

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 on February 1, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
John Koepke, Exec. Dir. KASB
Ed Schulte, Baldwin, School Board President
Jennifer Foster, CARES
Mike Kastle, Supt. USD 245
Steve Adams, Supt. Highland/Midway Dist.
Bruce Pinkall, Pratt School Board Member

HB 2135 - Kansas school board development program.

John Koepke addressed the Committee in support of **HB 2135**. (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed.

Offering testimony in favor of **HB 2135** was Ed Schulte. (Attachment 2).

The hearing on **HB 2135** was closed.

Representative Colloton requested the Committee to introduce a bill concerning the pupil to teacher ratio in grades K-3 at 20 to 1 and in grades 4-12 at 25 to 1. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and passed on a voice vote.

HB 2134 - Kansas state high school activities association; board membership; joint teams; post-season play after district consolidation.

Testimony in support of **HB 2134** was offered by John Koepke. (Attachment 3).

Jennifer Foster spoke in favor of **HB 2134**. (Attachment 4).

Mike Kastle spoke in opposition of **HB 2134**. (Attachment 5).

Steve Adams addressed the Committee as an opponent of **HB 2134**. (Attachment 6).

Bruce Pinkall offered testimony opposing **HB 2134**. (Attachment 7).

James Menze, Executive Director of the United School Administrators of Kansas, offered written testimony only in opposition of **HB 2134**. (Attachment 8).

A question and answer session followed.

The hearing on **HB 2134** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the regular committee will be a joint meeting with the select committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Education Committee at 9:00 on February 1, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.