

COMMITTEE MINUTES for EDUCATION

Date: January 28, 2009

Place: Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 1/28/2009
2:05 PM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 1/28/2009
2:50 PM

Present: Representatives Wendt-CH, Ficken-VC, May-RM, Abdul-Samad, Bukta, Cohoon, Cownie, Dolecheck, Ford, Forristall, Kelley, Koester, Mascher, Miller, L., Palmer, Raecker, Schulte, Steckman, Sweeney, Thede, Tymeson, Willems, Winckler

Absent: None

Excused: None

The meeting convened at 2:04.

The attendance was taken.

The chair reassigned the following committees due to Representative Heddens leaving and Representative Winckler joining the committee.

HF 40 (Ch) Winckler, Cownie, Ford

HF 71 (Ch) Winckler, May, Wendt

HSB 3 (Ch) Winckler, Forristall, Wendt

HSB 38 (Ch) Ford, Cownie, Winckler

HSB 40 (Ch) Winckler, Dolecheck, Mascher

HSB 41 (Ch) Winckler, Cownie, Wendt

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The chair assigned the following subcommittees.

HF 61 (Ch) Wendt, Tymeson, Willems

Dr. Jeffrey Weld, Director of the Iowa Women and Minorities in Mathematics and Science Education Partnership, presented to the committee. Also in attendance from the group were Rachel Scott and Karen Zunkel.

The chair recognized Representative Winckler for a question regarding involvement of the project in community colleges not only in four year colleges.

Representative Wendt asked whether the data could be looked at by sections, such as removing the health field from the data.

The chair recognized Representative Ford for a question regarding grant writing for the future of the program and minorities in the program.

The chair recognized Representative Mascher for a question regarding the report's numbers and the minority and women population in Iowa.

The chair recognized Representative Abdul-Samad for a question regarding the low math proficiency of graduating minorities compared to the push to enroll these individuals in high education in math and science.

The chair recognized Representative Kelley for a question regarding the number of women in the workforce, which for Iowa is relatively high, versus the salary for women in the workforce in Iowa, which is low.

The chair recognized Representative May for a question regarding data that Iowa is behind nationally in the math and science degrees.

The chair recognized Representative Steckman for a question regarding discrepancies in the numbers of male and females with graduate degrees.

Representative Winckler moved that the committee adjourn at 2:52pm.

Representative Roger F. Wendt

Erica L. Shannon, Committee Secretary