

2015 SENATE EDUCATION

SB 2229

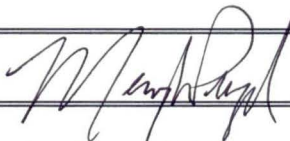
2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2229
1/26/2015
Job # 22483 (7:34)

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

INITIAL HEARING

Relating to the membership of the board of education of the city of Fargo.

Minutes:

1 attachment

Vice Chairman Rust called the committee to order at 10:00am with **Chairman Flakoll** excused for the day.

Kyle Davison, District 41 Senator (*see attachment # 1*)

Senator Schaible: Does the board intend to make a change in membership size?

Senator Davison: No. When I visited with previous school board members, they had asked me why that is in Century Code and thought it should be changed. They have no intention on changing, but think it is appropriate to have the ability nonetheless. Sometimes 9 can get to be a lot of members on a board. Over time there could be a change but as of right with the current Century code, they wouldn't be able to make those decisions.

Vice Chairman Rust: On page 2 with saying "if on when July 1, 2005 the board of any school district contains 3 members, the board must be increased to 5 members.", it implies that we are now with 5 members or more?

Senator Davison: When asking legislative council, the response I've received is that it was date sensitive information that has no purpose to be included any more. One more thing to add is that I sent this out to Superintendent Schatz and asked him to disburse this information to anyone who would have interest. For the record, I never got any objections in my email.

Vice Chairman Rust: right now it is at 9 and has to be 9, so actually what this bill does is gives the Fargo Public School District more latitude depending on citizen vote.

Vice Chairman Rust closes the hearing on SB 2229.

Senator Schaible makes a motion for a do pass

Senator Marcellais seconds the motion

A vote was taken: Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

Senator Davison will carry the SB 2229. **Vice Chairman Rust** closes the hearing.

**2015 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2229**

Senate Education Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Senator Schaible Seconded By Senator Marcellais

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Flakoll	AB		Senator Marcellais	X	
Vice Chairman Rust	X		Senator Oban	X	
Senator Davison	X				
Senator Schaible	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Davison

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2229: Education Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2229 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2015 HOUSE EDUCATION

SB 2229

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2229
2/23/2015
24241

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Donna Whetham

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the membership of the board of education of the city of Fargo

Minutes:

Chairman Nathe: opened the hearing on SB 2229.

Senator Kyle Davison: District 41, introduced SB 2229. The bill is straight forward. It looks at the required number of people on school boards. The bill changed the wording of code so that all of the school boards will be on the same standard. They can set the school board members to 5,7or 9 members whichever your school board or citizens of your community would like. There was no opposition testimony in the Senate. I have not heard any objection to the bill.

Chairman Nathe: Right now it has to be 9 people on the school board according to code?

Senator Davison: Yes it has to be 9.

Chairman Nathe: You just want to bring this in sync with all the districts?

Senator Davison: Yes that is exactly what the bill does.

Chairman Nathe: Is there any chance Fargo may reduce to 5 or 7?

Senator Davison: I don't know the answer to that question but I think the citizens of Fargo should be able to make that decision if they so choose.

Rep Kelsh: On page 2 line 8, if we remove that whole Section does that allow a board to go back to 3 members?

Senator Davison: The answer from Legislative Counsel was no, the bill was simply to change what I testified on. My suggestion if you have concerns to have Anita Thomas come to explain it.

Rep Zubke: Page 1 line 7 clarifies that "every district must be composed of 5,7, or 9 members".

Chairman Nathe: Any other support of SB 2229? Any opposition to SB 2229? Seeing none. Closed the hearing on SB 2229.

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2229

3/4/2015

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☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Donna Whelan

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the membership of the board of education of the city of Fargo

Minutes:

Chairman Nathe: reopened the hearing on SB 2229.

Rep Meier: Moved Do Pass on SB 2229. I think the main purpose was so that Fargo School District could change their membership from 9 to 7 individuals if need be.

Chairman Nathe: Yes, it puts them more in sync with the rest of the school districts.

Rep Looyen: Seconded.

Chairman Nathe: Any other discussion on the motion? Seeing none.

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Yes: 11 No: 0 Absent: 2.

Rep Meier: will carry the bill.

Date: 3/4/15
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2229

House Education Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep. Meier Seconded By Rep. Looyzen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Nathe	✓		Rep. Hunskor	✓	
Vice Chairman Schatz	✓		Rep. Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓		Rep. Mock	✓	
Rep. B. Koppelman	A				
Rep. Looyzen	✓				
Rep. Meier	✓				
Rep. Olson	A				
Rep. Rohr	✓				
Rep. Schreiber Beck	✓				
Rep. Zubke	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Meier

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2229: Education Committee (Rep. Nathe, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2229 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2015 TESTIMONY

SB 2229

#1
1/26/15

**Senate Bill 2229
Testimony January 26th, 2015
Senator Kyle Davison**

For the record, I am Senator Kyle Davison from District 41 in south Fargo. I am here in support of SB 2229 and ask for a do pass.

SB 2229 is a simple bill which eliminates the requirement of the Fargo Public Schools to have (9) school board members. This happens by striking lines 1 and 2 on page (3). This change has no impact on its current school board, but does place back into the hands of Fargo citizens the right to petition to reduce the school board similar to all other school districts in North Dakota. On page 2 there are lines which have been stricken from century code and I'm told this is just date sensitive information which was put in back in 2005 and no longer is needed.

I ask for your support for SB 2229 and would be pleased to answer any questions.