



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 06, 2026, 12:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 06, 2026, 12:30 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Statler, Toney, Hamilton, Garcia, Bell, Campbell, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dittman, Ellington, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Parsons, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Stephens, White, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Chiarelli, Vance, Ward, B..

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

On motion of Delegate Toney, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion, but due to schedule conflicts of sponsors of bills, without objection the committee moved to committee hearings.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 63**, Creating Sustaining Opportunities for Academics in Rural Schools Act. Aaron Kidd, Committee Counsel, explained the bill. Then the Chair recognized Barry Holstein, Executive Director of the West Virginia Professional Charter School Board, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 778**, Relating to eligibility for homebound services for exceptional children. Morgan Miller, Committee Analyst, explained the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of the **Committee Substitute for S. B. 804**, Removing physical education requirements for certain middle and high school athletes. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Senator Grady, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 899**, Removing physical education requirements for certain middle and high school athletes. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Senator Grady, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

Then the committee moved back to the markup up and discussion stage. The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **S. B. 745**, Relating to requirements for school nutrition programs. Melissa White, Committee Counsel, explained the bill. Following their explanation, the Chair opened the committee to questions for counsel. Then the Chair asked if there were any amendments. The Vice-Chair moved the committee amendment counsel had at the podium, and then counsel explained the amendment. Then a motion to postpone the amendment indefinitely was heard, and then without objection the motion was withdrawn. Then the motion of the amendment was adopted. Then the Chair recognized the Vice-Chair for a motion. The Vice-Chair moved that **S. B. 745**, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it is first but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Then a motion to table the bill was heard. After a voice-vote, the Chair was in question, and division was called. By the division vote the motion to table the bill was sustained.

Then the committee moved back to the markup up and discussion stage. The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **S. B. 890**, Changing certain school calendar requirements from days or months to hours. Aaron Kidd, Committee Counsel, explained the bill. Following their explanation, the Chair opened the committee to questions for counsel. Then the Chair asked if there were any amendments. The Vice-Chair moved the committee amendment counsel has at the podium, and then counsel explained the amendment. Then the Chair asked if there were any amendments to the amendment. Hearing none, the Vice Chair moved that **S. B. 890**, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

With no further business before the committee, on motion of Delegate Toney the committee adjourned.

Joe Statler

Committee Chair

Ethan Hatfield

Committee Clerk