

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lizz Lewis

FROM: Edward L. Gilbert
Vice Chairman

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: Meeting Minutes

Could you see that these minutes are properly disseminated?

Meeting of the Education, Public Institution and Miscellaneous and Local
Government Committee of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization
Commission of November 14, 2013

Minutes

This meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman Edward Gilbert. Meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Roll call

- a quorum was established
- approval of minutes of the previous meeting, unanimously approved.

The committee had requested a detailed analysis from an expert on education. In that regard, Mr. Charlie Wilson, an Associate Professor Emeritus of Law at the Ohio State Moritz Law School was invited. Mr. Wilson provided an extremely detailed outline of the following aspects of public education in Ohio:

1. Historical prospective
2. Constitutional background of public education in Ohio
3. Overview of State Constitutional provisions
4. Current Ohio Constitutional Education provisions
5. DeRolph litigation
6. Public education finance system in the U.S.
7. The law and policy on early childhood education
8. Future of American public education; and
9. What is the fundamental aim and purpose of education.

Dr. Wilson's outline is attached and incorporated in these minutes as if fully rewritten herein. Dr. Wilson's report was extremely thorough, complete and the outline was followed. This was an interactive meeting with questions posed

throughout the presentation by the Committee. The Committee is grateful for Dr. Wilson's insight and presentation.

December 12, 2013

- The next meeting and the content will be discussed with the Chairman Chad Readler and Steve Steinglass. Said information will be distributed within the next few weeks.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Gilbert and unanimously approved at 1:05 pm.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Education, Public Institutions & Miscellaneous and Local Government
Committee of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

FROM: Charlie Wilson, Associate Professor Emeritus of Law

DATE: November 14, 2013

SUBJECT: Outline of Conversation with the Committee

I. Historical Perspective

- A. Background of the idea of universal education
- B. Early schools in Ohio
- C. Nature of public schools
- D. Common school movement
- E. The constitutional common school

II. Constitutional Background of Public Education in Ohio

- A. Northwest Territory
- B. 1802 Ohio Constitution
- C. 1851 Ohio Constitution

III. Overview of State Constitutional Provisions

- A. The right to a public education and equitable funding under state constitutions
- B. The political aspects of the right to public education
 - 1. Funding inequality
 - 2. The relationship between funding and quality
 - 3. Practical problems with remedying constitutional violations in school finance cases
 - 4. The effective use of scarce resources

IV. Current Ohio Constitutional Education Provisions (Art. VI)

- A. Section 1: Funds for religious and educational purposes
- B. Section 2: School funds (“thorough and efficient system of common schools”)
- C. Section 3: Public school systems; boards of education
- D. Section 4: State board of education
- E. Section 5: Guaranteed loans to residents attending colleges and universities
- F. Section 6: Tuition credit program

V. DeRolph Litigation

VI. Public Education Finance Systems in the U.S.A.

VII. The Law and Policy of Early Childhood Education

- A. Constitutional right to pre-K education programs?
- B. Florida Constitution, Art. IX
- C. Virginia proposed Early Childhood Amendment
- D. Economic benefits of investment in early childhood development

VIII. Future of American Public Education?

- A. International perspective
- B. How does USA rank internationally?
- C. What is the real problem with American education?
- D. Solutions?

IX. What Is the Fundamental Aim or Purpose of Education?