

Approved February 7, 1990
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on Monday, February 5, 19⁹⁰ in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Avis Swartzman, Revisor's Office
Mr. Dale Dennis, Assistant Commissioner of Education
Mrs. Millie Randell, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

SB 458 - Educational excellence grant program (Harder et al.)

Proponents:

Ms. Connie Hubbell, Chairman, State Board of Education
Mr. Norman L. Reynolds, Director of Education Services, Kansas
Association of School Boards
Mr. Charles (Chuck) Stuart, Legislative Liaison, United School
Administrators of Kansas
Mr. Craig Grant, Director of Political Action, Kansas-National
Education Association
Mr. Ken Rogg, Legislative Representative, Schools for Quality Education

Following a call to order by Chairman Joseph C. Harder, the Chair recognized Ms. Connie Hubbell, chairman, State Board of Education. Ms. Hubbell, testifying in place of Mr. Bill Musick, who was unable to appear today, said she endorses the testimony of previous conferees who were in support of SB 458. (Attachment 1) Responding to questions, Ms. Hubbell replied that State Board concerns had been addressed in SB 458, and she did not have any requests for additional amendments. In response to further questions, Ms. Hubbell replied that there were more applications for grants than funds available last year, and the Board would expect to have the same number of applications for programs this year, as well as additional ones. Ms. Hubbell felt that all grant applications had been excellent last year and that both the "at risk" and exemplary programs were making a difference.

When the Chair called upon Mr. Norman L. Reynolds, Mr. Reynolds added his endorsement to previous testimonies in favor of SB 458. Mr. Reynolds expressed support for the modifications of previous educational grant legislation as found in SB 458. (Attachment 2) Mr. Reynolds urged the Committee to report SB 458 favorably.

Speaking on behalf of the United School Administrators of Kansas, Mr. Chuck Stuart expressed support for SB 458. (Attachment 3) Mr. Stuart informed the Committee of a concern that businesses in the small rural communities probably are not going to be able to help provide sufficient funding for these kinds of programs but said they probably would be able to assist with in-kind help. Mr. Stuart expressed concern that applications might be rejected or accepted based on the financial help a business might be able to provide. He also mentioned the probable need for additional teachers for the program and the extra cost this could entail.

Mr. Craig Grant of K-NEA described the provisions of SB 458 as welcome additions to the bill passed last year. (Attachment 4) Mr. Grant predicted a need for additional funding in anticipation of a greater number of applications to be submitted. Mr. Grant urged the Committee to vote for the funding bill to SB 458 when it should be considered later in the session.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,

room 123-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on Monday, February 5, 1990

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the Governor's recommendation for funding SB 458 is \$2,450,000.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ken Rogg, representing Schools for Quality Education. Mr. Rogg described his organization as the outlying rural school districts throughout Kansas. Mr. Rogg felt that due to a growing technological society, demands of increased graduation requirements, and the possibility of doing away with the open admissions policy, SB 458 could serve as an alternative delivery system to serve certain students. He described two work-study programs with which he was familiar as an illustration of economic development due to five new positions created by the programs.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to the language on page 5, lines 3-7, and reminded the Committee that several conferees were concerned with this language as being too restrictive. He asked for Committee discussion on the language.

Senator Karr made a conceptual motion to amend SB 458 by striking "of moneys" on page 5, line 6. Senator Kerr seconded the motion, and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Walker made a conceptual motion to amend SB 458 by including gifted children under the definition of at risk pupil. Due to a time constraint, the Chairman requested that discussion and/or action on Senator Walker's motion be deferred. The Chairman announced that discussion and/or action on SB 458 would be continued at a later date and asked members to be prepared to introduce any further amendments at that time.

Senator Allen moved, and Senator Frahm seconded a motion that minutes of the meeting of January 30 be approved. The motion carried.

Senator Allen moved, and Senator Frahm seconded a motion to approve revised minutes of the meeting of January 31. The motion carried.

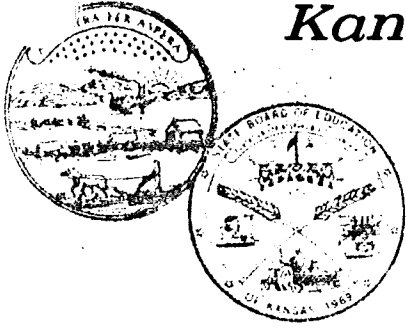
The Chair adjourned the meeting.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1:30 p.m. PLACE: 123-S DATE: Monday, Feb. 5, 1990

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January 31, 1990

Richard J. Peckham
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TO: Senate Education Committee
FROM: State Board of Education
SUBJECT: 1990 Senate Bill 458

My name is Bill Musick, Legislative Chairman of the State Board of Education. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before this Committee on behalf of the State Board.

School districts have been concerned about the current definition of at risk pupil due to its limitation for programs that would assist the lower level elementary students. Research has shown that the earlier a district is able to provide assistance to at risk students, the more effective the program. We support the definition of at risk students provided in Senate Bill 458.

The bill also encourages school districts to seek out business-school partnerships which could benefit the students, the district, and the community.

A technical amendment included in Senate Bill 458 will also be of assistance to school districts in the administration of the program. This amendment creates one fund for deposit and expenditure of funds received.

The State Board of Education recommends Senate Bill 458 favorably for passage.

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Attachment 1



Testimony on SB 458
before the
Senate Education Committee

by

Norman L. Reynolds, Director of Education Services
Kansas Association of School Boards

January 31, 1990

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. The Kansas Association of School Boards, which represents 302 of 304 unified school district boards of education, is very pleased to add its support and to testify in favor of SB 458.

The educational system enhancement plan (ESEP), as provided for in SB 458, has many favorable changes when compared to previous educational grant legislation. Three of the changes should provide specific assistance to school districts in the development of new programs and with expansion of existing programs. These modifications are:

1. The simplification of the definition for identifying students-at-risk;
2. The requirements that school districts provide documentation of their aggressiveness in the exploration of ways and means of forming school-business partnerships; and
3. Allowing districts to operate the grant program under a single budget heading.

We appreciate the time and attention of the committee. We would urge you to report SB 458 out of committee favorably. I will be happy to respond to any questions the committee may have.

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Attachment 2



Senate Bill 458

Testimony presented before the Senate Committee on Education
by Chuck Stuart, Legislative Liaison
United School Administrators of Kansas

January 31, 1990

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Chuck Stuart, Legislative Liaison for the United School Administrators of Kansas. We are usually referred to as the USA. The USA is an umbrella organization speaking for public school superintendents, elementary and secondary principals, school business officials, curriculum directors, directors of special education, vocational administrators and public relation administrators.

United School Administrators is very strongly supportive of SB 458. We believe much has been done to improve the chances for success of "at risk" students, but that there are still innovative ways school districts and the business community can work together to form a business-education partnership.

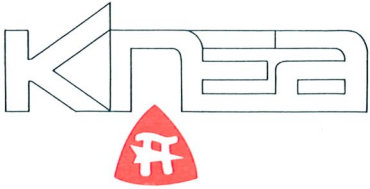
In my 41 years of public education, 29 of which were in the superintendency, one of our notable achievements was the establishment of a Combined Cooperative Vocational Education Program. This experimental program which began in 1973, was to determine if smaller communities could enlist the cooperation of local merchants and manufacturers to work with students in their places of business. In a town of 5,000 inhabitants, we were able to place as many as 45 high school seniors in one year in local business and industry. Even in today's economy, there are 22 high school seniors working for vocational credit applicable to their graduation requirements.

As supportive of the program as the USA is, there are some points that should be considered by the committee before passage. First, school programs which are conducted before or after school must be supervised by a certified teacher. Adding a program means adding teacher time, and there should be sufficient state funds to cover a major portion of this cost. Second, it should be realized that not all schools in Kansas are located in areas where there is enough business and industry to realistically expect a donation to assist with the payment of these remedial programs.

If consideration is given these concerns, we believe the plan has great merit.

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Attachment 3



Craig Grant Testimony Before The
Senate Education Committee

Wednesday, January 31, 1990

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Craig Grant and I represent Kansas-NEA. I appreciate this opportunity to speak in favor of SB 458.

We certainly are in favor of the expansion of programs available under the educational excellence grant program. We also believe that school-business partnerships and before and after school sessions were possible under the old definition, but that emphasis on these areas is a welcomed addition to the bill.

Thirty-eight proposals were approved this year totaling \$2,225,000. Thirty-one proposals totaling \$3,466,175 were not recommended in addition to thirty-two applications totaling \$838,492 were screened out originally. It appears to us that the enhanced definition of programs we are looking for in SB 458 will give cause to an increased number of worthwhile proposals for the second year of the program. We realize that this committee does not deal with the funding bill, but we hope you remember this bill on the Senate floor when you act on the Department of Education funding bill.

Kansas-NEA supports SB 458 and the changes it brings to the educational excellence program in Kansas. I thank you for listening to our concerns.

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Attachment 4