

Approved:

03/30/2012

(Date)

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30 on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in room 159-S the Capitol

All members were present except: Brenda Landwehr

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussiamanio, Senior Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Shirley Morrow, KLDR
Edw. Balda, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ronald Walker, Superintendent USD 475
Keith Mispagel, Superintendent USD 407
Col. Wayne Green, Garrison Commander
John Armbrust, Governor's Military Council
Robert Shannon, Superintendent USD 383
Representative James Fawcett

Others attending: see attached list

Representative Gordon called the meeting to order, greeted the audience, and opened the hearing on **HB 2439–School districts; counting of certain military pupils**

Jason Long was asked to give a brief review of said bill.

Representative Fawcett spoke briefly in support of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Superintendent Walker spoke in heavy support of the bill. Urged all members present to not forget the students of the military. ([Attachment 2](#))

Superintendent Mispagel presented testimony on behalf of Fort Leavenworth. ([Attachment 3](#))

Col. W. Green, the garrison commander also presented a short testimony of support.

John Armbrust of the Governor's Military Council presented testimony. ([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 HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET Committee at 3:30 on Tuesday, January 31, in room 159-S of the Capitol.

Superintendent Shannon spoke in high support of this bill. He emphasized the importance of the children of the military in the city Ogden and Fort Riley. ([Attachment 5](#))

The committee was asked for questions, Rep. Aurand and Rep. Arpke spoke.

The Chairman then directed the session to hear Budget testimony from:

Reagan Cussiamanio spoke on behalf of the School of the Blind, in Kansas City Ks.

Questions were asked by Rep. Spalding and Rep. Feuerborn,

John A. (standing in for Madeline Burkindine) spoke on the school's background and presented testimony([Attachment 6](#)) regarding funding appeals.

Questions were asked by Rep Cassidy, Rep Feuerborn, and Rep Winn.

R. Cussimanio addressed the committee concerning the Finances of the School of the Deaf in Olathe. ([Attachment7](#)).

There were no questions on this topic.

John A. presented information on the budget and finances for the School for the Deaf and took questions from Rep. Spalding and Rep. Feuerborn.

S. Morrow presented financial information regarding the Arts Commission.

Kathy Herzog of the Kansas Arts Commission presented testimony. ([Attachment 8](#))

She also addressed the budget cuts as affected by NEA.([Attachment 9](#)).

The topic of a "State of the Arts" license plate fundraiser was introduced and discussed.

Discussion regarding the Kansas Arts Foundation as compared to the Kansas Arts Commission was made, as well as the possibility of merging it with the Film Commission.

Dave Lindstrom, commissioner of the Kansas Arts Commission presented testimony.

([Attachment 10](#)) ([Attachment 11](#)) Also addressed was the "BUD" program

Questions were asked by Rep. Winn and Rep. Feuerborn.

Rep. Arpke complimented the speakers for all their efforts and hard work. He also asked for clarification regarding the "locked" computers that were removed from the former Arts Commission offices.

Joanne Budler, State Librarian, presented testimony ([Attachment 12](#)), regarding the state library budget and discussed the "Ready to Read Kansas" program as well as broadband development.

Written testimony ([Attachment 13](#)) from Representative Jana Goodman was also included.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, in 159-S

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:45

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.