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Minutes of November 5, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:43 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

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

Agenda

- Approve minutes from October 22, 2009.

Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from October 22, 2009 was supported by Senator Kuipers.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

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

- **Presentation by Trish Brennan-Gac regarding Race to the Top**
Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Learning Point Associates
- **Presentation by Andy Rotherham**
Former Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy during the Clinton Administration; Education Sector

SB 925 Sen. Thomas
Education; public school academies; establishment of "schools of excellence"; provide for.

SB 926 Sen. Thomas
School aid; other; funding for "schools of excellence" as public school academy and transition funding for certain districts in which schools of excellence are located; provide for.

- Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference did not wish to speak but supports SB 925.
- Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators did not wish to speak and opposes SB 925 and 926.
- **SB 965** Sen. Kuipers
Education; teachers; alternative program for teacher certification; provide for.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Englin, Clerk



Wayne Kuipers, Chair

11-12-09
Date Approved