

MINUTES

SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

9:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Linda Chesterfield, Lance Eads, Jane English and Greg Leding; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian Evans, Vice Chair; Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Karilyn Brown, Gary Deffenbaugh, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, Fredrick Love, Mark Lowery, Gayla McKenzie, Stephen Meeks, Stu Smith, Nelda Speaks and DeAnn Vaught

Other members present: Senators Trent Garner and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Fred Allen, Stan Berry, Marsha Davis, Jim Dotson, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Jimmy Gazaway, Jack Ladyman, Austin McCollum, Tippi McCullough, Jamie Scott, Joy Springer and Johnny Rye

Representative Irvin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2020, Meeting [Exhibit C]

Representative Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Beck, and without objection, the motion carried.

Presentation Concerning “Pathways to Becoming an Educator” [Exhibit D]

Ms. Karlie Saracini, Assistant Commissioner, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and Ms. Venus Torrence, Educator Recruitment Advisor, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure, ADE, DESE, presented on “Pathways to Becoming an Educator” and discussed specific advantages.

Update on the Use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) [Exhibits E]

Mr. Tim Cain, Director, Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation (Division), provided an update on the use of ESSER funds, and discussed the Division’s vision and mission statements.

Update on Henderson State University

Dr. Charles Welch, President, Arkansas State University System (ASU System), and Shane Broadway, Vice President for University Relations, ASU System, provided an update regarding Henderson State University operations and their efforts during a pandemic.

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [Exhibits G1-G2]

Senator Chesterfield made a motion to adopt ISPs G1-G2, seconded by Representative Evans, and without objection, the motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ADOPTED