

MINUTES**SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION****Tuesday, August 10, 2021****9:00 AM****Room A, MAC****Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Joyce Elliott, Vice Chair; Linda Chesterfield, Lance Eads, Jane English and James Sturch; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian Evans, Vice Chair; Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Karilyn Brown, Gary Deffenbaugh, Charlene Fite, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, Fredrick Love, Gayla McKenzie, Stu Smith, Nelda Speaks and DeAnn Vaught

Other members present: Senator Ben Gilmore and Kim Hammer; Representatives Howard Beaty, Harlan Breaux, Joshua Bryant, Jim Dotson, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Denise Garner, Delia Haak, Tippi McCullough, Johnny Rye, Jamie Scott and Keith Slape

Representative Cozart called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for the December 14, 2020, Meeting [Exhibit C]

Representative Fite made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Chesterfield, and the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education

Representative Vaught made a motion to authorize chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education, seconded by Representative Speaks, and the motion carried.

Arkansas Department of Education Update on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) [Exhibits E1-E5]

Secretary Johnny Key, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, provided an overview of the ESSER annual educational grants reports.

Discussion of Annual Education Grants Reports [Exhibits F1-F2]

Mr. Joey Buddenberg, CPA, Arkansas Legislative Audit, provided a brief presentation regarding Arkansas Department of Education Grants.

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [Exhibits G1-F4]

Senator Elliot made a motion to adopt ISPs G1-G4, seconded by Senator English, and the motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.