie  
 02:03:40 Sen. Facey  
 02:04:04 Mr. Currie  
 02:04:15 Chairman Brown  
 02:04:36 Mr. Melton  
 02:04:44 Chairman Brown  
 02:04:51 Mr. Melton  
 02:05:14 Chairman Brown  
 02:05:29 Mr. Melton  
 02:06:38 Chairman Brown  
 02:07:09 Mr. Melton  
 02:08:00 Chairman Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:08:12 Rep. Schwaderer

**Committee Business:**

02:11:52 Chairman Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:17 P.M.

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Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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