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The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor of the Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:17 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 June 15, 2011 minutes from afternoon meeting
- HB 4625 Rep. Rogers Education; teachers; standards for achieving and retaining teacher tenure; revise, and make certain revisions to hearing procedures.
- HB 4626 Rep. Scott Education; teachers; discharge or demotion of a teacher on continuing tenure; revise permissible grounds for, change definition of demote, and limit length of time salary continues during suspension.
- HB 4627 Rep. O'Brien Education; teachers; effectiveness as determining factor when reduction of teachers is required; establish, and require mutual consent policy for teacher placement.
- HB 4628 Rep. Yonker Education; employees; additional prohibited subjects of bargaining for public school employees; provide for.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2011 afternoon committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was House Bills 4625 - 4628. Members had begun taking testimony on the bills at the previous meeting.

Senator Pavlov asked Anne Blankenhorn of the Senate Majority Policy Office to provide an overview of the changes in the (S-1) versions of each of the bills before the members.

Senator Colbeck offered a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of House Bill 4625.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons offered a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of House Bill 4626.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck offered a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of House Bill 4627.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck offered a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of House Bill 4628.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Eric Delaporte with the Thrun Law firm spoke in support of the bills.

As the committee members were required to return to session by 1:00 p.m., Senator Pavlov recessed the meeting at 12:57 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Senator Pavlov reconvened the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bills:

- Don Wotruba, MI Assn of School Boards
- Lisa Koski, Students First
- Shawna Groulx, Teachers and Students First

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the bills:

- Jon Forslund, concerned citizen
- Arthur Przybylowicz, MEA
- Lincoln Stocks, East Detroit Public School Teachers
- Nate Walker, American Federation of Teachers MI

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bills but did not wish to

speak:

- Debbie Squires, MI Elementary & Middle School Principals
- David Jessup, Small Business Association of MI
- Jim Ballard, MI Assn of Secondary School Principals
- Lisa Hansknecht, MI Dept of Education – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The following individuals submitted testimony cards opposing the bills but did not wish to speak:

- Mark Hackbarth, Teachers in Midland
- Saun Strobel, Parent
- Gil Suzor, Retired Teacher
- Allan Pettyplace, Retired Administrator
- June Pettyplace, Retired Teacher
- Kia Hagens, MEA
- Dan Quisenberry, MI Assn of Public School Academies
- Billie Wimmer, MI Council of Public School Authorizers
- Beth DeShone, Great Lakes Education Project
- Michael Keller, AFL-CIO
- John Pakledinaz, Farwell Education Assn
- Dan Madejczyk, Allegan County Education Assn
- Donnie Reeves, MEA
- Dan Zarimba, MEA
- Randy Borden, MEA
- Linda Keway, MEA and Self
- Theresa Alderman, MEA and Self
- Tara Wilbur, MEA and Self
- Ana Kinnison, MEA
- Tim Nendorf, Grand Rapids Education Assn
- Ellen Hoekstra, IUOE Local 324, MI Assn of School Social Workers, MI Assn of School Psychologists
- Aaron Sheposh, Concerned citizen
- Rick Scholtz, Retiree
- Ann Marie Borders, Concerned citizen
- Kim Edwards, Concerned citizen
- Mary Lou Gleason, Concerned citizen
- Elizabeth Baker, Parent

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills but did not speak as time was limited:

- Andrew Spiece, Students First
- Div Buegeleisen, Students First
- Todd Beard, Students

The following individuals submitted cards opposing the bills but did not speak as time was limited:

- Nick Paradiso, National Heritage Academies

- Jan Crawford, Grand Blanc Parent
- Keith Johnson, Detroit Federation of Teachers, President
- Cindy Fredenburg, Teachers
- Jon Musolf, Britton-Macon Education Assn
- Shawn Shivnen, Romulus Education Assn
- Gunesha Frederick, Teachers
- Diane Bruder, Bay City Education Assn
- Margaret Walton, Teachers
- Mary Lou Zaums, Bedford Public Schools
- Dr. Emily Subers, Teachers

John Lauve submitted a card indicating he was neutral on the bill but did not speak as time was limited.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4625 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4625; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4626 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4626; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4627 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4627; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4628 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

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Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4628; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m. without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: August 24, 2011

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