

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Buntten
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools
Mark Tallman, KASB
Dr. Robert McFrazier, USD 501, Topeka Public Schools
Kent Hurn, USD 345, Seaman-Topeka
Mike Soetaert, USD 305, Salina Public Schools
Tim Rooney, Shawnee Mission District

The Chair spoke to the Committee of a sample resolution that had been previously given to them. It had been directed by the Education Committee to the State Department of Education asking them to give specific attention to the issue of children's obesity as it might be impacted by physical education and dietary practices in the schools. He said he hoped for them to work this into a bill soon.

HB 2904 - Requiring school district to collect and report specified financial information.

Bill Buntten spoke to the Committee as a proponent to **HB 2904**. (Attachment 1).

Appearing as an opponent to **HB 2904**, was Diane Gjerstad. (Attachments 2 and 3).

Chairman Tanner asked for those interested in the creation of a task force, to file a memorandum with the Committee secretary in order to pursue the subject matter beyond the scope of the session. They would work through the course of the next several months, involving legislators, school district personnel, members of the staff of the Legislative Post Audit and others who are interested in pursuing this subject matter to a conclusion.

Mark Tallman appeared next in opposition of **HB 2904**. (Attachment 4).

The following offering comments regarding **HB 2904**:

Dr. Robert McFrazier. (No written testimony).

Kent Hurn. (Attachments 5 and 6).

Mike Soetaert. (Attachment 7).

Tim Rooney. (Attachment 8).

Speaking briefly in support of **HB 2904** was Representative Carol Beggs.

The hearing on **HB 2904** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2002.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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