

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kathe Lloyd at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Education
Dr. Darrell Lang, Program Consultant, State Department of Education
Rhonda Holt, 2000 National Elem.P.E. Teacher of the Year, Wichita
Michelle Dilisio, 1999 Central Dist. Amer. Alliance for Health, P.E., Recreation and Dance High School P.E. Ed Teacher of the Year, Chanute
Dr. Kathy Ermler, Prof. Of P.E., Emporia State Univ.

Dale Dennis introduced Dr. Darrell Lang, who spoke to the Committee of physical education in our schools in Kansas. (Attachment 1.)

Testifying next was Rhonda Holt who explained the advances being made in physical education from the elementary prospective. (Attachment 2.)

Michelle Dilisio spoke on physical education at the secondary level. (Attachment 3.)

Dr. Kathy Ermler provided testimony on teacher education in the areas of physical education. (Attachment 4.)

A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Tanner spoke briefly in regard to the “crisis in the physical health in our children”. (Attachment 5.) He cited the prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol problems in our teenagers and said we need to get the attention of the State School Board which needs then to get the attention of the local school board because something needs to be done about this.

A conceptual motion was made by Representative Huebert and seconded by Representative Lloyd that a site council be formed to look into a workout program. The motion to accept passed on a voice vote.

The Chairman told of an incident where a school board set aside a teacher’s grades and substituted their own. This teacher was then subjected to the students’ lack of respect and eventually resigned.

Chairman Tanner explained the bill he’d drafted that would require the development of and filing of rules of discipline including social and academic behavior. This would include plagiarism, hooliganism and a broad range of other things. This must be on file at the State Department of Education.

Ben Barrett said there was a requirement that they file policies that have to do with discipline of employees and students but it is a locally determined policy.

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Chairman Tanner said that the local school boards would have to adopt and file published rules. They can change these rules any time they want but they will have to publish them each time they change them. Teachers will be encouraged to abide by and support those rules. Any teacher who is threatened with some sort of disciplinary action for enforcing the rules of discipline which have been approved will have his/her legal defenses paid by the local board.

It was moved by Representative Tanner and seconded by Representative DeVita that this be accepted as a bill by the Committee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2002.