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Minutes of October 8, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator VanWoerkom – Present
Senator Cassis – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Gleason – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from September 10, 2009.

Motion by Senator Cassis to approve the minutes from September 10, 2009 was supported by Senator VanWoerkom.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – Yes

- **HB 4787** Rep. Melton
Education; reorganization; certain measures to identify and restructure failing schools; provide for.
 - HB 4788** Rep. Johnson
Education; school districts; changes in collective bargaining act to allow more flexibility in failing schools; provide for.
 - HB 4789** Rep. Melton
School aid; other; funding for turnaround schools; provide for.
1. Introduction of the bill package by Rep. Tim Melton
 2. Jack Kresnak, President & CEO of Voices for Michigan's Children spoke in favor of the bills.

3. Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference did not wish to speak but supports the bills.
 4. Chris Glass, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber did not wish to speak but supports the bills.
 5. Don Wotruba, representing MASB wished to indicate that he did not wish to speak. He did not indicate his position on the bills.
 6. Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, and I-UOE, Local 324 did not wish to speak but supports the House passed versions of the bills.
 7. Nick Ciaramitaro, representing AFSCME did not wish to speak but supports the House passed versions of the bills.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Englin, Clerk



Wayne Kuipers, Chair

10-22-09

Date Approved