

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

## 51ST LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**DATE:** March 21, 2013      **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.      **ROOM:** SHR1

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator Kimberly Yee      **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Chester Crandell

**ANALYST:** Kody Kelleher      **INTERN:** Catherine Curtis

**ASSISTANT ANALYST:** Bryan Durham      **COMMITTEE SECRETARY:** Shelley Ponce

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#### ATTENDANCE

#### BILLS

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<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Bradley	X			HB 2047	DISCUSS ONLY
Senator Crandall	X			HB 2054	DP
Senator Jackson Jr.	X			HB 2202	DP
Senator Landrum Taylor	X			HB 2237	DP
Senator Melvin	X			HB 2318	DPA
Senator Murphy	X			HB 2488	FAILED
Senator Ward	X			HB 2500	DP
Senator Crandell, Vice-Chairman	X			HB 2566	DP
Senator Yee, Chairman	X			HB 2581	DPA
				HB 2611	DP

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#### EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Ann W. Hart	Member, State Board of Education	CONFIRMATION
Timothy D. Eyerman	Member, State Board for Charter Schools	CONFIRMATION
Edward E. Boot	Member, School Facilities Board	CONFIRMATION
Traci L. Sawyer-Sinkbeil	Member, School Facilities Board	CONFIRMATION
Suzanne T. Menges	Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education	CONFIRMATION

Chairman Yee called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and attendance was noted.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator Yee stated that without objection, the minutes of March 14, 2013 were approved.**

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

### **Ann W. Hart – Member, State Board of Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern, gave an overview of the State Board of Education.**

**Ann W. Hart reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.**

**Senator Crandell moved the Education Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Ann W. Hart as a member of the State Board of Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 1).**

### **Timothy D. Eyerman – Member, State Board for Charter Schools – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern, gave an overview of the State Board for Charter Schools.**

**Timothy D. Eyerman reviewed his resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.**

**Senator Crandell moved the Education Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Timothy D. Eyerman as a member of the State Board for Charter Schools. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 2).**

### **Edward E. Boot – Member, School Facilities Board – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern, gave an overview of the School Facilities Board.**

**Edward E. Boot reviewed his resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.**

**Senator Crandell moved the Education Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Edward E. Boot as a member of the School Facilities Board. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-3 (Attachment 3).**

### **Traci L. Sawyer-Sinkbeil – Member, School Facilities Board – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Traci L. Sawyer-Sinkbeil reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.**

**Senator Crandell moved the Education Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Traci L. Sawyer-Sinkbeil as a member of the School Facilities Board. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 4).**

**Suzanne T. Menges – Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern**, gave an overview of the Commission for Postsecondary Education.

**Suzanne T. Menges** reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Crandell moved the Education Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Suzanne T. Menges as a member of the Commission for Postsecondary Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 5).**

Senator Melvin introduced Aubrey and John Lamb and Kaya Blank as his "Shadows" for the day.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**HB 2047 – pupil assessments; AIMS transition – DISCUSSION ONLY**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2047.

**Representative Goodale, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2047.

**Tom Tyree, President, State Board of Education**, testified in support of HB 2047 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Vince Yanez, Executive Director, State Board of Education**, answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Jennifer Reynolds, Homemaker, Arizonans Against Common Core**, distributed a handout entitled "Retaining Constitutionally Guaranteed Liberty and State Sovereignty" (Attachment A) and testified in opposition to HB 2047.

**Dr. Craig Barrett, Governor's Arizona Ready Council**, distributed an article entitled "U.S. Education Reform and National Security" (Attachment B) and testified in support of HB 2047. Dr. Barrett answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Robin York, representing herself**, testified in opposition to HB 2047.

**Amanda McAdams, representing herself**, testified in support of HB 2047 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Mark Goodman, Superintendent, St. David Unified School District**, testified in opposition to HB 2047 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Eileen Klein, President, Government Relations, Arizona Board of Regents**, testified in support of HB 2047 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Wesley Harris, representing himself**, testified in opposition to HB 2047.

Senator Crandall noted that there is no promise of a waiver for "No Child Left Behind" if the State adopts the Common Core Standards.

Mr. Yanez answered further questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill (Attachment C).

**HB 2054 – technical correction; private schools (now: preschool programs; charter schools) – DO PASS**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern**, explained HB 2054.

**Representative Goodale, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2054 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Heather Laine, Principal, Sequoia School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, testified in support of HB 2054 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Ronald Neil, Superintendent, Sequoia School District**, testified in support of HB 2054.

Senator Crandell noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2054 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 6).**

**HB 2500 – schools; teacher evaluations; dismissals – DO PASS**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2500.

**Tom Pickrell, General Counsel, Mesa Public Schools**, testified in support of HB 2500 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Janice Palmer, Governmental Relations Analyst, Arizona School Boards Association**, testified in support of HB 2500 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Andrew Morrill, President, Arizona Education Association**, testified as neutral on HB 2500 and stated concerns with the bill.

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2500 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 7).**

**HB 2202 – school districts; leases – DO PASS**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2202.

**Representative Robson, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2202.

Senator Yee noted the individuals who noted their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Melvin moved HB 2202 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-2-0 (Attachment 8).**

**HB 2581 – overrides; RCL; kindergarten pupils – DO PASS AMENDED**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2581 and the 7-line Crandall amendment dated 03/20/13 at 3:05 p.m. (Attachment D).

**Representative Goodale, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2581.

**Meghaen Dell'Artino, Education Finance Reform Group**, testified in support of HB 2581.

**Charles Essigs, Director of Government Relations, Arizona Association of School Business Officials**, testified in support of HB 2581.

**Donna Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Glendale Elementary School District**, testified in support of HB 2581.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2581 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Crandell moved the 7-line Crandall amendment dated 03/20/13 at 3:05 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2581 be returned as an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-2-0 (Attachment 9).**

**HB 2488 – 200-day school calendar; funding – FAILED**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2488.

**Representative Boyer, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2488 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Wesley Walker, representing himself**, testified in opposition to HB 2488.

**Hal Borhauer, President, Towing Operations, Peoria Unified School District #11**, testified in support of HB 2488 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Chris Canelake, Assistant Superintendent, Balsz School District**, testified in support of HB 2488 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Kelly McManus, Government Affairs Director, Stand for Children**, testified in support of HB 2488.

**Chris Kotterman, Deputy Director Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education,** testified as neutral on HB 2488 and stated concerns with the bill.

**Roger Freeman, Superintendent, Littleton Elementary School District #65,** testified in support of HB 2488.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2488 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 4-5-0 (Attachment 10).**

Senators Murphy, Ward and Crandell explained their votes.

### **HB 2318 – schools without federal funding; exemptions – DO PASS AMENDED**

**Bryan Durham, Education Committee Assistant Analyst,** explained HB 2318 and the 11-line Yee amendment dated 03/20/13 at 9:12 a.m. (Attachment E). Mr. Durham answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Representative Farnsworth, bill sponsor,** further explained HB 2318 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Jonathan Butcher, Education Director, Goldwater Institute,** testified in support of HB 2318.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Chris Kotterman, Deputy Director Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education,** answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2318 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Crandell moved the 11-line Yee amendment dated 03/20/13 at 9:12 a.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2318 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-3-0 (Attachment 11).**

Senators Crandall, Melvin, Ward and Crandell explained their votes.

### **HB 2237 – schools; bonding level increase; repeal – DO PASS**

**Bryan Durham, Education Committee Assistant Analyst,** explained HB 2237.

**Representative Stevens, bill sponsor,** further explained HB 2237.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2237 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 12).**

Senator Crandall explained his vote.

**HB 2611 – school district superintendent contracts; renegotiation – DO PASS**

**Catherine Curtis, Education Committee Intern**, explained HB 2611.

**Representative Quezada, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2611 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2611 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.  
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-1-1 (Attachment 13).**

Senators Crandall and Crandell explained their votes.

**HB 2566 – universities; intellectual property – DO PASS**

**Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Analyst**, explained HB 2566.

**Ted Ferris, Arizona Board of Regents**, testified in support of HB 2566 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Representative Carter, bill sponsor**, further explained HB 2566 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee noted the individuals that registered their position on the bill. (Attachment C).

**Senator Crandell moved HB 2566 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.  
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 14).**

Senator Crandall explained his vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)