Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 23, 2019 at 9:00am in Room 451-M.

The Clerk took a silent roll call to establish quorum.

On the motion of Senator Blair, the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

SB 379 - Permitting county board of education to include faith-based electives in drug prevention programs.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the committee substitute in lieu of having it read.

With leave of the committee, Heather Hutchins and Sarah Stewart with the West Virginia Department of Education were administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
On the motion of Senator Blair the Committee Substitute was agreed upon.

Senator Blair moved to report the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

SB 605 - Permitting Secondary Schools Athletic Commission discipline schools for not following protocol for concussions and head injuries

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill in lieu of having it read.

With leave of the committee, Bernie Dolan, Secondary Schools Athletic Commission, was administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

Senator Blair moved to report the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

SB 594 - Granting Board of Examiners for LPNs sole authority for accreditation of nursing schools

With leave of the committee, Sarah Stewart with the West Virginia Department of Education and Hallie Mason with the West Virginia Nurse’s Association were administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

A motion was made to move the bill to the bottom of the agenda.

The Chair declared to motion adopted.
Originating Bill 1 – SBA Rules

Max Wilkinson, Counsel, explained the bill in lieu of having it read.

With leave of the committee, Ben Ashley, School Building Authority of West Virginia, was administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

Senator Blair moved to report the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

Originating Bill 2 – Blue Ribbon Commission Higher Education

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill in lieu of having it read.

With leave of the committee, Chris Treadway of HEPC, Anthony Jenkins of West Virginia State University, and Rob Alsop of West Virginia University were administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

Senator Blair moved to report the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

SB 329 - Relating to agricultural education in high schools

With leave of the committee, Sarah Stewart with the West Virginia Department of Education was administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On the motion of Senator Blair the Committee Substitute was agreed upon.
Senator Blair moved to report the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on finance.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

Senator Blair moved to table SB 594.

The Chair declared the motion adopted.

Senator Blair moved to adjourn.