

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Lana Gordon- excused
Representative Don Hill- excused
Representative Judy Loganbill- excused
Representative Melvin Neufeld- excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator John Vratil
Stevens Friend, Baldwin City Recreation Commission
Casey Doty, Winfield Recreation Commission (written testimony)

Chairman Aurand told Committee members he was again trying to schedule various committee members to "Chair" the Education Committee similar to the "Committee of the Whole" in the House chambers. He told Committee members this would be done on a seniority basis, and chairing the Education Committee on this date would be Representative Jene Vickrey.

SB 40 - At-risk education council; repeal of.

Acting Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on **SB 40**.

Senator John Vratil spoke to Committee members as a proponent of **SB 40**. Senator Vratil told Committee members the language in **SB 40** seeks to remove from state statute outdated language relating to the At-risk Education Council established in 2005. Senator Vratil stated the statute establishing the Council set its termination date as of June 30, 2007 and therefore, requested the Committee's support of **SB 40** to remove the outdated enabling language from the state statutes. (Attachment 1)

There were no opponents to this bill.

The hearing on **SB 40** was then closed by Acting Chairman Vickrey.

SB 41 - School districts; repeal of archaic statutes relating to transfers of funds and property; disorganized districts.

Acting Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on **SB 41**.

Senator John Vratil spoke to Committee members as a proponent of **SB 41**. Senator Vratil told Committee members that **SB 41** would repeal outdated and unnecessary provisions of law which concern certain school districts. (Attachment 2)

There were no opponents to this bill.

The hearing on **SB 41** was then closed by Acting Chairman Vickrey.

SB 161 - Recreation commissions; petty cash funds.

Acting Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on **SB 161**.

Stevens Friend, Director, Baldwin City Recreation Commission, spoke to Committee members as a proponent of **SB 161**. Mr. Friend told Committee members that since the Recreation Commission are so closely related to school districts as far as establishment and budgeting process, he and their auditors have assumed it was permissible to establish fund accounts that permitted them to carry on their daily functions in a similar fashion. Mr. Friend stated it was his belief this is how a responsible governmental entity manages its funds to effectively handle day to day operations. (Attachment 3)

Written testimony was received from Casey Doty, Director, Arkansas City Recreation Commission as a proponent of **SB 161**. (Attachment 4)

There were no opponents to this bill.

The hearing on **SB 161** was then closed by Acting Chairman Vickrey.

Acting Chairman Vickrey then, as a point of personal privilege, acknowledged Scott Lackey, a former educator and his son's high school coach.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 09:20 a.m.

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Testimony Presented to
House Education Committee
By Senator John Vratil
March 3, 2009
Concerning Senate Bill 40

Good afternoon! Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the House Education Committee in support of Senate Bill (SB) 40. The language in SB 40 seeks to remove from state statute outdated language (K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 72-9910 and 72-9911) relating to the At-risk Education Council established in 2005.

The six-member At-risk Council was created by the 2005 Legislature to identify the conditions or circumstances that contribute to students identified as "at-risk" not succeeding in school. It was to create a series of recommendations it believed would help at-risk students close the achievement gap. As part of its charge, the Council developed and recommended tools to assess and evaluate the effectiveness of approved at-risk programs, and it recommended funding alternatives for approved at-risk programs. The Council made its final report to the Governor and to the 2010 Commission prior to October 1, 2006. The Statute establishing the Council also set its termination date as June 30, 2007.

Since the Council no longer exists, I ask that you support SB 40 to remove the outdated enabling language from our state statutes.

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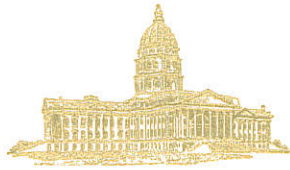
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Attachment # 1

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Testimony Presented to
House Education Committee
By Senator John Vratil
March 3, 2009
Concerning Senate Bill 41

Good afternoon! Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the House Education Committee in support of Senate Bill (SB) 41. Senate Bill 41 would repeal outdated and unnecessary provisions of law which concern certain school districts.

The specific statutes repealed in SB 41 are described below:

1. K.S.A. 72-67, 106: concerns school districts which have disorganized. It prohibits such districts from adopting a budget in school year 1965 and thereafter; and it provides for the payment of outstanding bonds issued by districts prior to disorganization.
2. K.S.A. 72-8149: authorized U.S.D. 260 to transfer funds from its general operating fund to its capital outlay fund in 1971.
3. K.S.A. 72-8155: authorized the transfer of land by U.S.D. 280 (Graham County) in 1972.
4. K.S.A. 72-8155a: authorized the transfer of land by U.S.D. 463 (Cowley County) in 1973.
5. K.S.A. 72-8155b: authorized the transfer of land by U.S.D. 426 (Republic County) in 1977; and
6. K.S.A. 72-8155c: authorized the transfer of land by U.S.D. 410 (Marion County) in 1980.

I ask that you support SB 41 to remove the outdated language from Chapter 72.

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Testimony to the House Education Committee

Stevens M. Friend

Director, Baldwin City Recreation Commission

SB 161

March 3, 2009

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Stevens Friend Director of the Baldwin City Recreation Commission I am here in support of SB 161. Thank you for the opportunity to offer some personal insights on the issue of Petty Cash Funds by Recreation Commissions. Since Recreation Commissions are so closely related to school districts as far as our establishment and budgeting process, I and our auditors have assumed that we were permitted to establish fund accounts that permitted us to carry on our daily functions in a similar fashion.

I have been in the Recreation Commission business for 31 years and have not encountered any issues regarding a Petty Cash Fund from any auditor. It is our practice to keep a Cash Drawer from which we make change for different registrations and activity fees. This Cash Drawer is always counted at the end of the day and any excess cash or checks placed in deposit bag. In addition, both of the Recreation Commission boards that I have worked for have established a Petty Cash Checking Account that allows me the discretion to write checks for items needing immediate payment. The maximum amount for this account has been set at \$500 by both of the Commission Boards I have worked for over the years.

To me, these are both situations of how a responsible governmental entity manages its funds to effectively handle day to day operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning and I will be glad to answer question at this time.

Sincerely,

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Attachment # 3



Written Testimony to the House Education Committee
Casey Doty, Arkansas City Recreation Commission Director
SB 161
March 3, 2009

I am Casey Doty of the Arkansas City Recreation Commission and I support Senate Bill 161.

As it currently stands, Kansas Statutes do not specifically allow petty cash funds for Recreation Commission(s). This bill would establish local authority and eliminate questions regarding the legality of Recreation Commission(s) maintaining a small petty cash fund.

The advantages of having a petty cash fund include:

- Having the ability to mail packages within a few minutes, rather than going through the process of determining shipping costs, issuing purchase order, cutting check, and obtaining signatures. This expedites the daily process of shipping supplies and allows Staff to focus on other responsibilities
- Having the ability to pay for emergency expenses, i.e. last minute program and meeting supplies

In the event this bill does not pass, it would be up to the local Commission(s) to determine legality of petty cash fund. In many cases this process would involve Recreation Board of Directors hiring legal council, causing undue expense.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my written support of Senate Bill 161.

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