

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

BUDGET SESSION - 1964

The fourth meeting of the Education Committee convened at 2:10 P.M., Friday afternoon, February 7, 1964 in Room 529. All the members were present except: Messrs. Boyd, Dreiling, Finney, Harder, Nesmith and Teter.

Representative McCall introduced a group of visitors from his district, Osage City, Kansas.

Chairman Bower presented State Superintendent of Public Instruction Adel F. Throckmorton who had returned to report to the members on the Foundation Program as advanced by his office.

Mr. Throckmorton distributed printed matter on the Foundation Program as projected by his office and talked about various points within the material.

Mr. Don Smith asked if the average income per family was figured in their Foundation Program and the Superintendent answered that it is not included at the present time but work is being done on it now.

Mr. Hughes noted that in this Program they increase the teachers' salaries on a graduated scale and had some State aid for buildings and wondered if that didn't represent some new costs not now included. He answered in the affirmative, but pointed out this is a guarantee to the district and not a salary schedule. The guarantee depends on the number and qualifications of teachers without considering what they actually got. Mr. Bower added that the guarantee is for the full operating costs of the school not just for teachers' salaries.

Mr. Bower asked if other groups or organizations could have access to the various figures if they cared to make a study of their own and he answered that the records were public information and could be made available to the extent that was possible within the limitation of the personnel that run the machines. Study by others was urged to bring about a good acceptable plan.

Mr. McCall asked about the sharing of costs of school buildings wondering if there might be a tendency to waste money but he was answered that he didn't believe people would vote for a four-mill tax on themselves just to get a like amount of state money. Also Mr. McCall questioned the system of giving bonuses for educational degrees feeling that those teachers with degrees were not always the best. There was a discussion on this and the feeling was that there was no perfect way in which to measure the merit of a teacher and much thought needed to be given to it.

Mr. Crow asked if it was possible to get figures as the proposed formula would apply to the individual County. Mr. Throckmorton informed him this information could be obtained from Mr. Carl Althaus of the Statistical Section, however, Mr. Bower warned that these figures would merely be illustrative, with a certain set of assumptions in it that can be adjusted.

There was a discussion on the distribution of money to schools
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M..

Respectfully submitted

By _____

Chairman