MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 on January 27, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:
    Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
    Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research
    Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
    Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
    Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
    Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner KSDE

Kathie Sparks explained to the Committee the Difference in Cost of At-Risk Weighting including the "Professional Judgement Approach", (Attachment 1) and "Successful School Approach", (Attachment 2).

Following a period of questions and answers, Ms Sparks spoke of the Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability from it's creation during the 1992 Session. The Commission remained in existence until February 1, 1993. (Attachment 3).

Dale Dennis addressed the Committee regarding the percentage of Students Approved for Free and Reduced Priced Meals as of September 20, 2003. (Attachment 4).

Mr. Dennis then explained the system used in transportation weighting. (Attachment 5)

A question and answer session followed.

The discussion on transportation weighting was closed.

Theresa Kiernan spoke to the Committee on vocational weighting. (Attachment 6).

Dale Dennis explained the program approval process for vocational funding. (Attachment 7).

The discussion was closed on vocational funding.

Representative DeCastro announced that the sub-committee of the oversight committee would meet upon House adjournment the following day. Their next meeting would take place on Monday, January 31.

The Chair informed the Committee of the changes in the agenda for the upcoming week and that a revised agenda would be going out.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the full committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

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