

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR JOSEPH C. HARDER at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1983 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Avis Swartzman, Legislative Revisor's Office
Mrs. Millie Randell, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

SB 80 - School district finance, appeals to exceed budget limitations for operation of originally federally financed programs. (Education)

Proponents:

Mr. John Koepke, Associate Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards

Following a call to order by Chairman Joseph C. Harder, the Chairman read a letter (Attachment 1) that had been received by Senator Bogina, Committee member, whereby six Johnson County public school districts and the Johnson County Community College are submitting a request for legislation to establish a Type II Area Vocational Technical School in the Johnson County area. When the Chairman inquired of the Committee if anyone was interested in having the Committee introduce such a bill, Senator Allen moved that a Committee bill effecting this request be introduced. Senator McCray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Chairman welcomed visiting members of the Kansas Association of School Boards who were in attendance at the Committee meeting.

SB 80 - The Chairman called upon Mr. John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards, proponent of SB 80, who stated that he was testifying on behalf of United School Administrators and the Kansas-National Education Association as well as the Kansas Association of School Boards. (Attachment 2)

Following Mr. Koepke's testimony, the Chairman asked the Committee's pleasure regarding SB 80. Senator Montgomery moved, and Senator Warren seconded a motion to recommend SB 80 favorably for passage, and the motion carried.

The Chairman requested Mr. Ben Barrett of the Legislative Research Department to provide him with figures showing amounts of federal dollars that might be involved in SB 80, although Mr. Koepke had indicated that the difference would be minimal. Mr. Barrett agreed to furnish this information to the Chairman.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that a Joint Hearing with the House Education Committee would be held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313-S. He explained that both SB 48 and HB 2149, identical bills, will be heard at that time. Since the Senate would be in session, the Chairman continued, and in deference to the Committee members' need to be present in the Senate as well as in the 3:30 p.m. Senate Education meeting, Committee members would not be marked absent from the Education meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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February 11, 1983

Dear Senator Bogina:

For the past eighteen months, representatives of the six Johnson County public school districts and the Johnson County Community College have explored ways of offering vocational/technical programs to a growing number of students and adults in Johnson County.

As a result of these discussions, the cooperating agencies have determined that a Type II Area Vocational Technical School would best meet the needs of the Johnson County area.

Considering the variety and quality of programs projected and the need to conserve resources, a Type II administrative structure would offer the following advantages.

1. Facilities could be provided in closer proximity to the students being served.
2. Existing facilities in various areas throughout Johnson County could be used to conserve financial resources.
3. Training programs could be designed to meet the needs of a diverse population.
4. Transportation costs could be reduced as fewer students would require transportation to a central location.
5. Each school district could have a degree of ownership through a shared governance.
6. Cooperative planning could enhance the variety, quality, and accessibility of vocational/technical programs.

We solicit your support through introducing and supporting legislation to lift the moratorium on Type II Area Vocational Technical Schools. This would provide opportunity for the State Board of Education to act favorably upon the Johnson County application.

Respectfully submitted,

Blue Valley USD 229
Dr. James C. Thompson, Supt.

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DeSoto USD 232
Dr. Harold Vestal, Supt.

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Dr. Raj K. Chopra, Supt.

Raj K. Chopra
Spring Hill USD 230
Mr. Don Gillihan, Supt.

Charles J. Carlsen
Johnson Co. Community College
Dr. Charles J. Carlsen, Pres.

2/17 1:30 p.m.
Attachment 1

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OF
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Testimony of the
Kansas Association of School Boards
before the
Senate Education Committee
on
Senate Bill 80

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Committee on behalf of the 300 member boards of education of the Kansas Association of School Boards. Senate Bill 80 was introduced by this Committee at our request as a result of actions taken by the KASB Delegate Assembly.

Senate Bill 80 would add to the list of budget appeal items a new budget appeal reason for loss of federal funds. As members of the Committee are probably aware, the federal government has in recent years reduced considerably its financial commitment to the cause of public education. Numerous categorical grant programs have been consolidated into block grants at greatly reduced funding levels.

For many school districts, these reductions in federal funds mean proven educational programs will suffer if they cannot be included in school district general fund budgets. Of particular interest is what many people believe was the most effective of the federal programs, Title I. Even the most vociferous critics of federal involvement in education have generally conceded the value of this program in aiding disadvantaged children. Some of this value

will undoubtedly be lost if school districts do not have some way of picking up the cost of these programs. We are suggesting that it be done by way of budget appeal.

In this manner, the cost of these programs would be shared by state and local units. We believe that was the intent of the New Federalism program espoused by the present administration in Washington. If state and local units are unwilling to pick up the cost for beneficial federal programs which are being cut back in funding, then there will be an inevitable outcry at the federal level and pressure will build for increased federal funding and renewed federal control.

We urge your support for Senate Bill 80 by giving local school districts the ability to deal with declining federal support for education. Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.