



**THE SENATE**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES**

The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in the Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Session adjourned later than usual which delayed the start of the meeting. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the following order of business.

Adoption of March 16, 2011 minutes

SB 131 (Pavlov) Education; other; education mandate rollback contracts waiving certain statutory and administrative requirements as part of performance contract; allow.

SB 132 (Hansen) School aid; other; school aid requirements; make subject to education mandate rollback contracts.

Presentation by Kathryn Summers, of the Senate Fiscal Agency, to provide information regarding the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System.

Presentation by James Hohman, of the Mackinac Center, on the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System.

SB 45 (Anderson) Education; discipline; policy prohibiting harassment and bullying at school; require.

Senator Colbeck made the motion to adopt the minutes from the March 16, 2011 committee meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was Senate Bills 131-132.

Senator Pavlov provided the members with an explanation of the bills.

These individuals testified and their position on the legislation follows:

Wayne Kuipers, representing the MI Assn of Public School Academies – SUPPORT

Louise Somalski, for the American Federation of Teachers, Michigan Chapter – OPPOSE

Peter Spadafore, Michigan Assn of School Boards – SUPPORT

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers and the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, submitted a testimony card opposing the bills but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony on the bills, Senator Pavlov advised the members they would not be voting on them at that time. He stated he will continue working on the measures.

Senator Pavlov then made a motion to report Senate Bill 45, with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Hopgood, and Young

The Senate Committee on Education reported SB 45 with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The two presentations listed below were scheduled to be given to the committee, but the significant delay in the start of the meeting did not leave the members with enough time to include those in this meeting. Senator Pavlov asked them to return at a future date to share their their information with the members.

- Kathryn Summers, a fiscal analyst for the Senate Fiscal Agency
- James Hohman, representing the Mackinac Center

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m. without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: April 13, 2011**

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.