

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe McLeland at 1:30 P.M. on March 19, 2007 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Tom Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Jim Edwards, Government Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards
Terry Forsyth, Director Political Action, Kansas National Education Association

Others attending:
See attached list.

A motion was made by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Horst to approve the Education Budget Committee Minutes from March 8 and March 13, 2007. The motion carried for approval of the minutes on a voice vote.

Michele Alishahi gave a short synopsis of **SB 109**.

Hearing on SB 109 - School district employees; compensation, when. SB 109 as amended, would allow compensation to school district employees covered by KPERS in the first month of the employees' employment. Current law mandates payments to begin in September.

Jim Edwards spoke in favor of approving **SB 109** because old law did not allow for payment to school employees until September. Since school is starting now in many cases in early August or before, employees should not have to wait until September to receive remuneration (Attachment #1).

The next proponent to **SB 109** was Terry Forsyth. He stated teachers are no longer nine month employees, and since teachers routinely begin in early August, they should not have to go two months before receiving any pay. It creates a hardship for those who have obligations such as rent and car payments (Attachment #2).

The Chair closed the hearing on **SB 109** and opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman McLeland asked for a motion on SB109 and Representative O'Neal made the motion to pass SB 109 favorable. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1:50 PM.