

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Reserch Department  
Kathie Sparks, Leislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Supt. Jerry Cullen, Ashland USD 220  
Supt. James A. Sutton, Ed.D., South Haven USD 509  
Supt. Gena Stanley, Fowler USD 225  
Supt. Larry Geil, Axtell USD 488  
Dan Metz, School Board, Oxford USD 358  
Mike Graves, School Board, Oxford USD 358  
Kent L. Moore, Skyline USD 438  
Kay Smith, Skyline USD 438  
Mark Tallman, KASB

The Chair called the committee's attention to the testimony on HB 2209 and HB 2210 that she had distributed. Attached was a list of those districts as well as the administration center cost, enrollment figures and number of districts per county. (Attachment 1).

Representative Mason spoke to the committee thanking them for considering passage of **HB 2194, HB 2195 and HB 2253** which were sponsored by him.

**HB 2195 - Dissolving existing unified school districts.**

**HB 2209 - Relating to consolidation.**

**HB 2210 - Relating to consolidation of administrative services.**

**HB 2253 - Relating to disorganization and consolidation thereof.**

**HB 2256 - Study of regional education districts.**

Speaking as opponents to these bills were Superintendents Jerry Cullen, Jim Sutton, Gena Stanley and Larry Geil, (attachments 3, 4, 5, and 6). Also appearing in opposition were Dan Metz and Mike Graves, school board members, (attachment 7), and patrons Kent Moore and Kay Smith, (attachments 8 and 9), and Mark Tallman, (attachment 10). Written only testimony was submitted by Don Mason of Kingman USD 331, (attachment 11).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2003.