

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on February 2, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research  
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barb Hinton, Division of Post Audit  
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research  
Pattie Wolters, USD 105, Rawlins County  
Jerry Cullen, Supt. - USD 220 , Ashland  
Steve Adams, Supt., - USD 425 & 433  
Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau  
Mark Tallman, KASB  
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education

The Chair introduced Barb Hinton who offered additional information relating to the cost study enrollment weights. (Attachment 1).

Scott Frank of the Division of Post Audit answered questions of Committee members.

Kathie Sparks explained various parts of the Post Audit report. (Attachment 2). Questions and answers followed.

Pattie Wolters addressed the Committee on the need for low enrollment weighting funds. (Attachment 3). Ms Wolters answered questions asked by the Committee.

Speaking in support of funding of low enrollment weighting was Jerry Cullen. (Attachment 4). A brief question and answer session followed.

Next on the agenda was Steve Adams to offering testimony in favor of low enrollment weighting. (Attachment 5). Questions and answers followed.

Terry Holdren spoke to the Committee regarding his organization's support of both correlation and low enrollment weightings. (Attachment 6).

Mark Tallman testified on KASB's opinion in regard to the Legislative Post Audit report. (Attachment 7). Questions and answers followed.

Val DeFever addressed the Committee of the Schools for Quality Education's views on low enrollment weighting. (Attachment 8).

Mark Desetti of KNEA offered written testimony only regarding low enrollment weighting. (Attachment 9).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006.