Minutes from the November 29, 2011
Integration Revenue Replacement Advisory Task Force meeting

1:30-4:00 pm
Conference Center A, Room 13
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, Minnesota

Members in Attendance: Peter Swanson, Scott Thomas, Katherine Kersten, Arthur Brown, Pam Wolf, Robert Battle, William Green, Myron Orfield, Betty McAllister, Helen Bassett, Robert Erickson, Carlos Mariani.

MDE Staff in Attendance: Assistant Commissioner Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner Rose Hermodson, Anne Parks, Cindy Jackson, Catherine Biringer, Clair Gades.

Guests: Tom Gillaspy, State Demographer; Tom Melcher, MDE Program Finance Director; Sam Kramer, MDE Staff; Jennifer Dugan, MDE Research and Assessment Director.

Scott Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

Agenda was accepted as presented, moved by Bill Green and seconded by Betty McAllister.

Peter Swanson reviewed the minutes from the November 15 meeting. Robert Erickson moved to approve the minutes. Helen Bassett seconded. **Motion carried.**

The group discussed meeting locations, times, structure and topics. The co-chairs proposed Task Force Rules and Choices for final voting and reporting.

**Diversity in Minnesota’s School Age Population**
State Demographer Tom Gillaspy presented on Minnesota’s changing demographics.

**Education Funding Programs**
MDE Program Finance Director Tom Melcher discussed how integration revenue and other education funding is calculated and dispersed.

**Minnesota’s ESEA Flexibility Request**
MDE Staff Sam Kramer briefed the group on Minnesota’s request for a waiver from certain provisions of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

**Achievement Gap Data**
MDE Research and Assessment Director Jennifer Dugan demonstrated how to access and analyze school achievement data on the MDE website.

Katherine Kersten moved that “the Final Task Force Report shall be approved by 2/3 of the appointed voting membership of the Task Force with the option of a minority report.” Helen Bassett seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting:**
Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 12:30-3:00 pm
State Office Building Room 10 (Tunnel Level)
Robert Erickson moved to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.