

Minutes: Senate Education

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:45 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Peterson (Sue), Sen. Marty, Sen. Sauder, Sen. Nelson, Sen. Smith, Sen. Voight, and Sen. Schoenfish

**The meeting was called to order by Senator Schoenfish**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Moved by: Smith  
Second by: Nelson  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Dr. Joseph Graves, Secretary, Department of Education  
Power Point presentation reviewing the department #1

**SB 51 : require the display and curricular inclusion of the Ten Commandments and other documents.**

Presented by: Senator John Carley (Handout(s) #2)

Proponents: Matt Krause, self, First Liberty Institute, Plano, Texas  
Ray Hacke, self, Pacific Justice Institute, Salem, Oregon  
Elijah O'Neal, self, American Journey Experience, Erving, Texas  
Amber Rohline, self, Rapid City, South Dakota  
Grace Sargent, self, Brookings  
Florence K. Thompson, South Dakota Parents Involved in Education, Caputa  
Florence K. Thompson, SD Citizens for Liberty, Rapid City

Opponents: Rob Monson, School Administrators of South Dakota, Pierre  
Dianna Miller, Large School Group, Vermillion  
Rev Lauren Stanley, self, Pierre  
Samuel J. Nelson, Sioux Falls School District, Sioux Falls  
Heath Larson, Associated School Boards of South Dakota, Pierre  
Samantha Chapman, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Inc., NY  
Mitch Richter, South Dakota United School Association, Milbank  
Rev Christen Hallenbeck, self, Sioux Falls  
Rev Mercy Hobbs, self, Pierre  
Sandra Marie Waltman, South Dakota Education Association, Pierre  
Ross B Garelick Bell, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud  
Ross B Garelick Bell, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Wagner  
Melissa McCauley, South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women, Sioux Falls

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 51**

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)  
Second by: Marty  
Action: Was not acted on.

**MOTION: SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DEFER SB 51 TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Moved by: Smith

Second by: Sauder  
Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (3-4-0-0)

Voting Yes: Sauder, Smith, and Schoenfish

Voting No: Peterson (Sue), Marty, Nelson, and Voight

**Revert to previous motion**

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 51**

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)  
Second by: Marty  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (4-3-0-0)

Voting Yes: Peterson (Sue), Marty, Nelson, and Voight

Voting No: Sauder, Smith, and Schoenfish

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

Dr. Kraig Steinhoff, Superintendent, Huron School District, Huron  
Ted Heder, Greater Huron Development, Huron  
Eric Larson, President, Huron Regional Medical Center, Huron  
Jeff Clark, Superintendent, Hitchcock-Tulare School, Tulare

**MOTION: ADJOURN**

Moved by: Voight  
Second by: Smith  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Jean Denton, Committee Secretary

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/s/ KYLE SCHOENFISH  
Kyle Schoenfish, Chair