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The Senate Committee on Education held a joint meeting with the House Committee on Education, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building, Lansing, MI.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young
Absent: None
Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- A discussion regarding the Department of Education and Department of Treasury recommendations for financially distressed school districts.

The issue is addressed by House Bills 4813 and 4815. Representative Rutledge, sponsor of House Bill 4813, and Representative Rogers, sponsor of House Bill 4815 gave the Joint Committee a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HBs 4813 & 4815:

- Dick Posthumus, Office of Governor Snyder—Support
- Steve Liedel, Dykema Gossett—Support
- Wendy Larvick, Carol Wolenberg, and Daniel Hanrahan, Department of Education—Support
- Paul Connors, John Barton, and Howard Ryan, Department of Treasury—Support
- Emily Laidlaw, The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators—Neutral
- Dr. Vicki Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland—Neutral
- Richard Syrek, Superintendent, Saginaw Intermediate School District—Neutral
- Chris Wigent, Superintendent, Wayne Educational Services Agency—Neutral
- Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards—Oppose

The following individual did not wish to speak but submitted a testimony card regarding HBs 4813 & 4815:

- David Zuhlke, Middle Cities Education Association—Opposed
- Ellen Hoekstra, American Federation of Teachers, MI—Opposed as introduced

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:13 p.m.

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