

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Tim Huelskamp- excused

Committee staff present:  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson, 2010 Commission  
Sharon Wenger, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others attending:  
See attached list.

### **Introduction of Legislation**

An act concerning schools relating to personal financial literacy courses, #9RS0344, co-sponsored by Senator Schodorf and Senator Vratil, was introduced.

Senator Teichman moved to introduce the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Abrams. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2009 and January 15, 2009 as written. The motion was seconded by Senator Abrams. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Report of the 2010 Commission to the 2009 Kansas Legislature**

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson, 2010 Commission, presented a report on conclusions and recommendations of the Commission. (Attachment 1) The list of six recommendations and proposed legislation is attached. She did caution the committee that revenue projections were more optimistic at the time the report was created. These recommendations include:

The Legislature approve a three-year school finance plan extending current state law through school year 2012-2013

Approve a Professional Development Program for the 2009-2010 school year totaling \$6,250,000

Approve a budget of \$630,000 for the Kansas Department of Education for the 2009-2010 school year for use in leadership initiatives

Legislation extending the state law allowing a second student count date for school districts meeting certain criteria

Commission continue to monitor the progress of the Early Learning Coordinating Council and request a report on the Council's work next year

Commission continue to monitor activities in the areas of retaining teachers and eliminate the teacher shortage

### **Presentation of Interim Reports**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Education Committee at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

Sharon Wenger, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented summaries on the following Interim Reports:

Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Educational Planning to the 2009 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 2).

Report of the Special Education Funding Task Force to the 2009 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 3).

Report of the Kansas Autism Task Force to the 2009 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 4).

Kansas Technical College and Technical School Commission (Attachment 5).

Chairman Schodorf asked Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, if he had given additional thoughts that might be beneficial to help flexibility of budgeting. He stated one option would be to increase the contingency reserve allowing more flexibility in moving funds from one account to another. Chairman Schodorf encouraged him to continue exploring options.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.