

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SENATE WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 11, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale M. Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education

Others attending: See attached Guest List

Bill Introductions

A motion was made by Senator Jackson, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to introduce the three Governor's Budget bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Feleciano, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce a bill (1rs0036) to authorize re-authorization of the SRS Transition Oversight Committee and the re-designation of the SRS Transition Oversight Committee as the SRS Oversight Committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Morris welcomed Dale E. Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, who gave an overview of the Department of Education and funding issues. Mr. Dennis reviewed a chart that was distributed which was titled, "Increased State Aid Funding For Fiscal Year 2002, Comparison of Recommendations" which compared the recommendations of the State Board of Education, the Governor's Task Force and the Governor's Recommendations regarding each program (Attachment 1).

In his testimony, Mr. Dennis noted that school attendance rates in Kansas are among the best in the nation. Kansas is about 95 percent attendance which is very good overall, but there is still room for improvement.

Regarding the Kansas Cultural Heritage Center, Mr. Dennis mentioned that last year the Legislature agreed to give them \$30,000, but a proviso which was supposed to be included in the omnibus appropriations bill was dropped by accident. Due to that, the Kansas Cultural Heritage Center is not scheduled to get any dollars in the current fiscal year unless the error is corrected. The reason they put in \$43,000 in their funding is so the Cultural Heritage Center would be equal with Agriculture in the Classroom and Environmental Education.

Mr. Dennis mentioned that a big area of concern is in teacher shortages. Vacancies are up considerably from prior years. Enough teachers are being produced, as a general rule, but they are going to the private sector in math, science and business, especially teachers with good technological backgrounds, which are areas in which businesses are interested. Mr. Dennis also noted that Special Education is also a big shortage area.

There being no questions from the Committee, Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Dennis for the outstanding report that was presented to the Committee. The Chairman also noted that the Committee may have Mr. Dennis come back.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2001.

INCREASED STATE AID FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002
COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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	Comments	Dollars	Comments	Dollars	Comments	Dollars
All-Day Kindergarten	Supports	\$ 52,500,000	Supports but no funding		Supports but no funding	
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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	
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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	
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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