



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 08, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 08, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Azinger, Boley, Chapman, Deeds, Maynard, Oliverio, Plymale, Roberts, Taylor

Members absent: Senators Clements, Stover, Trump

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

On motion of Senator Chapman, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **Minecraft in Education by Microsoft**.

Chair Grady recognized Hallie Mason, Mason Consulting, and virtual presenters Peter Doherty, Chief Product Officer at Prodigy Learning, Jennifer Brown, Prodigy Learning Product Manager, Ariana Caplan Marra, Director of State and Local Government Affairs, Microsoft, and Sterling Beane, Senior Account Executive, Microsoft, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. The virtual presenters proceeded to deliver a presentation to the committee. Discussion from the committee followed.

The next item on the agenda was **SB568** – Creating multi-tiered system for school absenteeism.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of having it read. The Committee Substitute was explained. Questions from the committee followed.

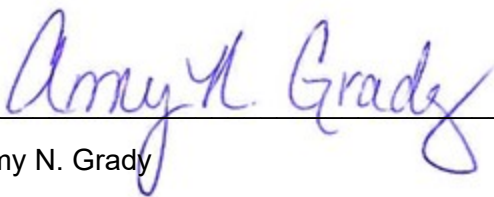
Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who requested that an individual from the State Department of Education address the committee. With leave of committee, Chair Grady

recognized Michelle Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools, who answered questions from the committee.


By voice vote, the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Chapman for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Chapman moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 568** 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.

On Motion of Senator Chapman, the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk