

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Daniel Williams- excused
Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Cindy Neighbor
Rodney Bieker, KSDE General Counsel
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Mark Tallman, KASB
Robert Vancrum, Blue Valley School District
Ray Daniels, Supt. Kansas City USD 500
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools
Michael Donnelly, Ks Advocacy & Protective Services

The Chair recognized Rep. Reardon who made a request for a Committee bill that would allow retired teachers to return to teaching in the district from which they retired.. At this time they're allowed to teach in any other district in the state but, if they teach in the district from which they retired, they're limited to a salary of \$15,000. This would remove that prohibition.

It was moved by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Horst to introduce this as a Committee bill. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Neighbors then requested the introduction of a Committee bill referred to as the "Kansas Equality for Youth" (KEY) Act. (Attachment 1).

A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Craft that this be introduced as a Committee bill. The motion carried on a voice vote.

A written only request was made by students of Nemaha Valley High School for introduction of a Committee bill regarding Teacher Tenure Reform. (Attachment 2).

Representative Hutchins moved and Representative Miller seconded the motion that this bill be introduced as a Committee bill. The motion passed on a show of hands.

Minutes for January 15, 20, 21 and 22 were distributed for approval by the Committee.

It was moved by Representative Phelps and seconded by Representative Hutchins that following corrections in the minutes, they be approved as written. The motion passed on a voice vote.

HB 2592 - concerning school districts; relating to the transfer of territory between districts.

Appearing as a proponent of **HB 2592** was Rodney Bieker. (Attachment 3).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Following a question and answer session, the hearing on **HB 2592** was closed.

HB 2608 - relating to education; concerning the definition of at-risk pupils.

Representative Yonally offered an amendment to **HB 2608** regarding page 2, line 20 through line 22 that would delete “eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who are” “a district which maintains”. Also deleted would be “two or more” on line 24. On line 26, (3) the words “retention at grade level one or more times, (4)” would be struck. On line 28 (5) and (6) would be changed to (4) and (5). (Attachments 4 and 5).

Appearing as a proponent of **HB 2608** was Mark Desetti. (Attachment 6).

Mark Tallman offered the opinion of the Kansas Assoc. of School Boards regarding **HB 2608** encouraging the Committee to support “the kind of significant increase in at-risk funding proposed by Governor Sebelius in her *Education First* plan.” (Attachment 7).

Speaking in favor of **HB 2608** was Robert Vancrum. (Attachment 8).

Appearing as an opponent of **HB 2608** was Ray Daniels. (Attachment 9).

Diane Gjerstad spoke to the Committee in opposition to **HB 2608**. (Attachment 10).

Michael Donnelly spoke to the Committee in regard to additions to **HB 2608** he felt would benefit children with disabilities. (Attachment 11).

Following a question and answer session, the hearing on **HB 2608** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2004.