

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly
Monday, March 11, 2024
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Linda Chesterfield, Vice Chair; Joshua Bryant, Jim Dotson, and Greg Leding; Representatives Brian S. Evans, Chair; Keith Brooks, Vice Chair; Rick Beck, Bruce Cozart, Hope Duke, Denise Garner, Wayne Long, Ron McNair, DeAnn Vaught, Steven Walker, and Carlton Wing

Other members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Scott Flippo, Fredrick Love, and Jim Petty; Representatives Joey Carr, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Steve Hollowell, Jay Richardson, Jamie Scott, Joy Springer, and Trey Steimel

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the February 5, 2024, and February 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Resource Allocation: Matrix – Staffing and Staff Salaries [Exhibits C1-C2]

Adrienne Beck, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), Elizabeth Bynum, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, BLR, and Jasmine Ray, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, BLR, presented information on foundation funding versus actual money spent on school staff salaries.

Resource Allocation: Matrix – School Level Resources [Exhibits D1-D2]

Lori Bowen, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, BLR, and Elizabeth Bynum, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, BLR, discussed resource allocation at the school-level and provided information on amounts spent on technology, instructional materials, extra duty funds, supervisory aides, and substitute teachers.

Resource Allocation: Matrix – District Level Resources [Exhibits E1-E2]

Lori Bowen, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research Section, BLR, provided information on district-level resource allocation and also covered amounts spent on operations and maintenance, central office, and transportation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.