

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 4,, 1985 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Brady and Reardon who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Dale Dennis, State Department of Education
Judy Crapser, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ann Kleener, State Board of Education
Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association
Bob Kelly, Kansas Independent Colleges Association
Bill Curtis, Kansas Association of School Boards

The Chairman told the Committee of a bill request from the Governor for an increase in community college credit hour aid of \$1 per credit hour and \$1 per credit hour for out-district aid. Representative Elaine Hassler moved to introduce the bill and Representative Jesse Harder seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Representative Jessie Branson moved to introduce a bill for a life development education program in schools, she noted this is a proposal of the Silver Haired Legislature. Representative Denise Apt seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

The Chairman turned attention to school finance by reminding the Committee of the current deadlines in effect. The proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee was discussed. Representative Marvin Smith moved that the Ad Hoc proposal be introduced, to allow for possible hearings and further discussion. Representative Robert Miller seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

The Chairman opened the hearings for HB 2091 - authorizing an increase in certification fees.

Ann Kleener, State Board of Education, testified in support of HB 2091. (ATTACHMENT 1)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in opposition of HB 2091. (ATTACHMENT 2)

The hearing for HB 2091 being concluded, the hearing was opened for HB 2092 - allowing the four non-voting members of the Teaching and School Administrators Professional Standards Advisory Board to become voting members.

Ann Kleener, State Board of Education, testified in support of HB 2092. (ATTACHMENT 3)

Bob Kelly, Kansas Independent Colleges Association, testified in support of HB 2092. He stated that this bill would change the current voting to the way it was when originally passed out of this committee last year. The non-voting status was a change put in by the Senate.

The Chairman read a letter from Stanley Koplick, Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents, in support of HB 2092. (ATTACHMENT 4)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in opposition to HB 2092. (ATTACHMENT 5) During committee questioning, it was stated that there would be no fiscal impact for this bill as the only change would be in the voting status.

Bill Curtis, KASB, testified in opposition of HB 2092. He stated the initial bill last year did not include these four members and to allow them voting privileges would make an imbalance of representation.

This concluded the hearing for HB 2092. The Chairman turned the committee's attention to HB 2058 which allows the LEPC the authority to introduce legislation. Representative

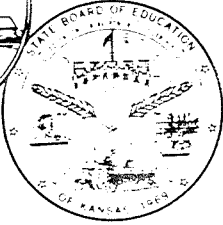
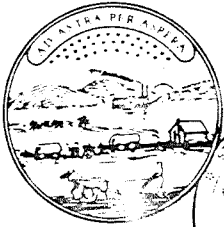
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room 519-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on February 4, 1985

Robin Leach moved that HB 2058 be passed out of committee and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Representative Vernon Williams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 5, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 531-N.



Kansas State Department of Education

Kansas State Education Building

120 East 10th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

February 4, 1985

TO: House Education Committee
FROM: Ann Keener, State Board of Education
SUBJECT: 1985 House Bill 2091

My name is Ann Keener, a member of the State Board of Education from LaCrosse.

The State Board of Education requested House Bill 2091 to be introduced. The bill permits the certification fee to be increased from a range of \$13 to \$18 to a range of \$16 to \$25.

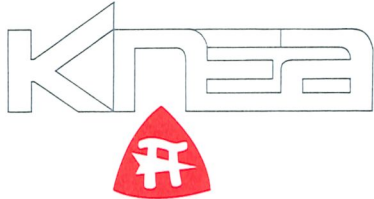
The major reason for the increase in fees is to pay for additional staff approved by the 1984 Legislature to administer the teacher testing program.

Since the State Board approved the request for this legislation, the Governor has included in his budget general fund revenue sufficient to pay the cost of operating the certification function without an increase in fees. Therefore, the State Board of Education requests that you hold House Bill 2091 in committee at this time.

ATTACHMENT 1

2-4-85

House Education Committee



Craig Grant Testimony Before The
House Education Committee
February 4, 1985

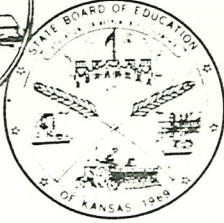
Thank you Mr. Chairman. Members of the committee, I am Craig Grant and I represent Kansas-NEA. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the committee on HB 2091.

Kansas-NEA's concern on HB 2091 is very straightforward--although we do not mind paying a reasonable fee to administer the certification process, we do not believe that such dramatic increases are needed at this time. The present fee is sufficient for the process and we would hope that, unless the need is demonstrated, that the Legislature would put a hold on fee increases. The increase request would have funded the validation process of the certification exam. We do not think that present teachers should have to fund that validation. When instituted, the people taking the test should fund the administration of the program.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, Kansas-NEA would oppose any fee increase at this time and would ask you to put a hold on HB 2091. Thank you for listening to the concerns of teachers.

ATTACHMENT 2
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FROM: Ann Keener, State Board of Education
SUBJECT: 1985 House Bill 2092

My name is Ann Keener, a member of the State Board of Education from LaCrosse.

The State Board of Education supports House Bill 2092. The 1984 Legislature reorganized the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Advisory Board into one committee. This legislation authorized the four (4) representatives listed below to be participating members of the Advisory Board but does not permit them to vote.

1. One dean or head of the school of education of a university under the supervision and control of the State Board of Regents.
2. One representative of the faculty or administration of a private four-year college or university.
3. One representative of the membership of a parent-teacher association who has never served on or been employed by a board of education.
4. One person who is a member of the board of education of a school district.

The State Board supports granting these four (4) representatives the right to vote. It seems unfair to authorize four (4) members to participate as members of the Advisory Board and not permit them to vote.

ATTACHMENT 3

2-4-85

House Education Committee



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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February 4, 1984

The Honorable Don E. Crumbaker, Chairman
Legislative Committee on Education
Kansas House of Representatives
182-W, Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Crumbaker:

Unfortunately I will be out of town on Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. when the discussion on House Bill 2092, amending the voting powers of certain members of the professional standards advisory board, occurs. I would like to go on record supporting the removal of restrictions on the voting power of the administrator representing the Regents institutions. I wholeheartedly support the removal of this restriction.

Sincerely,

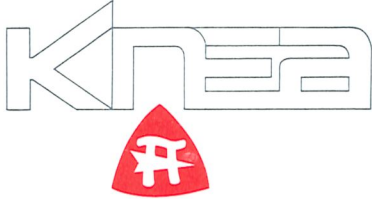
Stanley Z. Koplik
Executive Director

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ATTACHMENT 4

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the committee, I am Craig Grant and I represent Kansas-NEA. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the committee on HB 2092.

Last year United School Administrators suggested that the two Standards Boards, the teaching and administrators board, be combined. Kansas-NEA had no objections to the combination, our concern was in the make-up of the committee. USA, the Kansas Association of School Boards, and Kansas-NEA all agreed that the present voting membership of eight teachers and seven administrators was acceptable to our organizations. No testimony was given in opposition to the concept, even though private schools and regents' lobbyists were present.

We are now faced with a new bill dealing with an issue we hoped was settled. It is my understanding that the deans do not want to "advise, consult with and make recommendations to the board if they cannot vote. It is my understanding that the KASB is not demanding a vote in order to participate. If the bill passes as it is presently written, our concern about the composition of the board would resurface. We are told to take charge of our profession, yet this bill would deny us a majority voice in recommending our standards. If the USA is interested in relinquishing two or three or four of its voting seats to these groups, it is acceptable to K-NEA. We do not, at this time, think it advisable to relinquish our voting status.

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Some might say that lay participation on professional standards boards is important. If this board were something more than an advisory board, that argument would have more validity. Kansas-NEA could live with ten teachers, five administrators and the other four voting; we could live with eight teachers, five administrators and the two deans voting. But if teachers are to continue their progress toward improving their profession, they need the opportunity to make decisions regarding their standards. This bill would be a step backwards in that regard.

Kansas-NEA believes that the composition of the standards advisory board could be changed in the manner outlined above or, absent that type of change, we would urge the defeat of HB 2092.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for listening to the concerns of teachers.