

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Chair introduced as a committee bill one proposed by Governor Graves covering his plan for school finance for the 2001 Legislative Session.

Representative Huebert moved for the acceptance of this bill. Representative Crow seconded the motion which carried by a voice vote.

The Chair spoke to the Committee of a bill that he requested be re-referred to the Education Committee from the Appropriation Committee. The bill deals with the return of retired teachers to the districts from which they retired, without penalty to their pensions or a salary cap.

Representative Lloyd requested the introduction of a bill, saying that the Sub-Committee on Accountability was looking at it before offering it before the full Committee. The request was approved by a voice vote.

Representative Tomlinson made the motion that was seconded by Representative Benlon for the introduction conceptually of the school finance package currently being studied by the Sub-Committee on School Finance. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Benlon moved and Representative Ray seconded the request of a bill that would deal with the issue of school closings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Tanner announced the members of a House sub-committee to serve jointly with a Senate sub-committee to review the Augenblick and Myers boundary study. On the Senate side, Senator Umbarger would serve as co-chair. Other senators would be Vratil, Downey, Lee and Teichman. Co-chair on the House side would be Representative Mason. Representatives Crow, Faber, Phelps, Ray and Tanner would also be on the sub-committee.

Chairman Tanner informed the Committee that they would not be working **HB 2094** as previously planned, until a later date.

The Chair then introduced the House Speaker, Kent Glasscock who spoke to the Committee of his Vision for Education. (Attachment 1). He closed by assuring the Committee that education would be the key component of the 2001 Legislative Session.

Ben Barrett and Dale Dennis appeared before the Committee to explain the School District Finance and Quality Act and Bond and Interest State Aid Program. (Attachment 2).

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After a time, since the House was to convene on an earlier schedule than usual, 10:30 a.m., the Chair asked if the seminar could be concluded until a later date.

The floor was then re-opened for the introduction of bills.

Representative DiVita proposed a bill to the Committee that would be a method of cooperatively providing superintendents and other administrative services. Incentive bonuses would be offered to encourage participation in this plan.

Representative DiVita then said that after reviewing the boundary study on school performance and state funding she and Representative Ray wanted the Committee to consider putting it on a committee bill. She said they would introduce this as an independent bill and it would deal with increasing the Local Option Budget (LOB) Authority 3 years by 10% after which time they would sunset the DOB.

It was moved by Representative Divita and seconded by Representative Lloyd to accept the bill where the opportunity would be available for school districts to combine administrators under one regional superintendent. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5.