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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 February 7, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Wagle – excused

Committee staff present:  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
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:  
Mark Desetti – KNEA  
Mike Mathes, Pres. Ks School Supt. Assoc.  
Dr. Rick Doll, Supt., Lawrence USD 497  
G. Keith Wilson, Principal, Lawrence Virtual School  
Stephanie Faoro, Parent/Educator of Lawrence Virtual School  
Mark Tallman, KASB  
Ed Berger, Pres., Hutchinson Community College  
Robert J. Edleston, Pres., KATC  
Russell Plaschka, K-ACTE  
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools  
Ken Willard, State Board of Education  
Cheryl L. Semmel, Exec. Dir. USA  
Dr. Diane DeBacker, Commissioner of Education

**SB 361** – Concerning schools; creating the excellence in education act, career technical education, teacher certification and school employee performance evaluation.

Speaking briefly regarding **SB 361** was:  
Mark Desetti, (Attachment 1)  
Mike Mathes, (Attachment 2)

Jason Long addressed the Committee in explanation of the career and tech ed portion of **SB 361**.

The following addressed the Committee regarding the career and tech ed portion of **SB 361**:

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

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education at 1:30 PM on February 7, 2012 in Room 153-S of the Capitol.

Dr. Rick Doll, ([Attachment 3](#))  
G. Keith Wilson, ([Attachment 4](#))  
Stephanie Faoro, ([Attachment 5](#))  
Mark Tallman, ([Attachment 6](#))  
Mark Desetti, ([Attachment 7](#))  
Ed Berger, ([Attachment 8](#))  
Robert J. Edleston, ([Attachment 9](#))  
Russell Plaschka, ([Attachment 10](#))  
Diane Gjerstad, ([Attachment 11](#))  
Ken Willard, ([Attachment 12](#))  
Cheryl Semmel, ([Attachment 13](#))  
Dr. Diane DeBacker, ([Attachment 14](#))

Written only testimony was presented by

Harry Watts, Kansas Farm Bureau, ([Attachment 15](#))  
Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute, ([Attachment 16](#))

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012.