

Approved: February 19, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clay Aurand at 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 16, 2012 in 784-DSOB.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bill Reardon, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools  
Mark Desetti, KNEA  
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Dr. Julie Ford, Superintendent, USD 501  
Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent, Blue Valley  
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Aurand asked Representative Howell to introduce his guest.

### **HB 2713—Providing pupils with access to precollege curriculum courses through virtual schools**

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **HB 2713**. Chairman Aurand asked Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes to explain the Bill.

Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained to the committee that **HB 2713** creates new law to be part of the current virtual school act (Section 2). Subsection (b)(1) requires a school district, upon application by a pupil to enroll a pupil in a course offered under the precollege curriculum, which is prescribed by the Board of Regents as authorized under K.S.A. 76-717, if the school district itself does not offer such course.

A question and answer session followed.

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Mark Desetti, KNEA, presented to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 1](#))

A question and answer session followed.

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, presented to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 2](#))

A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2713**.

**HB 2718—Providing authority for a school district to adopt a local activities budget**

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes explain that the Bill creates new law. The Bill provides certain school districts with the authority to adopt a local activities budget, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified electors of a school district, not to exceed five years in length.

Questions and answer session followed.

Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent of Schools, Blue Valley Schools, provided written testimony only as a proponent. ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Spalding, presented to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 4](#))

Questions and answer session followed.

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, presented to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 5](#))

Questions and answer session followed.

Bill Reardon, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, presented to the committee as an opponent. ([Attachment 6](#))

Question and answer session followed.

At this time, Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education, delivered a handout to the committee which provides the maximum local activities budget authorized in **HB 2718**. ([Attachment 7](#))

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Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools, presented to the committee as an opponent. (Attachment 8)

Question and answer session followed.

Dr. Julie Ford, Superintendent of Topeka Public Schools, USD 501, provided written testimony only. (Attachment 9)

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2718**.

### **HB 2634—Excellence in education; teacher certification; school employee performance and evaluation; professional development**

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained the Amendment. (Attachment 10)

Questions and answer session followed.

*Chairman Aurand moved to adopt the Balloon first Amendment. Representative Huebert seconded. Motion carried.*

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained the Second Balloon Amendment. (Attachment 10)

Questions and answer session followed.

*Chairman Aurand moved to adopt the second Balloon Amendment. Representative Huebert seconded.*

Chairman Aurand asked for those in favor to say “aye”, those opposed to say “no”. It was unclear, so a member asked for an exact count. It was a tie vote, so the chairman voted to break the tie. Motion Carried.

Chairman Aurand announced that a Sub committee had been formed on **HB 2620** and Representative Spalding was the Chairperson.

Chairman Aurand announced he would announce on the floor if we were going to have a meeting tomorrow.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting will possibly be  
February 17, 2012.