

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 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: Beth Love, School Board Member, District 443
Mark Tallman, Ks Association of School Boards

The Chair recognized Representative Peggy Long who in turn introduced Cynthia Leviton, Kansas State Coordinator of the "Stop the Violence" program. She spoke of the goal of the organization which is the prevention of violence. The intent is to stop violence in its early stages by such actions as targeting such areas as the grade school bully who is believed to be in the beginning stages of a lifetime of violence.

HB 2028 - School district finance, school facilities weighting, definition revised.

Beth Love appeared before the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2028**. She spoke on behalf of Dr. Sharol Little, Superintendent, Dodge City USD 443, who was unable to appear due to inclement weather. (Attachment 1).

A discussion was held regarding **HB 2028** followed by points of clarification of various sections by Carolyn Rampey and Avis Swartzman of Legislative Research and the Revisor's Office. Dale Dennis also answered questions of Committee members.

The hearing on **HB 2028** was closed.

HB 2070 - School board development plans.

Testifying in support of **HB 2070** was Mark Tallman. (Attachment 2) The Chair also called attention to the written testimony that was provided to the Committee by Jacque Oakes, representing Schools for Quality Education. (Attachment 3).

The hearing on **HB 2070** was closed.

HB 2155 - School safety, definition of weapon revised.

Representative Tomlinson explained the amendments he was requesting be made to **HB 2155**. It was moved by Representative Tomlinson and seconded by Representative Horst that **HB 2155** be worked by the Committee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Tomlinson to amend **HB 2155** to include the additions specified by Representative Tomlinson. The motion to amend was seconded by Representative Benlon and passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Tomlinson and seconded by Representative Storm that **HB 2155** be recommended for passage. The bill passed as amended on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2001.