

Approved: March 30, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clay Aurand at 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 1, 2012 in 784-DSOB.

All members were present except:
Representative Barbara Bollier, excused
Representative Pat Colloton, excused
Representative Valdenia Winn, excused

Committee staff present:

Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jennifer Mathes, Past Board President, USD 506
Dr. Chuck Stockton, Superintendent, USD 506
Dan Peterson, Retired teacher, USD 506
Jerry Minneman, Superintendent USD 307 - Ell-Saline
Gary Beachner, Beachner Grain
Doug Moses, Chetopa School Board
Jeffrey Quiren, Parsons School Board
Dr. Steve Warren, Vice Provost for Research at KU
Representative Richard Proehl, Kansas Legislature, written only
Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Kansas Board of Regents, written only

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

SB 155–Assessed valuation of certain school districts

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing of **SB 155**.

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, stated to the committee that this creates new law. Bill proposes to allocate the assessed valuation of the former Kansas Army Ammunitions Plant property in a proportional amount among the four school districts in Labette County. USD 503, 504, 505 and 506, for the purpose of computing the assessed

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valuation of school districts for the payment, distribution or allocation of state aid and the levying of school taxes.

Gary Beachner of Beachner Grain, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 1](#))

Doug Moses, Chetopa School Board, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 2](#))

Jeffrey J. Quirin, PhD, Parsons School Board, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Rich Proehl, Representative of the 7th District, provided written testimony only as a proponent to the committee. ([Attachment 4](#))

A question and answer session followed.

Dan Peterson, Retired Teacher, USD 506, spoke to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 5](#))

Jennifer Mathes, past Board President of Labette County USD 506, spoke to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 6](#))

Jerry Minneman, Superintendent, USD 307, spoke to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 7](#))

Dr. Chuck Stockton, Superintendent, USD 506, spoke to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 8](#))

A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **SB 155**.

Chairman Aurand communicated to the committee that we would work this Bill in a couple weeks. He further indicated that we would wait until the last minute to work the Bill in hopes that the school districts can work this out. If not, as a committee, we will do something or nothing.

SB 258–Governmental ethics law; permitting certain communications related to contract negotiations involving state university employees

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Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **SB 258**.

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained to the committee that this bill creates new law.

Steve Warren, Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies of the University of Kansas, spoke to the committee as a proponent. (Attachment 9)

Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Director of Government Relations and Communications of the Kansas Board of Regents, provided written testimony as a proponent. (Attachment 10)

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **SB 258**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. A revised agenda will be submitted announcing our next meeting date.