

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Sharol Little, Supt. USD 383
Kenneth Kennedy, Supt. USD 382
Dr. Gary Norris, Supt. USD 305
Dr. Morris L. Reeves, Ret. Assoc. Supt. for
Business Services

The Chair introduced Dr. Sharol Little who spoke to the committee on the Regionalization Concept for Reorganization of Kansas School Districts. (Attachment 1).

Mr. Kennedy gave a powerpoint presentation which included pictures of various Kansas schools that after their closing had been turned into community centers. He told of the advantages of consolidation in parts of the state. (Attachment 2).

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Copies of written testimony from Superintendent Larry Geil of USD 488 was distributed. (Attachment 3).

Also passed out to the committee were copies of the 2001-2002 Accountability Report on Education in Kansas from the State Board of Education. (Attachment 4 – copies of which may be obtained from the State Board's offices.)

The Chair told the committee that the hearing on **HB 2060** would be continued the following day. She said she hoped they would also be able to work **HB 2006, 2059 and 2969**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2003.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12 at on February 6, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.