

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 10, 2021*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *9:00 AM*

Adjourned: *9:35 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Kerr-CH, Gobble-VC, Winckler-RM, Cahill,
Dolecheck, Moore, T., Siegrist

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Staed, Williams

Meeting called to order at 9:02.

Clerk calls the roll.

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Chair Kerr introduces the speaker.

Mark Wiederspan, Executive Director for Iowa College Student Aid, discusses his handouts and his organization's budget request. He also discusses barriers to enrollment for students and solutions to those barriers.

Ranking Member Winckler asks a question about the funding in place for those wanting to attend a public university.

Mark Wiederspan answers question.

Ranking Member Winckler asks question about how awards are prioritized.

Speaker from audience gives the list of priorities for award money.

Ranking Member Winckler asks a question about how the money is divided.

Speaker answers.

Representative Siegrist asks a question about whether the amount of money is enough.

Mark Wiederspan answers saying that the recommendation would be enough money.

Representative Siegrist asks a question about the amount of money students receive in the Last Dollar Scholarship.

Mark Wiederspan answers.

Ranking Member Winckler makes a comment about how higher education is tied to median income.

Mark Wiederspan continues.

Ranking Member Winckler asks a question about where the money goes for the different school districts.

Audience member answers saying that the different districts handle it differently.

Ranking Member Winckler asks a follow-up question.

Speaker answers.

Representative Siegrist asks a question about whether the FAFSA form was updated.

Mark Wiederspan answers that the new form has made and that it is simplified.

Representative Cahill asks a question about whether financial aid options exist for cosmetology students or other similar degrees.

Mark Wiederspan answers that options do exist.

Chair Kerr asks a question about specific programs and how much they receive.

Audience member speaks about how two different programs were merged into one to reduce administrative costs.

Chair Kerr makes a comment on how it is more challenging to find a barber in rural Iowa.

Representative Gobble moves that the committee arises.
Committee adjourns at 9:35 PM.

Representative David Kerr

Paul Attema, Committee Secretary