



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

Minutes for January 25, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on January 25, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Clements, Azinger, Boley, Chapman, Deeds, Maynard, Oliverio, Roberts, Stover, Taylor, Trump

Members absent: Senator Plymale

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **Dale Lee – Presentation on WVEA Teacher Survey Results**.

Chair Grady recognized Dale Lee, WVEA President, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Lee proceeded to deliver a presentation to the committee. A question from the committee followed.

The next item on the agenda was **SB487** – Requiring periodic review of professional development for teachers and education staff.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 487** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB502** – Allowing Teachers Retirement System members to exchange unused leave for monetary compensation.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump. Senator Trump asked for unanimous consent for Dale Lee, WVEA President, to address the committee on this bill. No objection was heard. Mr. Lee was recognized. Questions and discussion from the committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 502** be reported 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 motion was adopted.

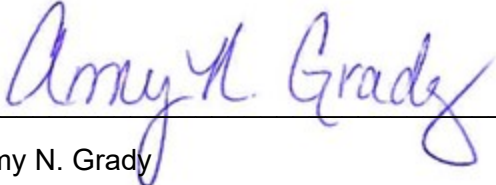
The next item on the agenda was **SB503** – Protecting belief-based student organizations from certain types of discrimination.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 503** be reported 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 The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

Chair Grady made committee members aware of additional handouts that were provided to the committee members.

On Motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee adjourned.

  
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Amy N. Grady

Chair

  
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Benjamin Mack

Clerk