

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on January 31, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Mary Ellen Isaac, Wichita Public Schools
Bill Reardon, Kansas City, KS Public Schools
Bob VanCrum, Blue Valley
Mark Tallman, KASB
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education

An overview of the Legislative Post Audit Report's Cost Study Analysis was given by Kathie Sparks on At-Risk Weighting. (Attachment 1).

Mary Ellen Isaac spoke regarding the need for "at risk" funding. (Attachment 2).

Next to appear in support of funding for the at risk program was Bill Reardon. (Attachment 3)

Offering testimony advocating a change in the definition of at-risk pupils was Bob VanCrum. (Attachment 4).

Mark Tallman spoke next in support of an increase in at-risk funding. (Attachment 5).

Val DeFever offered testimony in regard to more flexibility in how at-risk dollars can be spent. (Attachment 6).

Mark Desetti told the committee that KNEA supported an increase in at-risk weight that better reflects the cost of offering services to all at-risk students. They feel the Post Audit proposal would do just that. (Attachment 7).

An informational sheet from the Legislative Research Department was distributed to the Committee. (Attachment 8).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006.