

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:35 p.m. on February 1, 2005, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

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

Senator Schodorf opened the discussion of a previously heard bill, **SB 9**, concerning community colleges' contracts with institutions located in another state. She noted that the bill would repeal K.S.A. 71-202, which limits community college agreements.

Senator Teichman moved to recommend SB 9 as favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

Senator Schodorf called upon Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Board of Education, for an overview of the average additional cost for special education children. Mr. Dennis distributed a handout entitled "Estimated Special Education Excess Costs – FY 2006" and informed the Committee that the data was prepared by the Legislative Research Budget Division, the Department of Education, and the Division of Budget. (Attachment 1) With regard to data shown on the estimated total FY 2005 expenditures, he noted that percentage of growth is considerably less than it was a few years ago. He noted that the data on the projected expenditures for FY 2006 was based on current law. As he discussed the process used to estimate costs for teachers, he noted that currently there are more vacancies for special education teachers than in other field, and it is unknown how many teachers will qualify and will be available. He went on to explain the computation process for determining the total estimated excess cost funding for FY 2006.

Following committee questions and comments relating to Mr. Dennis' presentation, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2005.

**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST**

DATE: February 1, 2005

NAME	REPRESENTING
Richard A. Samaniego	Kenney & Assoc
Kim Strunk	KCDD
TERRY HOWEY	KANSAS FARM BUREAU
Diane Gjerstad	Wichita Public Schools
Mandy Miller	Senator Schmidt
Tristan Duncan	PEEF
Kathy Hartus	KSBE
David Corbin	KDOR
Mark Tallman	KASB
Bob Vancrum	Blue Valley USD 229
Val DeFever	SQE
TERRY FORSYTH	KNCA
Ashley Sherard	Lexxa Chamber
Ron Secber	Heinlaw Farm
Anna Millham	Sen. Petersen intern
Wes Ashton	Overland Park Chamber
Elaine Frisbie	Division of the Budget
RUSSELL MILLS	GACHES
Doug Bowman	CCECDs
Arienne Ortiz	KASSW

**ESTIMATED SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COSTS – FY 2006**

FY 2004 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		\$558,977,862
FY 2005 ESTIMATE		
FY 2004 Actual		\$558,977,862
Percent Inc. (Based on teacher salary increase avg.)	2.75%	15,371,891
Added Teachers No./Amt.	210 \$ 52,736	11,074,560
<b>EST. TOTAL FY 2005 EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$585,424,313</b>

**FY 2006 PROJECTION--SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES AND EXCESS COSTS BASED ON CURRENT LAW**

Est. FY 2005 Costs		\$585,424,313
Percent Inc. (Based on Teacher salary increase avg.)	2.00%	11,708,486
Added Teachers No./Amt.	150 \$53,790	8,068,500
<b>PROJECTED FY 2006 TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$605,201,299</b>

**EXCESS COST COMPUTATION**

Projected Total Expenditures		\$605,201,299
Less: Avg. Per Pupil Cost of Regular Ed. (\$5,992.)		
times FTE Special Ed. Pupils		
(except SRS residents):	26,293 *	157,547,656
Less: Fed. Aid		100,060,000
Less: Medicaid Reimbursements		30,000,000 **
Less: SRS Contribution		1,500,000
<b>FY 2006 EXCESS COST – 100 Percent</b>		<b>\$316,093,643</b>

**EXHIBIT:  
ESTIMATED EXCESS COST FUNDING FY 2006**

Percent of Excess Cost	Amount (THOUSANDS)	Inc. Over FY 2005 (a) (THOUSANDS)	Teach. Unit Amount (b)
100 Percent	\$ 316,094	\$65,077	\$23,604
95 Percent	\$ 300,289	\$ 49,272	\$22,200
90 Percent	\$ 284,484	\$ 33,467	\$20,795
85 Percent	\$ 268,680	\$ 17,663	\$19,390
80 Percent	\$ 252,875	\$ 1,858	\$17,986
75 Percent	\$ 237,070	\$ (13,947)	\$16,581
70 Percent	\$ 221,266	\$ (29,751)	\$15,176
65 Percent	\$ 205,461	\$ (45,556)	\$13,771

\* Computed by subtracting from the projected state total of general fund and supplemental general fund budgets, less special education categorical aid local effort amounts for the preceding year attributable to the transportation, vocational education, bilingual education, and at-risk program weights. This sum was then divided by the projection year unweighted FTE enrollment.

\*\* Assumes continued authorization for bundled rate reimbursement.

- (a) Actual FY 2005 appropriation: \$251,016,845
- (b) For FY 2006, this amount is computed by dividing the amount of the appropriation remaining after amounts for "catastrophic" state aid and transportation reimbursement have been paid by the number of FTE Teaching units.

Amounts are in Thousands:

Est. Catastrophic State Aid	\$ 1,700
Est. Transportation Reimb.	\$ 48,820
Est. Actual FTE Teaching Units	11,251.0

Prepared by: Legislative Research Department, Division of Financial Services--State Department of Education and Division of Budget--November 18, 2004.

NOTE: KSDE 11/18 est. of current FY 2005 excess cost funding --81.7 %. FY 2005 FTE Students 26,163. ; per pupil cost, \$5,992.

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Attachment 1*