

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Don Crumbaker at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 23, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Dale Dennis, State Department of Education
JoAnn Mann, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Susan Roenbaugh
Representative Duane Goessen
Representative Harold Guldner
Representative Lloyd Polson
Representative Denise Apt
Dennis McFall, Kansas Association of School Boards
& United School Administrators
Representative Bob Arbuthnot
Dale Carlson, Supt. USD 223 in Barnes
John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards

HB 2443 - Unified school district No. 350, land transfer.

Representative Susan Roenbaugh appeared in support. A copy of her testimony is attached and made a part of these minutes. (Attachment A)

HB 2492 - Unified school district No. 284, land transfer authorized.

Representative Duane Goessen appeared in support and told the committee the land and the buildings were no longer used by the school district and USD 284 wished to return them to the city to be used as a community center.

HB 2491 - Unified school district No. 494, land transfer.

Representative Harold Guldner told the committee the bill would need to be amended to include buildings on the land to be transferred.

HB 2218 - Unified school district No. 380, land transfer to Corning, Kansas.

Representative Lloyd Polson asked the committee to give a favorable report of HB 2218.

HB 2266 - School districts, disposition of property by boards of education.

Representative Apt, author of the bill, told the committee that HB 2266 addressed the problem of the transfer bills and would allow boards of education to make the transfer without legislative authority.

Dennis McFall, representing KASB and USA, supported the bill as it is written and felt it would clean up the present problem. Other proposed transfers are pending and they would be unnecessary if the bill was reported favorably.

HB 2465 - School district finance, computation of state transportation aid.

Representative Arbuthnot told the committee HB 2465 was requested by citizens in his district. He then introduced Dale Carlson, Supt. USD 223 in Barnes.

Mr. Carlson said he took the concept of HB 2465 to the KASB delegate assembly where it received wide support.

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The current law requires school districts to transport parochial students for which they receive no reimbursement. Of the 466 students transported in USD 223, 132 were parochial students. Mr. Carlson said quite a few districts in northeast Kansas have a similar problem. The transportation budget last year in USD 223 was \$170,000 and they received transportation aid of \$110,000. The per pupil cost was \$476.

John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards, appeared in support and a copy of his testimony is attached. (Attachment B)

Representative Vancrum apologized to the committee for having missed the meeting the prior day, thus missed voting on HB 2180. He then made a motion to pass HB 2180 favorably as amended. The motion died for lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned.

Testimony - HB 2443

House Committee on Education

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Susan Roenbaugh, representative from the 114th District which serves Edwards, Pawnee and Stafford Counties. The school board of USD #350, St. John-Hudson in Stafford County would like to transfer a small piece of land from the School District to the City of Hudson, Kansas.

This would include:

All of Block Four (4) of the Original Sub-division in the city of Hudson, Stafford County, Kansas and that part of vacated Main Street which lies between Block Three (3) and Block Four (4) in the Original Sub-division in the City of Hudson, Stafford County, Kansas; and

All of Block Three (3), except the east ninety-seven feet (E 97') of Henry Bauer's Subdivision to the City of Hudson, Stafford County, Kansas.

This has been mutually agreed upon and they simply need to go through the legal process to get it done.

I respectfully request that the House Committee on Education recommend HB 2443 for passage. Thank you very much.



Testimony on H.B. 2465
before the
House Education Committee
by
John W. Koepke, Associate Executive Director
Kansas Association of School Boards

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, at our annual Delegate Assembly in November of 1982, the members of the Kansas Association of School Boards adopted the following resolution. As a result of this resolution, H.B. 2465 was introduced at our request.

State Reimbursement for the Local District Transportation of Resident Parochial School Students.

WHEREAS, Kansas statutes, both mandated and permissive, have the effect of requiring parochial students to be transported by public school districts; and

WHEREAS, this requirement, because of the cost of modern day transportation, constitutes a burden for many public school districts;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved, that KASB supports the legislation where resident parochial students transported over 2.5 miles be included in the individual district transportation reimbursement count.