

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO**, on December 14, 2005 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Jeanne Windham (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch
Eddy McClure, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, 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: HB 4, 12/14/2005
Executive Action: None

A brief opening statement was made by Chairman Galvin-Halcro.

00:00:30

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. PAT WAGMAN (R), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 4, Quality schools interim committee school funding model.

[EXHIBIT \(edh01b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh01b02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh01b03\)](#)

00:01:29

Proponents:

00:18:40 Steve Gettel, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

[EXHIBIT \(edh01b04\)](#)

Opponents:

00:20:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:24:19 Glen Munson, Superintendent, Saco School

00:26:45 Joe Lamson, for Linda McCullough, Office of Public Instruction

Informational Testimony:

00:28:47 Larry Finch, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:14

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:26

[EXHIBIT \(edh01b05\)](#)

01:20:17

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not a Fiscal Note should be required for HB 4. The committee also discussed the scheduled time of the next hearing for the House Education Committee.

Mr. Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction spoke regarding the Fiscal Note Issue for HB 4.

01:25:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45P.M.

REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh01bad0.PDF](#))