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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, 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.

Educators who were present for the Eighth Annual Education Technology Fair introduced themselves. Comments from these educators expressed enthusiasm for the youth who were involved in various programs and projects in technology and pleas for continued aid and support from the Legislature. These educators told of their vision for the future for these young students and the hope that all students scattered throughout the state, urban and rural, would have the funding that would provide learning opportunities.

Comments were forthcoming from the educators and committee members about funding. Some companies in sparsely settled communities are asked for help for every project that comes along. One of the comments on the disproportion in different schools and at different levels of education was that new ideas will have to be forthcoming on where to get funds. In rural areas, farmers and other community individuals have been asked to help and have enjoyed being involved.

Chairperson Lawrence expressed her gratitude to those present who had expressed their ideas and offered insights and information for the others and turned the Committee's attention to **SB 38--compulsory attendance age**.

Senator Oleen distributed an amendment and stated that it would retain the compulsory age at 18 and include a Disclaimer for Being a High School Drop-Out. Senator Oleen moved the amendment with a second by Senator Emert.

Discussion on the merits of raising the age to 18 by several committee members ensued. It was stated that this Disclaimer would be filed with the appropriate entity.

The motion carried.

Senator Oleen moved to pass SB 38 favorably as amended with a second by Senator Emert.  
The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 1997.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Dr. Cyndi Harrison	Shawnee Mission Schools <del>Wichita, KS</del> <del>Exempted Ed.</del>
Ann Schuette	Wichita Public Schools
Becky Goodwin	KS State School for the Deaf
Phyllis Zielke	USD #352 Goodland
Jamie Hoerner	UAA #305, Dalina
Norm Conrad	USD #235 Uniontown
Mickey Bogart	USD 383 Manhattan, KS
Kay Barkis	USD #416 Louisburg, KS.
Dellie Mullen	USD #489 Hays, KS
Ada Licia R. Paquette	USD 475 Junction City, KS
Nancy McRoberts	USD 233 - Olathe
Dr. Jim Hays	USD 202 - Turley
Kay Bower	USD 512 SM
Kim Davis	USD 259 Wichita
Eldon L. Clumphy	USD 259 Wichita
Marilyn S. Anderson	USD 336 Holton
Janell Alherton	KSDE
Maura Clemen-Murray	USD #232 N. Solon
Pat Sullen	USD #232 Paola

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Bill Eggett	U.S.D. 316
Michael Clagg	U.S.D. #470
Mary Castagn Talbot	USD 489
Steve Cove	USD 233
Ron Millard	USD 512
Darrell Meador	USD 512
Gary Armour	USA #305
Nelda Branstetter	USD #260
Sandy Tauer	USD #260
Chris Wilson	USD #473
Martha K. Hoize	USD #512
Paula K. Stine	USD #465
Martha Hadsall	USD #361
Melanie Campbell	USD #345
Barbara L. White	USD #353
Paul Martin	USD #461
Sally Gast	
Sherry Sims	USD #229
Mary Ellen Wojcivic	USD #229

