

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on, January 11, 2001 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Phil Kline
Representative Doug Spangler

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research
Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Bob Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation which would require vaccination for Hepatitis B be included in those vaccines required for entry into public schools. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved to introduce legislation concerning biennial budget estimates for state agencies. Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Orientation for new budget committee members will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 514-S.

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education, presented an overhead presentation on increased state funding for FY 2002. A comparison of recommendations from the State Board of Education, the Governor's Task Force, and the Governor was explained program by program (Attachment 1). During general discussion with the Committee, Mr. Dennis noted the Kansas daily attendance record in the public schools averaged 95% with the national being 90%. The Teacher of the Year program which was originally funded by Senator Kassebaum is needing funding as the balance is being depleted through payment for substitute teachers as the awardee travels throughout the state during their award year. Mr. Dennis also discussed the success of the Vision Therapy Study conducted by the Optometry Association and the need for additional funding for the program, particularly as it helps low-income children with vision problems. Some school districts have opted to pay expenses for children with convergence problems rather than pay for their extended time spent in special education.

In response to questions regarding liability and insurance for school buses, Mr. Dennis said many schools are using 10 passenger vans or Suburbans for safety and liability purposes. Sometimes 14 passenger vans are purchased and reconfigured with 10 seats and storage areas which lowers the insurance costs. Any school vehicle carrying more than 10 passengers is required to have the same yellow coloration and equipment as a school bus, i.e., signal lights, traffic arms.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17.

INCREASED STATE AID FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002
COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM	STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
	Comments	Dollars	Comments	Dollars	Comments	Dollars
All-Day Kindergarten	Supports	\$ 52,500,000	Supports but no funding		Supports but no funding	
At-Risk	Broaden definition	4,000,000	Broaden definition and increase weighting from .09 to .10	\$ 8,000,000	Increase weighting from .09 to .10	\$ 4,000,000
Inservice Education	Supports--Add \$10 to BSAPP	1,100,000	Not Addressed		Reduction	(2,000,000)
Base State Aid Per Pupil	Add \$88	50,468,352	Add \$180	103,230,720	Add \$50	28,675,000
Increase BSAPP Compared to CPI-U (Annual Adjustment)	Supports		Supports		Not Addressed	
Special Education	100% of excess cost and census-based funding	52,323,180	100% of excess cost and two-tiered pupil weighting system	52,323,180	85.3% of excess cost using two-tiered weighting system	8,043,000
Parents as Teachers	Include in school finance formula at .2 weighting	8,500,000	Supports but no funding		Expand current services Add 3-year olds	1,000,000 1,000,000
Transportation Mileage-Lower .5 mile per year for three years	Supports First-year funding	6,612,500	Supports but no funding		Not Addressed	
Four-Year-Old At-Risk	Add 3,270 students	7,500,000	Supports but no funding		Add 436 students	1,000,000
Structured Mentoring	Include in school finance formula	1,000,000	Not Addressed		No change--current funding level	
Extended Learning Time	For students who do not meet standards	24,000,000	Supports but no funding		Not Addressed	
Juvenile Detention Facilities	Include in school finance formula	1,000,000	Not Addressed		No change--current funding	

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State Technology Backbone	Supports	4,500,000	Supports but no funding		Conduct study	500,000
Recognition Programs	Support incentives for schools that meet standards of excellence or increase student achievement significantly	2,000,000	Supports	7,500,000	Not Addressed	
Reward School Districts	Not Addressed		Reward districts for technology and sharing resources	7,500,000	Not Addressed	
School Violence (Safe and Caring Communities)	Current funding level		Not Addressed		Current funding level	
Teaching Excellence (National Board Certification)	Supports	52,000	Not Addressed		Supports	12,000
Agriculture in Classroom	Supports	13,333	Not Addressed		Supports	5,000
Environmental Education	Supports	13,333	Not Addressed		Supports	5,000
Heritage Center	Supports	43,334	Not Addressed		Not Addressed	
Communities in Schools	Current funding level		Not Addressed		Current funding level	
Teacher of the Year	Supports	25,000	Not Addressed		Not Addressed	
Kansas History Project	Supports	185,000	Not Addressed		Not Addressed	
QPA Travel Reimbursement	Reimburse QPA team for expenses	300,000	Not Addressed		Not Addressed	
Study of School Finance Formula	Not Addressed		Supports	450,000	Supports	450,000

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Enhance Teacher Compensation	Not Addressed		Develop alternative teacher compensation plans	1,000,000	Not Addressed	
Enhance Teacher Compensation	Not Addressed		Grants to implement alternative teacher compensation plans	10,000,000	Not Addressed	
Equalize Capital Outlay Levy	Not Addressed		Supports	15,000,000	Not Addressed	
Sports Hall of Fame	Not Addressed		Not Addressed		Supports	50,000
Challenger Project	Not Addressed		Not Addressed		Current funding level	
Vision Therapy Study	Wait for evaluation results	(250,000)	Not Addressed		Current funding level	
Supplemental General State Aid (Local Option Budget)	Current funding level		Not Addressed		Fund BSAPP at \$3,870	10,894,000
Contingency Reserve Fund	Not Addressed		4% of general fund to 7.5% of general and supplemental funds		Not Addressed	
Curriculum Standards and State Assessments	Development and staff training	345,000	Not Addressed		Not Addressed	
Capital Improvement	Supports	7,100,000	Not Addressed		Supports	7,100,000
KPERS	Supports	19,482,082	Not Addressed		Supports	16,411,693