

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

June 7, 1976

Room 510-S - State House

The Chairman, Representative Crumbaker, presided. Other members in attendance included Senators Angell, Meyers and Warren and Representatives Anderson, Braden, Laird, Norvell and Yonally.

Staff present were Ben Barrett and Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department, and Avis Badke, Revisor of Statutes' Office.

Morning Session

Proposal No. 9 - Special
Education

The staff presented memorandums* entitled:

1. "Summary of Selected Provisions of the 'Education of All Handicapped Children Act'." (P.L. 94-142).
2. "Education for All Handicapped Children Act - Basic State Aid Entitlement Program."
3. "Estimated Federal Funding Requirements of P.L. 94-142."

The Committee discussed the need to focus direct attention on reviewing and refining the estimated costs of the state-imposed special education mandate.

Proposal No. 10 - School
Finance

The Committee received copies of two memorandums*:

1. "Kansas School District Equalization Act as amended through 1976".
2. "Amendments to the School District Equalization Act: 1974, 1975 and 1976."

A copy of the School District Equalization Act, as amended by the 1976 Legislature, also is included in the Committee notebooks.

The Chairman reported that he recently had attended a meeting in Chicago which involved HEW officials relative to the proposed P.L. 874 rules and regulations. At that meeting there was discussion of the "fiscal neutrality" test, and it was still uncertain whether Kansas would be able to meet the standards that will be placed in effect. A current draft of these rules would require that 90% of the revenues available for school operations be under the equalization formula. There has been discussion of lowering the requirement to 85%.

* Copies are on file in the Committee notebooks.

The Chairman stated that an HEW staff person was planning to visit Kansas this summer to work further with State Department of Education staff on this matter.

Concerning another federal law, the Chairman reported that Kansas will be preparing an application to secure available federal funds to assist states in developing an equalization program. It is estimated that the Kansas entitlement will be between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Afternoon Session

The Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The following dates for future meetings were established:

July 14 and 15
August 9 and 10
September 2 and 3
October 4 and 5
November 8 and 9

These meetings will be held in Room 510-S. On the first day of a two-day meeting the beginning time will be 10:00 a.m. The meeting time for the second day has not yet been decided.

Proposal No. 11 - KSHSAA

The Committee reviewed the main provisions of K.S.A. 72-130 through 72-134, which sets forth certain requirements with which organizations such as KSHSAA must comply. Also, two memorandums were reviewed*. One describes the functions, composition and organization of the three principal organs of KSHSAA. The other summarizes the three bills introduced in the 1976 Session to modify or repeal the statutory provisions concerning KSHSAA (H.B. 2790, H.B. 2805 and H.B. 2904). All three bills were referred to the House Committee on Education, and were stricken from the calendar late in the Session.

Proposal No. 12 - Certification of Coaches

The Committee reviewed 1976 S.C.R. 1643, the provisions of the KSHSAA rules which require the athletic coaches be properly certified full-time employees and the provision of KAR 91-4-7, which requires that schools involving only grades 7 and 8 in interscholastic activities must compete under KSHSAA rules. The regulation also requires schools which involve grade 6 to meet certain enumerated standards, one of which requires that the coach be a member of the teaching staff and be properly certified.

Proposal No. 13 - Certification of School Administrators

The Committee discussed 1976 S.C.R. 1642. The staff reported that material would be prepared outlining the certification requirements for school administrators in Kansas. Also, the minimum requirements for school administrators in other states will be prepared for the Committee.

Other Matters

The Committee agreed that it should devote considerable attention to work on the fiscal implications for the special education mandate. The staff will gather data relative to special education services in Kansas and the projected costs of providing such services.

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At the next meeting (July 14 and 15), the first day will be devoted to the subject of special education and the second, divided between the study of KSHSAA and certification of coaches.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Approved by Committee on:

July 14, 1976
(Date)