

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathie Decker at 8:00 on February 11, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

The Chair informed the Committee that they would be looking at Transportation Weighting.

A motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative O'Neal that transportation weighting would be left as it is until they heard further testimony on the subject. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative O'Neal gave an update on where the Sub-committee is on "areas of instruction". (Attachment 1).

It was moved by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Merrick that this be included in a drafted bill. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The next topic of discussion was New Facilities Weighting.

A suggestion was made by the Chair that the statutes on new facilities weight be deleted. For the school districts that are already receiving those dollars, however, it will continue on until the entire program is done.

A discussion followed.

The motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative DeCastro to make this an amendment. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Capital Outlay Options. (Attachment 2).

It was moved by Representative Larkin that they go back to the 4 mill cap with the grandfather clause as well as equalization. Representative Gordon seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote.

Correlation Issue

It was moved by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative Gordon to accept the recommendation of Majority Leader, Clay Aurand to draft legislation that would do away with correlation and dial down the weights on low enrollment. The motion carried on a voice vote.

At Risk

Kathie Sparks spoke to the Committee regarding a chart she'd compiled from information received from the Kansas State Department of Education. (Attachment 3).

A motion was made by Representative Decker requesting that a piece of legislature be drafted that would establish at risk funding to track how the at-risk programs are done, what they cost and how many children are in the program. The motion was seconded by Representative O'Neal and passed on a voice vote.

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Representative Decker made the motion that the language be broadened to include to include free and reduced lunches with the addition of "reduced". The motion was seconded by Representative O'Neal and passed on a voice vote.

A draft was distributed that explained the act that established the Kansas Skills For Success in school programs. (Attachment 4).

Representative Decker made the motion to create the grant program with 20 million of tobacco money that school districts could apply for. This would be for K-3 as an early intervention program in reading and math. The motion was seconded by Representative O'Neal.

It was decided that action on this item would be delayed until the Committee had more information on it.

Local Option Budget

A motion was made by Representative Merrick and seconded by Representative Gordon to increase LOB by 5%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Larkin and Winn wished to be recorded as no votes.

Vocational Education Weighting

A motion was made by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Gordon to reduce to a weight of .15 on Vocational education weighting from .5.

A substitute motion was made by Representative Larkin and seconded by Representative Crow to leave it at .5. The substitute motion failed on a voice vote.

The motion made by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Gordon passed on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Larkin and Winn wished to be recorded as no votes.

Ancillary School Facilities Weighting

It was moved by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Merrick to retain the present position on the ancillary school facilities weighting. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Larkin and Winn wished to be recorded as no votes.

A copy of a request for a draft of a cost analysis bill was distributed. (Attachment 5).

It was moved by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Decker to have a cost analysis bill drafted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2005.