

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:40 p.m. on March 1, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Hensley and Downey (excused)

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Eric King, Board of Regents
Larry Keirns, Director, NW KS Technical School, Goodland
Ben Barrett, Director, Legislative Research Department

Others attending: See attached list

HB2190--Postsecondary education institutions, buildings, structures

Eric King, Board of Regents gave testimony in support of **HB2190**. (Attachment 1) This is the testimony which was handed out yesterday in committee by Dick Carter, Board of Regents. This bill would remove language requiring community colleges, area vocational schools, and technical colleges to submit building plans to the State Board of Education. The institutions still would be required to submit code compliance review documents to the State Fire Marshal for evaluation and approval of fire and life safety features, prior to building construction or remodeling.

Gale Haag, State Fire Marshall, offered written testimony in support of **HB2190**. (Attachment 2)

Senator Oleen made a motion to pass favorably **HB2190**. Senator Teichman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HB2001--Northwest Kansas technical college, establishment authorized

Dick Carter, Board of Regents, submitted written testimony (Attachment 3) and gave the floor to Mr. Larry Keirns to present oral testimony in support of **HB2001**.

Larry Keirns, Director of the Northwest Kansas Technical School, Goodland, Kansas offered his testimony in support of **HB2001**. (Attachment 4)

During discussion, concern was expressed about the waiting lists. It is felt that the Committee needs to know what areas are most in demand and what the current waiting periods are so that the Committee can respond to the problem.

Senator Oleen made a motion to pass favorably **HB2001**. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

HB2217--School districts, transportation of nonresident pupils

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department gave a briefing on **HB2217**. There were no proponents or opponents to testify on the bill.

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Senator Lee made a motion to pass favorably HB2217. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger stated that he hopes that within the next two weeks the Committee can pass a bill on school finance. He recommended that Committee members get their thoughts together as to what they want in the bill. The Committee will have to address the concerns on school finance.

Chairman Umbarger advised the Committee that the school finance survey in his district has resulted in 70% or over in favor of a tax increase. Senator Oleen encouraged the rest of the Committee to follow Senator Umbarger's lead to put the survey in their newspapers to find out what their districts think.

Chairman Umbarger adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Monday, March 5, 2001.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE - 3-1-01

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Ethel Mae Keims	NWKTS
Larry Keims	NWKTS
Alex Kobyanetz	KS Academy of Science
Michelle West	Kearney Law Office
Brilla Scott	USA
Mark Tallman	KTSB
Jacquie Oakes	SQE
Eldine Frisbie	Div. of the Budget
ERIC KING	KS. BD. OF REGENTS
DICK CARTER JR	KBOR
Shaila Kuhn	KACT

Statement to the Senate Committee on Education

HB 2190

Dick Carter, Jr.
Director for External Relations
Kansas Board of Regents

February 28, 2001

During and subsequent to passage of the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act of 1999 (S.B. 345) a number of "clean-up" items were found to require statutory change. KSA 31-150 and KSA 58-1304 require plans to be submitted by Community Colleges, Area Vocational Schools, Area Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Colleges; to the State Board of Education for approval before construction contracts can be let. To date, that statute is still being complied with.

With the reorganization act now in place, it no longer makes sense to continue to have the State Board of Education perform this function, as there is no longer an organizational relationship between the State Board of Education and the Community Colleges, Area Vocational Schools, Area Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Colleges.

Upon examining where that responsibility should now lie, it should be noted that the above entities are locally governed, and are not state agencies. Local boards are responsible for constructing and maintaining facilities and infrastructure, and are fully authorized to enter into construction contracts.

It is our recommendation to remove language requiring the above entities to submit plans to the State Board of Education. Adequate safeguards should exist if 1) projects are designed by licensed professional architects and engineers where required by Kansas Statutes; 2) plans are reviewed by local building officials prior to issuing building permits; and 3) reviews and inspections continue to be administered by the Kansas Fire Marshal's office.

Additionally, we support a clarifying amendment added in the House Higher Education Committee. The Fire Marshall simply requested a clarifying statement that all plans be submitted to that office prior to construction of any building.

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Attachment 1



OFFICE OF THE
KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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Bill Graves
Governor

**Testimony of State Fire Marshal Gale Haag
For the Senate Education Committee
House Bill 2190
Wednesday, February 28, 2001**

I would like to thank the Senate Education Committee for allowing me to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2190. This bill was proposed to clarify language contained in K.S.A. 31-150 and K.S.A. 58-1304.

As State Fire Marshal, I believe that our most precious resources are our children no matter how old they are or what educational institution they attend. I want to insure that all youth are appropriately notified and can easily escape any school building in the event of an emergency. I suggested the amendment contained in the bill before you that passed out of the House in the interest of clarifying the statutory language of K.S.A. 31-150. The sentence was added that reinforces the State Fire Marshal's authority over the fire/life safety features of all school buildings regardless of the governing body. The amendment was supported by the Board of Regents since we have been successfully utilizing this method of review for the institutions under their authority for the past several years.

I will stand for questions.

"Where fire safety is a way of life."

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Attachment 2*

State Fire Marshal Prevention Division

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FIRE FACT NO. 061 CHECKLIST(S) :
TITLE : CODE FOOTPRINT
CHECKLIST ITEM(S) :
REFERENCE(S) : K.A.R. 22-1-3 (f) Section 106.0
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TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION - New
 FACILITY NAME: Hungry Haven

FACILITY ADDRESS
 One Doughboy

COUNTY
 Poppin

CITY
 Pillsbury

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
 Poppin County Rural 2

WATER SUPPLY
 Rural Water District #5

LOCAL BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
 None

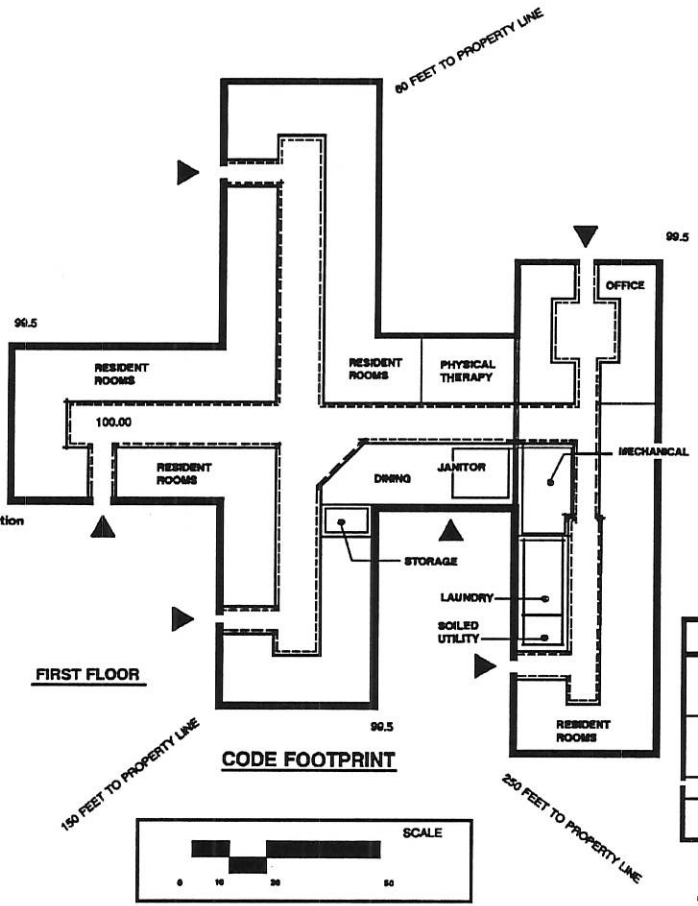
ARCHITECT R F Services
 ADDRESS 1610 Crossant Lane
 Marietta, Kansas 66077

CODES/REGULATIONS UTILIZED TO DESIGN BUILDING
 1991 Uniform Building Code
 1991 Uniform Mechanical Code
 1991 Uniform Plumbing Code
 1990 National Electrical Code
 American Disabilities Act

KDHE Regulations for Nursing Home

CODE FOOTPRINT LEGEND	
1 hour fire rated corridor w/ 20 minute rated doors w/ positive latching hardware and smoke dampers at duct penetrations	—
1 hour fire rated smoke partitions with automatic or self closing 20 minute rated doors and smoke dampers at duct penetrations	▬
Designated exit	◀
1 hour rated occupancy separation with 1 hour fire rated door assemblies	◻

NORTH



BUILDING 1
NEW CONSTRUCTION
 1.1 Occupancy
 Type V-1 hr. construction
 Basic allowable area 5,300 SF
 3 sides open yard (100% increase) 10,400 SF
 Fully sprinklered (300% increase) 31,200 SF
 Total allowable area 31,200 SF
 Actual square footage 30,100 SF

Allowable stories 1
 Allowable height 50 feet
 Actual stories 1
 Actual height 18 feet

Structural Fire Protection

Exterior bearing walls 1 hour
 Interior load bearing walls 1 hour
 Exterior non-bearing walls 1 hour
 Structural frame 1 hour
 Permanent partitions 1 hour
 Shaft enclosure 1 hour
 Floors 1 hour
 Roofs 1 hour
 Exterior openings N/A due to location
 Stairway construction 1 hour

Passive fire safety system
 Two smoke compartments separating the 60 occupants
 Escape windows from each sleeping room
 Rated corridor construction
 Rated building construction

Active fire safety feature
 Fire sprinkler system throughout
 Fire alarm system-battery backed up
 Smoke detection throughout-battery backed up
 Automatic air handling equipment shutdown
 Kitchen hood suppression system
 Exit lights-battery backed up
 Emergency lighting-battery operated

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Statement to the Senate Committee on Education

House Bill 2001

Dick Carter, Jr.
Director for External Relations
Kansas Board of Regents

March 1, 2001

Chairman Umbarger and members of the Committee, my name is Dick Carter and I am the Director for External Relations for the Kansas Board of Regents. I appear before you today in support of HB 2001.

HB 2001 – In November 2000, the Board of Regents approved the application from the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School to become Northwest Kansas Technical College. In doing so, a statutory name change is required by law. This proposal passed the House 122-0, and is one of the Kansas Board of Regents legislative agenda items. I would ask that you support this measure by recommending it favorably to the full Senate.

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Attachment 3*

Good Afternoon!

Chairman Umbarger, Vice Chairman Vratil and members of the Senate Education Committee.

I am Larry Keirns, Director of the Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland, KS, and I am here to request your consideration and approval for the passage of HB 2001 onto the full Senate.

HB 2001, which passed the House of Representative 124-0, will allow the technical school to become a technical college upon passage by the Kansas Legislature and the signing by Governor Graves. HB 2001 does not contain a fiscal note.

The Northwest Kansas Technical School commenced operation in 1964 and has grown over the 37 years of existence from 105 to 718 post-secondary students. Students have a variety of occupational education programs to consider. Students may choose to enter one of the 13 areas of study which are: Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Communications Network Technology, Communications Technology, Cosmetology, Electrical Technology, Electronics Technology, Engineering Technology, Medical Assistant, Office/Computer Technology, Truck & Tractor Diesel Mechanics or Welding. The campus has grown from 1 building in 1964 to 24 educational and student support facilities in 2001. In

addition to the 13 departmental buildings, the campus includes a Student Union that contains a cafeteria, bookstore, meeting room, student assembly room and an approved storm shelter for staff and students. The Murray Center, built in 1997, after Carl Murray, a retired farmer donated \$250,000, includes interactive television/distance learning, and on-campus general education college courses offered by Colby Community College and other community colleges and universities. Students as well as the general public take college courses on campus to meet requirements for higher education degrees. With 15 specific credit hours and having completed a technical program a student will be eligible to receive an associate of applied science degree from the Northwest Kansas Technical College. At present, over 30 students will be eligible to be in the first class to receive the associate degree from the technical college this May. A Resource Center where students with basic academic deficiencies in reading and math receive instruction for improvement. The Resource Center also contains a computer center for students to use and receive basic computer instruction. There are 76 on-campus-housing units available for students and a student fitness center is in the final stages of construction. With the technical programs, student housing, Resource Center, Student Union, Murray Center, and student fitness center a comprehensive campus exists to serve students.

The success of the technical school, hopefully soon to be technical college, must be credited to a regional governing board. A 24 member Area Board of Control representing 24 school districts in Northwest Kansas governs the school. The concept of geographic area governance has proven to be an effective method.

Presently the Northwest Kansas Technical School in cooperation with the Council on Occupational Education of Atlanta, Georgia, is conducting a self-study in pursuit of national accreditation. We expect to be nationally accredited as a technical college prior to the end of this fiscal year. The Kansas Board of Regents approved an application for technical college status last November, with the Kansas Legislature passage of HB 2001 and becoming nationally accredited later this spring the Northwest Kansas Technical College will be positioned for the continued and advancement of excellence in technical education.

On behalf of the students, staff and Area Board of Control, your approval of HB 2001 and expediting the passage in the Kansas Senate will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions would be welcomed at this time. Thank you.