

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Loganbill

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Supt. Bob Goodwin, Southeast of Saline USD 306
Supt. A.C. Bolund - Skyline USD 438
Robert Loftin, School board member - Weskan
Dee McKee - Director of Spec. Ed. - Manhattan
Laura Kelly - Ks Recreation and Park Assoc.

HB 2195 - Dissolving existing unified school districts.

HB 2209 - Relating to consolidation.

HB 2210 - Relating to consolidation of administrative services.

HB 2253 - Relating to disorganization and consolidation.

HB 2256 - Study of regional education districts.

The Chair introduced Superintendent Bob Goodwin who spoke as an opponent to **HB 2256**. (Attachment 1).

Supt. Bolund and Robert Loftin offered testimony in opposition to the consolidation bills. (Attachments 2 and 3).

Speaking as a proponent of the consolidation bills was Dee McKee. (Attachment 4).

Laura Kelly addressed the committee on the impact that consolidation would have on her organization. (Attachment 5).

The Chair informed the committee that **HB 2229 and HB 2231** as well as other bills previously heard would be discussed when they next convened.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2003.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12 at on February 19, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.