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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on March 7, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferrees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. George Griffith, Supt., USD 208  
Dr. Cynthia Lane, Kansas City, KS, USD 500  
Mike McClellan, Pres., BOE USD 269  
Kevin McWhorter, Board Member, USD 265, Goddard  
Tracey Bourne, Supt., Renwick USD 268  
Dr. Brian D. Smith, Supt., Galena  
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools  
Mark Tallman, KASB  
Dr. Julie Ford, Supt., USD  
Mark Desetti, KNEA  
Cheryl Semmel, USA  
Jeff Grossenbacher, Kansas Farm Bureau  
Luke Bell, Kansas Assoc. of Realtors  
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Assoc.

**SB 450 – School finance, amendment to base state aid per pupil; increasing state prescribed percentage for local option budget for fiscal years 2013 and 2014.**

The Chair introduced Jason Long who spoke in explanation of **SB 450**.

Offering testimony in support of **SB 450** were:

Dr. George Griffith, (Attachment 1)  
Dr. Cynthia Lane, (Attachment 2)  
Mike McClellan, (Attachment 3)  
Kevin McWhorter, (Attachment 4)

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education at 1:30 PM on March 7, 2012 in Room 153-S of the Capitol.

Tracey Bourne, ([Attachment 5](#))  
Dr. Brian Smith, ([Attachment 6](#))  
Diane Gjerstad, ([Attachment 7](#))  
Mark Tallman, ([Attachment 8](#))  
Dr. Julie Ford, ([Attachment 9](#))  
Mark Desetti, ([Attachment 10](#))  
Cheryl Semmel, ([Attachment 11](#))

Addressing the Committee as opponents of **SB 450** were:

Jeff Grossenbacher, ([Attachment 12](#))  
Luke Bell, ([Attachment 13](#))  
Mike Beam, ([Attachment 14](#))

Copies of the fiscal note for **SB 450** were distributed, ([Attachment 15](#)).

The Division of Fiscal & Administrative services provided copies of the School Finance Plan. ([Attachment 16](#)).

The hearing on **SB 450** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012.