

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

52ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: January 29, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

ROOM: SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Kelli Ward

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Senator Kimberly Yee

ANALYST: Matthew Simon

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Allen	X			SB 1074	DP
Senator Begay	X			SB 1076	DP
Senator Bradley	X			SB 1093	DP
Senator Dial	X			SB 1117	DP
Senator Smith			X	SB 1125	DP
Senator Yee, Vice-Chairman	X			SB 1126	DPA
Senator Ward, Chairman	X			SB 1131	DPA

PRESENTATIONS

School Finance Overview

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association

AEF 2015 Teacher of the Year

John-David Bowman, Teacher, Westwood High School

Incoming ASA President of the Superintendent's Division

Mark Joraanstad, Superintendent of Saddle Mountain Unified School District

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ward stated that without objection, the minutes of January 22, 2015 were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Incoming ASA President of the Superintendent's Division

Mark Joraanstad, Superintendent, Saddle Mountain Unified School District, gave an overview of the Incoming Arizona School Association President of the Superintendent's Division. Mr. Joraanstad answered questions posed by the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1074 – unused school facilities; sale; lease – DO PASS

Brandi Peplinski, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1074.

Jay Kaprosy, Arizona Charter Schools Association, explained and testified in support of SB 1074.

Senator Yee moved SB 1074 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 1).

SB 1076 – teacher student loan program; appropriation – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1076.

Senator Yee moved SB 1076 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 2).

Senator Begay explained his vote.

SB 1093 – online instruction; concurrent enrollment; testing – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1093.

Becky Hill, Scottsdale Unified School District, testified in opposition to SB 1093 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Maveonien Creamer, Superintendent, Primavera Online High School and Middle School, testify in support of SB 1093. Ms. Creamer further explained and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1093 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-1-1 (Attachment 3).

Senators Bradley, Dial and Ward explained their votes.

SB 1117 – online instruction; state-approved charter authorizers – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1117.

Senator Yee moved SB 1117 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 4).

SB 1131 – online charter schools; interscholastic activities – DO PASS AMENDED

Brandi Peplinski, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1131 and the 16-line Ward amendment dated 01/28/15 at 3:38 p.m. (Attachment A).

Senator Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1131 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Barry Aarons, Arizona Association of County School Superintendents, explained and testified in opposition to SB 1131.

Janice Palmer, Arizona School Boards Association, testified as neutral to SB 1131 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1131 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 16-line Ward amendment dated 01/28/15 at 3:38 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1131 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 5).

SB 1125 – county school superintendent; qualifications; administrators – DO PASS

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1125.

Barry Aarons, Arizona Association of County School Superintendents, testified in support of SB 1125.

Senator Yee moved SB 1125 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 6).

SB 1126 – schools; daily organized physical activity – DO PASS AMENDED

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1126 and the 6-line Bradley amendment dated 01/28/15 at 12:16 p.m. (Attachment B).

Steve Gall, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1126 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Janice Palmer, Arizona School Boards Association, testified as neutral to SB 1126 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Carolyn Bernhardt, teacher, representing herself, explained and testified in support of SB 1126.

Shannon Butler, Retired U.S. Navy Captain, representing herself, explained and testified in support of SB 1126.

Senator Yee moved SB 1126 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bradley moved the 6-line Bradley amendment dated 01/28/15 at 12:16 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote (Attachment B).

Senator Bradley moved the following verbal amendment to the bill:

Page 1, line 7, strike "SHALL" insert "MAY"

The motion CARRIED by voice vote (Attachment C).

Senator Yee moved SB 1126 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 7).

Senators Bradley, Yee and Ward explained their votes.

PRESENTATIONS

AEF 2015 Teacher of the Year

John-David Bowman, Teacher, Westwood High School, Mesa, Arizona, gave an overview of the Arizona Educational Foundation, and answered questions posed by the committee.

School Financial Overview

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association, distributed and further explained a handout entitled "Arizona School Finance: A Brief Introduction" (Attachment D) and gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona School Finance" (Attachment E). Mr. McCarthy answered questions posed by the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.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>)