



COMMITTEE ON COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (LRC) (2013)
March 20, 2014
Room 643

The Committee on Common Core State Standards (LRC) (2013) met on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 10:00 am. The meeting was held in Room 643. Members present were: Representatives Bryan Holloway (Co-Chair), Tim Moore, Marcus Brandon, Jeffrey Elmore, D. Craig Horn, Larry Pittman, Michael Speciale; Senators Dan Soucek (Co-Chair), Chad Barefoot, Warren Daniel and Jerry Tillman.

Senator Dan Soucek presided and called the Public Hearing to order. First order of business was approval of the February 20, 2014 minutes. Motion for approval was made by Representative Craig Horn.

Senator Soucek thanked the audience for being present. Also, thanks was given to President Pro Tem Phil Berger and Speaker of the House Thom Tillis for the comprehensive LRC study.

Senator Soucek stated to the audience that the committee has received a tremendous amount of comment from around the state and information received from other states. He further commented that there are several different roles in government and standards are viewed both constitutionally and legislatively. The Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education play vital roles throughout the history of our state. Senator Soucek elaborated that as the committee moves forward a sense of certainty remain intact for effective and efficiency throughout all governmental agencies involved. He commented that as legislators and elected officials our responsibility is to examine all of these measures. He stated that the education of our children is the most important thing we do in North Carolina State Government.

Representative Holloway echoed Senator Soucek and commented that this is something new for the General Assembly. He commented that Common Core came about several years ago and is responsible for placing the standards in K-12 education.

Before the start of the public comment the agenda included comments from two advocacy groups. Each was allowed five minutes.

- Bob Luebke, North Carolina Civitas (see attached)
- Gary Salamido, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce (see attached)



The following individuals offered public comment during the hearing and were allowed two minutes of speaking before the committee:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
John Denning	NC Ready for Success
Patrick Abele	Iredell-Statesville Schools
Michael Maher	NC State University College of Education
Mark Jewell	North Carolina Association of Educators
Debra Horton	North Carolina PTA
Lynne Taylor	Preserving Integrity & Excellence
Marisa Gaither	North Carolina Resident
Frank Till	Cumberland County Schools
Bruce Johnson	Central Piedmont Community College
Kellie Crump	Parent
Scott Rapp	Constitution
Alan Maloney	NC State University
Kelly Langston	North Carolina PTA
Nancy Gardner	Mooresville Senior High School
Kim Fink	CCTA
Shirley Prince	NC Principals & Assistant Principals
Karyn Dickerson	North Carolina Teacher of the Year (Guilford)
Sandy Simpson	Parent of Union County School students
Barbie Harper	Parent
Jennifer Strickland	School Board Candidate/Parent
Kathie Young	Retired Teacher
Cindy Farmer	Mount Mourne School/Iredell Statesville School
Elizabeth Berg	Grandmother
Rick Hopkins	Coastal Carolina Taxpayers Association
Andrea Dillon	Parent
Vickie Griffin	North Carolina resident
Leslie Mills	Parent
Kristy Tart-Bryan	Parent/Wake County Schools
Nancy Murdoch	Coastal Carolina Taxpayers Association
Hugh Rillie	Parent
Stephanie Boehmer	Teacher Brunswick County Schools
Lillie Cox	School Superintendent Alamance/Burlington
Rod Powell	Teacher with Mooresville Schools
Ronald Price	North Carolina Resident
Jennifer Schrand	North Carolina Resident
James Barrett	Chapel Hill/Carrboro School board
Susan Cox	Retired Teacher
E. A. Timm	Stokes Tea



Ramona D. Timm	Stokes Concerned Parent
Suzanne Davis	Parent
Susan Gates	SAS
Lisa Randell	Parent
Erin Kirkpatrick	North Carolina Resident
Amy Womble	Parent
Barbara Brown	Freedom Works
Alan Hoyle	Wake Up Call
Barbara Vanderbergh	North Carolina Resident
Heather Belton	Parent
Paula Hall	North Carolina Resident
Vicki Boyer	North Carolina Resident
Ann Kane	North Carolina Resident
Lola Whitener	North Carolina Home School Student
Jonathan Champion	North Carolina Resident
Nadine Perlin	North Carolina Resident
Frank Livingston	North Carolina Resident
Raynor James	Coastal Carolina Taxpayers Association
Hayden Soloway	Shelby Tea Party
Hal James	Coastal Carolina Taxpayers Association
Ray Martin	North Carolina Resident
Sarah Winslow	North Carolina Resident
Dick Hilliard	North Carolina Resident
Anthony Bruno	North Carolina Resident

Bold denotes statement attached for the record

The next scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2014 in Room 643 (LOB) at 10:00 am. Draft legislation will be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Senator Dan Soucek
Presiding

Sherry Pearson, Committee Clerk