

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative McEachern, Chair of the Education Committee, called the twenty-ninth meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 16, 1987, in Room 614 of Apollo High School, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Members present:

McEachern, Chair	Nelson, K.
Olson, K., Vice Chair	Otis
Bauerly	Pelowski
Dawkins	Quinn
Gruenes	Schafer
Hartle	Swenson
Hugoson	Thiede
Johnson	Tompkins
Kelso	Trimble
Kinkel	Wagenius
McPherson	Wenzel
Nelson, C.	

Members excused:

Beard	Ozment
Kostohryz	Richter
McDonald	Tunheim
Olsen	Vellenga
Olson, E.	

Senator Jim Pehler gave a brief introduction and welcomed the committee to the St. Cloud community after which Rep. McEachern introduced the topic of discussion.

Rep. McEachern announced the appointment of Rep. Andy Dawkins to the Education Committee.

The topic of discussion dealt with the following questions which were addressed by each of the speakers below.

1. Minnesota law requires all residents between the ages of 7 and 16 to attend school. What do you feel would be the impact of raising the age of compulsory attendance to age 17 or 18?
2. Minnesota law provides a free public education to any resident under the age of 21. Would you favor removing the age limit for anyone who hasn't completed their last two years of high school?
3. What are the early childhood education needs and priorities of your school district? If funds were made available, would you favor all-day kindergarten or prefer programs for four-year-old at-risk children?
4. The School Start Law prohibits districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day. Has this caused your district any problems?
5. *Should the school day or year be lengthened? Would student achievement increase with more time on task?*
6. What other concerns do you have for the 1988 legislative session?

The following speakers addressed the questions above and responded to questions raised by members of the committee.

Ron Jandura, Superintendent, St. Cloud Public Schools

Kenneth Engel, Superintendent, Maple Lake Public Schools

Jerry Hartley, Superintendent, Sauk Rapids Public Schools

Joan Parent, Foley School Board Member

Shawn Regan, Student, Apollo High School, St. Cloud

Darrell Miller, Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools

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Jim Mantzke, Superintendent, Becker Public Schools

Laverne Lageson, Superintendent, Big Lake Public Schools

Larry Blow, Superintendent, Annandale Public Schools


Joan Karish, Instruction & Professional Development, Kindergarten through
First Grade Committee, MN Education Assn.

Owen Hagen, Dean of Teacher Development, St. Cloud State University

Elaine Leach, Director, Center for Education Administration and Leadership,
St. Cloud State University

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.


BOB MCEACHERN, CHAIR


Norma Christensen, Clerk