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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm. On January 24, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Natise Vogt, Principal, Newton USD 373  
Donna Deeds, Exec. Dir., Blue Valley USD 229  
Mary Jo Taylor, Supt., Stafford USD 349  
Natalie Clark, Stafford USD 349  
John Wyrick, Superintendent, Eric USD 101  
Rose Fry, Director, Personalized Learning Program, Erie USD 101

Senate Education minutes for the meetings of January 12, 17, 18, 19 and 23 were distributed to the Committee members.

*It was moved by Senator Teichman and seconded by Senator Abrams that the minutes be approved. The motion passed on a voice vote.*

The Chair introduced Natise Vogt who offered testimony on the innovation and excellence in Kansas' schools. (Attachment 1).

Donna Deeds addressed the Committee explaining the workings of the Blue Valley School District Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS). (Attachment 2). She then introduced the students who had accompanied her who spoke briefly of their experiences in CAPS and of the advantages they felt it offered them. The students were, Jaspreet Singh, Graham Wehmeyer, Hunter Browning, Alycia Roberson and Paige Blackmon.

Mary Jo Taylor told the Committee of the Stafford Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, (SEED Center). (Attachment 3).

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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John Wyrick spoke to the Committee regarding the planning and transitioning to a Personalized Learning Model in Erie. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Rose Fry told of the opportunities offered by the Personalized Learning Model in Erie. No written testimony was presented.

Providing written testimony only were: Mike Mathes, Supt., Seaman USD 345 ([Attachment 5](#)); Dr. Don Wells, KSSA Executive Director ([Attachment 6](#)); Tammy Miller, KSDE ([Attachment 7](#)) and Dr. Randy Watson, Supt., McPherson USD 418. ([Attachment 8](#)).

Following questions and answers, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2012.