

Approved: B. Lawrence  
Date

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Downey  
Senator Hensley

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order and stated she had a bill request from Senator Hardenburger who was unable to make it to the meeting. The conceptual language would allow patrons of school districts to petition to change school lines or boundaries.

Senator Emert moved the bill introduction. Senator Kerr gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Emert presented a bill for introduction. The committee revisor is currently working on the bill. The bill would revise article 6 of the constitution of the state of Kansas relating to education. The bill would do away with the State Board as it now exists, Regents, as it now exists and the same with the Commissioner of Education.

Senator Emert stated that no one is totally responsible for education in the state. The companion bill would provide for a secretary of education appointed by the governor, and three commissioners; K-12, Regents and Vocational/Technical. It would function much as the Board of Agriculture now functions. Copies of the proposed resolution were distributed.

Senator Langworthy moved the bill introductions. Senator Lee gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Oleen had two bill requests. The first was in regard to the current 2 1/2 miles for busing; to go from 2 1/2 to 2 to 1; the second concerns impact aid and the retention of 25% by the district who generates it.

Senator Emert moved the bill introductions. Senator Kerr gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Tallman, KASB, submitted legislation for consideration that would allow the continued discussion on the due process issue. The 1995 interim committee suggested some changes be made in the legislation. The legislation would eliminate the hearing officer, allow tenured teachers a hearing before their local board, with appeal to the court of appeals if they felt it was needed.

Senator Umbarger moved the introduction of the legislation. Senator Kerr gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools, came forward with two bills for introduction. The first would reduce the threshold for state reimbursement for transportation aid by 1/2 mile per year for 3 fiscal years.

The second piece of legislation deals with amending KSA 72-8225; a statute authorizing Boards of Education to enter into lease purchase agreements. The proposed amendment would exempt lease purchase agreements entered into under KSA 10-1116B from being subject to the language permitting the Legislature to terminate lease purchase contracts entered into under 72-8225.

Senator Emert moved the introduction of the legislation. Senator Langworthy gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 1997.

There were no further bill introductions.

Chairperson Lawrence announced there would be a joint meeting of the House and Senate Education Committees next Monday, February 10, noon, in the old Supreme Court Chamber, to hear a presentation by the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand about a proposed budget planning concept that they have for state school districts. She urged attendance by all members.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1997.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Janet Rockefeller	LOWV - Kansas
Cheryl Adrian	KNEA - Valley Center
Flora Bishop	KNEA - Valley Center
Margaret Watts	KNEA - Shawnee Mission
Mershel Ross	City
Sue Chase	KNEA
Craig Trout	KNEA
Caroline Schmitt	KNEA -
Ken Bahr	Ks. Assn. of Community Colleges
Diane Gjerstad	USD 259
Sherril Younison	USD 309
Kathie Sparks	DOB
Shelley Terry	KNEA
Luck Perry	KNEA
Tom Schwartz	KNEA - Abilene NEA
Deborah Lancaster	Dodge City NEA
Dan Kell	Dodge City NEA
Clara Martin	NEA - Kingman
MEGGAN GRIGGS	KAAUTS

Denise Ayl  
 Anan Burnett  
 Joan M. Stephens  
 Jacque Baker

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