

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lana Gordon at 3:30 pm on Feb 15, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Brenda Landwehr – excused.

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD  
Reagan Cussimano, Fiscal Analyst KLRD  
Shirley Morrow, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD  
Jason Long, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Bernadine Lloyd, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Kirk Schulz, President, KSU  
Bernadette Gray-Little, Chancellor, Kansas University  
Barbara Atkinson, Executive Vice Chancellor, KU Medical Center  
Dr. Mark Tallman, Executive Director, KASB

Others Attending:

See attached list.

Shirley Morrow, Fiscal Analyst, presented a re-cap on Rep. Arpke's motion on February 14, 2011, to add \$797,980, all from the State general Fund, to restore funding to the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2012. This increase is the same as the governor's recommendation for FY 2011. Also, to add \$790,599, all in other funds. This is the amount the agency requested for FY 2012. Rep. Arpke thought this motion included the 8 FTE positions for the Kansas Arts Commission.

A motion was made by Rep. Arpke to add 8.0 FTE positions for the Kansas Arts Commission. The motion was seconded by Rep. Winn and passed on voice vote.

A substitute motion was made by Rep. Cassidy to reduce the 8.0 FTE positions to 6.0 FTE employees. The motion was seconded by Rep. Winn and passed on voice vote.

Hearing on:

**HB 2203 - Allowing expenditures for general operating expenses from certain school district funds.**

Proponents:

Dr. Kirk Schulz, President, KSU submitted and presented testimony on K-State supporting the Governor's FY 2012 budget recommendation for higher education and Kansas State University budget. Included also is a map of the 2+2 distance education agreements with Kansas State University, community colleges, and technical colleges. (Attachment 1)

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, Kansas University, submitted and presented testimony on an overview of Kansas University's challenges to meet the needs of the students now and in the future. (Attachment 2)

Vice Chancellor Barbara Atkinson, KU Medical Center, submitted and presented testimony on KUMC State General Fund budget, Economic Impact of KUMC, Training Physician for our Kansas, Expanding our Education Mission in Wichita and Salina, Leveraging State general Funds to Secure Research Funding, and Progress on NCI Designation. (Attachment 3)

Dr. Mark Tallman, Executive Director, KASB, submitted and presented testimony on how Kansas compared to other states for % High School Completers, % Adults with B.A. Degrees or Higher, and % Adults with Advanced Degrees. Also, included is a chart on States Ranked by Per Pupil Spending with Educational Performance Measures and a graph of Kansas and U.S. Average ACT Scores.

(Attachment 4)

A question and answer session followed each agency presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011 in 159-S

The meeting was adjourned 4:40 pm.