

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Dale Swenson- excused

Jim Yonally- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office

Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sandra Hazlett - Kansas Dept. Of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Dept. of Education

Dr. Alexa Posny, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Dept. of Education

The Chair spoke to the Committee regarding HB 2134, a bill regarding the Kansas State High School Athletic Association, (KSHSAA), that was heard during the 2005 session. She reminded them that the KSHSAA Board had said this issue would be heard and voted on by the Board and this had been done.

Sandra Hazlett spoke to the Committee regarding tracking school records transfer for Kansas foster children. (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed.

Speaking briefly on the subject was Dale Dennis who answered questions of the Committee.

Also appearing before the Committee was Alexa Posny who explained the program transferred to SRS from the Education Department to track foster children school records. (Attachments 2 and 3).

A motion was made by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Colloton to introduce a bill that would return to federal language in regard to IDEA.

A motion was made by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Colloton to introduce a bill that would set qualifications and credentials for the State Education Commissioner. The motions passed on voice votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2005.