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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- Adoption of November 27, 2012 minutes
- SB 1358 (Pavlov) Education; other; education achievement authority; establish as part of public education system and provide for its powers and duties, and establish process for redeployment of unused public school buildings.

In the room at the time of the roll call were Senators Pavlov, Colbeck, and Hopgood.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 27, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1358.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the bill:

- Tracy Peters, citizen—Opposed
- Jennifer Smith, MI Association of School Boards—Oppose
- Wendy Larvick, MI Department of Education—no position taken, offered recommendations
- Elizabeth Welch Lykins, parent—Oppose

- R.J. Webber, parent—Neutral
- Kim Root, Huron valley Schools—Oppose
- Christine Stead, Ann Arbor Public Schools/Washtenaw Alliance for Education—Oppose
- Russ Bellant, citizen—Oppose
- Steve Liedel, Dykema Gossett, Counsel for Education Achievement Authority –Support
- Margot Haynes, retired teacher—Oppose
- Bob Kefgen, MI Association for Secondary School Principals—Oppose

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on the bill but due to time constraints were not able to testify:

- Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Community Schools—Oppose
- Ruthann Jaquette, MI Parent Teacher Association—Oppose
- Christine Greig, parent—Oppose
- Harrison Blackmond, Democrats for Education—no position taken

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position but did not wish to testify:

- Maggie Kolk, The ARC Michigan Education Committee—Oppose
- Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers-MI—Oppose

Senator Pavlov recessed the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at the call of the chair.

Senator Pavlov reconvened the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Senator Pavlov recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection, Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 9:19 a.m.

Date Approved: December 5, 2012

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