

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 16, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Natalie Haig, Counsel to the Governor
Mark Tallman, Asst. Exec. Dir. for Advocacy, KASB
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools

Representative Tanner introduced Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Education who in turn introduced, Janet S. Lewandowski of Maize USD 266, 2001 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Also present were the 2001 Regional Teachers of the Year: Sue Boldra, Hays USD 489; Hildie E. Brooks, Manhattan USD 383; Mary Etta Copeland, DeSota USD 232; Jan Dicker, Lawrence USD 497; Vickie Feller, Wichita USD 259; Carol Panzer, Lakin USD 215 and Renita K. Ubel, Ottawa USD 290.

Each took a few minutes to speak to the Committee of their dedication to teaching as well as their goals for the future in education.

The Chairman thanked them for being present at the Education Committee meeting and thanked them for being what they are.

Natalie Haig, Counsel to Governor Graves, spoke to the Committee requested a bill that would revise the requirement in the present bill that pupils who are expelled or suspended, lose their driving privileges for carrying a firearm to school. The present law requires that school officials report the infraction to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The motion to receive this bill conceptually for action by the Committee was made by Representative Wells and seconded by Representative Mason. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director for Advocacy, requested the introduction of bills. (Attachment 1).

Representative Lloyd made the motion that these HB 2181, SB 155, 225 and 3092 be taken under one heading for matters of potential action. The motion was seconded by Representative Mason and passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Tomlinson with the second made by Representative DiVita that the amendment to this bill stating that the infraction be reported to the Division of Motor Vehicles by a law enforcement agency be recommended for introduction. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Tomlinson and seconded by Representative Wells that an amendment be made that would require changes in school district boundaries be approved at least 1 year prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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Diane Gjerstad, representing Wichita Public Schools requested an introduction of bills. (Attachment 2).

Representative Lloyd moved and Representative Peterson seconded the introduction of KSA 72-6409 and KSA 72-8187 to reflect the addition of "Liberty Juvenile Services and Treatment":. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Loganbill moved and Representative DeCastro seconded the request to permit multiple count dates for the purpose of counting special education students on December 1 and the end of June. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was determined that the further suggestion of a state mandate to provide special education services to age 21, beyond the federal mandate of 18 be held for later consideration.

It was moved by Representative Reardon and seconded by Representative DeCastro to approve introduction of the lease purchase statute to permit school districts to enter into long-term lease arrangements. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Tomlinson made the motion requesting that "stun gun" be added to the list of weapons not allowed in school. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion which carried by a voice vote.

Dale Dennis told the Committee of five items having to do with schools that he asked to be repealed because they were outdated.

Representative Phelps made the motion that the Committee accept these repealers as bills for the Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Williams and the motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chair announced that he would appoint two sub-committees on the following day. Representative Lloyd would chair the Accountability in Public Schools Sub-committee and the Sub-committee on School Financing would be chaired by Representative Tomlinson. He asked for those interested in serving on either sub-committee get in touch with either Chair or with Representative Reardon, if they were a member of the minority party. There would be 11 members on each sub-committee.

Representative Ostmeyer asked to be excused from attending the meeting of January 17. He would be on an agricultural tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2001.