

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks Legislative Research Department

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues

Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Edwards, KASB

Dale Dennis, Ks. Dept. Of Ed.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to the minutes of February 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 23.

Representative Beggs moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Representative Mason and passed on a voice vote.

**SB 373 - School districts; consolidation; meetings.**

Jim Edwards spoke to the Committee in support of **SB 373**. (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed.

It was moved by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Horst that **SB 373** be moved favorably out of Committee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**SB 304 - Consolidation of school districts; computation of school aid.**

Appearing as a proponent of **SB 304** was Jim Edwards who spoke to the Committee of the advantages the Association of School Boards saw in the bill. (Attachment 2).

Dale Dennis answered various questions of the Committee members.

Representative Reardon moved and Representative Storm seconded the motion that **SB 304** be passed favorably out of Committee.

A motion was made by Representative Flaharty and seconded by Representative Yonally to amend **SB 304** by deleting on page 2 in new Sec. 2, lines 41 through 43 and on page 3, lines 1 through 11. The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Reardon and seconded by Representative Craft that **SB 304** be passed out of Committee as amended. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2004.