

Approved: 1/25/99
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Emert
Senator Hensley

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman-Revisor
Ben Barrett-Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey-Legislative Research
Jackie Breymeyer-Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jeremy Mosley, Christian Home Educated Student
Laurel Murdie, Legislative Post Audit

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order and welcomed Kent Vincent, Christian Home Educators Confederation of Kansas, who, in turn, introduced Jeremy Mosley, a high school Senior from Wichita, who was present to give the presentation on home schooling.

Jeremy's talk stressed the importance of character in all aspects of life. He spoke of the many facets of his life as student, in sports, music, and his part-time job at Sears. Jeremy spoke of several historical leaders and how the good and bad characters of each had an effect on history. He mentioned Benedict Arnold, Noah Webster, Alexis de Tocqueville and others. He quoted De Tocqueville, "America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Jeremy stated that in the 1800's the separation of the private life from the public life of the individual took place. People then viewed public figures on the performance of duties regardless of their behavior. He feels that the lack of good behavior among public officials has contributed to the lack of morality in this country.

After several further comments, Chairperson Lawrence opened the meeting to questions and comments. Several legislators congratulated Jeremy on his presentation and words of wisdom. On being asked what the future held for him, he responded that he plans to attend a Christian college in Florida to pursue a law degree and ultimately become a judge.

Laurel Murdie, Post Audit, was again present to answer further questions from the previous meeting on the special education audit. She added further responses to the previous day's meeting.

Several questions and comments were made to Ms. Murdie regarding the prognosis for some of these children. Ms. Murdie said that many of the children exiting the program had met their goals; while several continued in the program. Not all goals are designed to be achieved in one year. She said they had the opportunity to visit with psychologists in the field in the special education program and what they had been told was that some of these children can be educated, while some cannot. Some can attain life skills that will permit them to become productive adults.

Ms. Murdie said to keep in mind that they had to place schools in groups for analysis purposes. The three types of special education services students receive are in three categories: gifted, speech and language and learning disabled. On being asked what percentage of money was spent on gifted, Ms. Murdie stated

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Ms. Murdie referred to page 11 of the audit and wanted to clarify that the third and fourth bars on the chart reflected the taking in of more revenues than the districts have expenditures; that is, they took in more revenues than they actually spent. The majority of expenditures go for teacher salaries, with the percentage being 81%. The differences in teachers' salaries, urban and rural, would mean that in some cases more dollars would need to be covered.

The comment was made that some of the education dollars for regular children are being spent on special education to make up the difference.

Chairperson Lawrence stated that the coalition schools would like their finance bill to be introduced in the Senate Education Committee. She asked for a motion.

Senator Langworthy moved that the legislation be introduced.

Senator Oleen gave a second to the motion.

The motion carried.

The Senate committee adjourned, while the House committee continued.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
KENT VINCENT	C.H.E.C.K.
Jeremy Mosley + Gail	C.H.E.C.K.
Mark Dunst	KNWA
Stacy Farmer	ICASS
Mark Tallman	KASTB
Herschel Boor	CIT
Debbie McAnoy	CIT
Dorothy Rogge-Jones	Loy WU
Jim Caldwell	3 Lakes
Katherine Weickert	USA
Josie Torres	Ks Council on Dev. Disabilities
Bonnie Bennie	Families Together, Inc.
VIC BRADEN	USA
Roger Toelkes	Senator Husby Office
Jacqi Seaton	Flint Hills Leadership
Duan Duan	Flint Hills Leadership Program
Delby Marlon	SEKESCO @ Greenbush
Jacque Dukes	SQF