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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Mason at 3:30 p.m. on March 7, 1996 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Clifford Franklin (excused)
Gary Hayzlett (excused)
Ray Luthi (excused)
Pat Pettey (excused)
Bob Tomlinson (excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Beverly Renner, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ken Bungert, Team Leader-Certification and Teacher Education-
State Board of Education

Others attending: See attached list

Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education-Kansas State Board of Education discussed the issues and current status of the Redesign of Kansas Licensure of Kansas Educators (Attachment 1). He distributed a copy of the current document, which is on file in Legislative Research, to show the progress to date in relating "what a Kansas educator should know and be able to do". In March, 1996, thirteen hearings are scheduled across ten districts to collect public comments that will be considered in making revisions where appropriate. The Professional Standards board plans to take final action in May, 1996 for presentation of their proposal to the Kansas State Board of Education in June. Then the Kansas State Board of Education will begin a deliberation and ratification process that will include publication, public comments and public hearings, as required by state statute.

After discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 1996.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Ken Bungert	KSBE
Phil Bennett	KSBE
Cyrus T. Bennett	USD 505 TH
Karen Hawley	KNEA
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To: Members of the House Education Committee
From: Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education
Subject: Discussion and update on Redesign of Kansas Licensure of Kansas Educators

Thank you for inviting me to discuss with you today the issues and current status of activities surrounding the Redesign of Kansas Licensure of Kansas Educators.

As you know the Regulations Committee, a standing committee of the Professional Standards Board, began to brainstorm issues related to "what a Kansas educator should know and be able to do" in the winter of 1993. This group of classroom teachers, administrators, special education personnel, vocational educators and both public and private higher education deans became a "thin tank" of educational professionals.

The initial draft of the Redesign of Licensure of Kansas Educators was distributed to the Kansas education community in January of 1994. This document has served as a framework for all future work. The initial draft also solicited response from the field. Over 1200 responses were reviewed in February and March 1994.

Approximately 1500 nominations were received from the field to serve as subcommittee members in the redesign process with over 400 of those selected to serve on 28 subcommittees to develop outcomes that would define what teachers of that content area need to know and be able to do. Subcommittee chairpersons and vice-chairpersons convened at Kansas State University in July, 1994 for orientation, training, input on both the professional education outcomes as well as on the process to develop content area outcomes, and the selection of committee members. These subcommittees were developed with a cross-section of teachers, administrators and professionals from inside as well as outside the specific content area. Subcommittees met at least five times from September 1994 to January 1995 to develop their assigned content area outcomes.

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Attachment 1

In January 1995, a second draft of the Redesign of Licensure of Kansas Educators was widely distributed. Public comment on the documents included in this draft was solicited at 94 hearings held across the state from January through April 1995. Input from these public hearings was then considered by the committees which submitted final drafts in June 1995.

From July through December 1995, the Regulations Committee addressed specific committee recommendations, selected a standard format for the outcomes, wrestled with new regulations for licensure as well as recommendations on existing regulations and selected a professional editor to align the outcomes in the selected format.

The enabling regulations were presented to the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Board in December 1995. The entire proposal was presented to the Professional Standards Board and the Kansas education community in February 1996.

Following the thirteen hearings scheduled in March 1996 across the ten districts of the members of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Professional Standards Board will consider public comments and make revisions where appropriate. The Professional Standards Board is scheduled to take final action in May of 1996 for presentation of their proposal to the Kansas State Board of education in June 1996.

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