

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

3:30 ~~4:30~~ p.m. on March 18, 1985 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Hassler, who was 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:

Senator Jim Allen
Bob Becker, Adult Education Center Director, Ottawa
M. D. McKenney, United School Administrators of Kansas
Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association
Bill Curtis, Kansas Association of School Boards Associate Director
Connie Hubbell, State Board of Education
Ken Rogg, Schools for Quality Education

The Chairman opened the hearing for SB 27 which would give local school boards the authority to levy up to a 0.5 mill levy for adult basic education (ABE) programs.

Senator Jim Allen presented SB 27. He stated that there would be no fiscal impact from this bill. It only gives the authority to local school boards the same as a previous bill had given the authority to community colleges to levy up to a 0.5 mill levy for a period not to exceed five years and only if approved by a majority vote in an election in the district.

Bob Becker, Director of Adult Education Center in Ottawa, testified in support of SB 27. He stated that at this time the funds for ABE programs come from the school district's general fund and with funds being tightened this bill would give the boards an avenue of recourse that is much more practical than the present method of obtaining extra funds for these programs. He added that the bill does allow for a petition of protest.

M. D. McKenney, USA, testified in support of SB 27. (ATTACHMENT 1)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in support of SB 27. He stated that this bill is a logical way to help finance ABE. At present it requires a question on the ballot every year to continue a mill levy for these programs, and that is impractical.

Bill Curtis, KASB, testified in support of SB 27. He stated their belief that the ABE programs are worthwhile when considering the thousands that are filing for and passing GED's every year. The KASB Legislative Council agreed to support SB 27.

This concluded the hearing for SB 27. The Chairman opened the hearing for SB 53 which expands interlocal cooperative agreements to include services, duties, functions, activities, obligations or responsibilities as school districts but denies power to levy taxes.

Connie Hubbell, State Board of Education, testified in support of SB 53. (ATTACHMENT 2)

Ken Rogg, Schools for Quality Education, testified in support of SB 53. He related to the Committee the background of the interlocal agreements and added that this bill would expand the savings that small districts could achieve by cooperative efforts, also the expansion of benefits that those small districts could provide for their students that could not otherwise be achieved.

M. D. McKenney, USA, testified in support of SB 53. (ATTACHMENT 3)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in support of SB 53. He stated that this is one way to help beef up the curriculum for the young people of Kansas and can only benefit the students.

Bill Curtis, KASB, testified in support of SB 53. He stated that this bill would give interlocals the legal authority to act on some things that at this time they may be doing

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anyway to allow for the provision of various aspects to the students. He added the explanation of the Senate's amendment to the original bill.

This concluded the hearing for SB 53. The Chairman opened the hearing for SB 183 which would authorize an appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals by a school board for additional budget authority in the event of federal cuts on federally mandated programs.

Bill Curtis, KASB, testified in support of SB 183. (ATTACHMENT 4)

M. D. McKenney, USA, testified in support of SB 183. (ATTACHMENT 5)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in support of SB 183. He stated this is a logical way to continue existing programs.

This concluded the hearing for SB 183.

The Chairman noted to the Committee that SB 183 falls under the SDEA deadline and would need to be passed by the House no later than Monday, March 25, if the bill is to be passed this session.

Representative Hensley moved to report SB 183 favorable for passage. Representative Harder seconded the motion. The motion prevailed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be March 20, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.



UNITED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF KANSAS

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M.D. "MAC" McKENNEY
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: House Education Committee

FROM: M. D. McKenney, Acting Executive Director
United School Administrators of Kansas

DATE: March 18, 1985

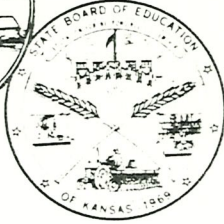
SUBJECT: SB 27

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, on behalf of the United School Administrators I speak in support of SB 27.

This proposed amendment to existing statute provides a simpler, and less expensive, means of determining community interest in and commitment to adult basic education programs. We ask that you report it favorably.

ATTACHMENT 1

3-18-85
House Education Committee



Kansas State Department of Education

Kansas State Education Building

120 East 10th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

March 18, 1985

TO: House Education Committee
FROM: Connie Hubbell, State Board of Education
SUBJECT: 1985 Senate Bill 53

My name is Connie Hubbell, a member of the State Board of Education from Topeka.

Senate Bill 53 permits interlocals to provide the same services currently authorized for unified school districts except for the levying of taxes.

The current law authorizes interlocals to provide educational services in the areas of special education, vocational education, career education, bilingual education, media services, curriculum development, and inservice training.

Some of the interlocals have indicated an interest in providing additional services such as sharing of teachers in the areas of math, science, and foreign languages.

The final decision on participation in an interlocal is left to the local boards of education.

The State Board believes that this bill would prove beneficial to many of our smaller districts and improve the quality of educational services.

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United School Administrators of Kansas

DATE: March 18, 1985

SUBJECT: SB 53

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I speak on behalf of the United School Administrators of Kansas in support of SB 53.

As Kansas school districts began to enter into interlocal agreements for the purposes which the original bill addressed, they discovered, and many used, some other means of interlocal cooperation. They discovered they could more effectively buy services and supplies not included in the bill but not excluded by law. For that reason, USA did not testify on this bill when it appeared in the Senate Education Committee but add our support at this time since those practices which resulted have made more efficient use of many Kansas dollars spent for education.

This bill authorizes not only practices already in use, but adds others, such as sharing of teachers. We ask that you report the bill favorably.

ATTACHMENT 3

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House Education Committee

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5401 S. W. 7th Avenue Topeka, Kansas 66606
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Testimony on SB 183
before the
House Education Committee
March 18, 1985

by
Bill Curtis, Assistant Executive Director
Kansas Association of School Boards

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 183 was introduced by the Senate Education Committee at our request as a result of actions taken by the KASB Delegate Assembly.

As the members of the Committee are aware, federal funding for public education has not significantly increased in recent years. As a result, a greater burden for financing elementary and secondary education has fallen to state and local resources. The restructuring of many federal programs into block grants has allowed most school districts to meet their local needs in spite of these diminished resources.

However, the efforts in Washington to balance the federal budget and reduce or eliminate the deficit have the prospect of greatly reduced federal funding in the near future. Both the administration in Washington and the Congress have proposed significant cutbacks in certain areas of education funding, such as school lunch and vocational education.

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If school districts are to be able to continue many of these valuable programs without eroding their other educational needs, then they must have some mechanism to deal with these federal cutbacks, should they occur. We are proposing that this dilemma be resolved by allowing school districts to apply to the State Board of Tax Appeals under the budget appeal provisions presently authorized by adding a new reason to those provisions.

Should these federal budget cutbacks not occur, then of course there would be no use of this provision. However, if federal cuts do occur, a mechanism would be in place which would allow school districts the flexibility to deal with that contingency.

We appreciate your willingness to listen to our concerns and I would be happy to attempt to answer any of your questions.



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FROM: M. D. McKenney, Acting Executive Director
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DATE: March 18, 1985

SUBJECT: SB 183

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I appear today on behalf of the United School Administrators of Kansas to testify in support of SB 183.

There are districts in Kansas which have participated in programs which originated from federal legislation and accompanying financial support who have found them to be effective in meeting their need to correct deficiencies and improve educational programs. For those districts, discontinued federal funding could require a significant part of their budget needed to replace those dollars.

The provisions of this bill provide a means of phasing such programs into the district budget. We ask that you report the bill favorably.

ATTACHMENT 5

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