

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lana Gordon at 3:30 pm on Feb 16, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Reagan Cussimano, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Eunice Peters, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Bernadine Lloyd, Committee Assistant

Others Attending:

See attached list.

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Steve Scott, President, Pittsburg State University
John Martello, Deputy Superintendent for Operations, School of the Deaf & Blind
Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent, School of the Deaf & Blind

Proponents:

Representative Flaharty
Andree Sisco
Craig Wilford, Superintendent, Derby School district

Budget hearing on:

HB 2090 - Providing bus transportation for school children subjected to hazardous walking conditions.

Eunice Peters, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave a brief overview of the bill.

Representative Flaharty, submitted and presented testimony to support the bill. Also included was a brief 2006 KDOT traffic count on K-15 and 47th street south on both sides of the intersection for an average 24 hour period. ([Attachment 1](#))

Adree Sisco, submitted and presented testimony in support of the bill. She held up a map to show the dangerous conditions her five grandchildren have when they walk to school because they stopped busing within the 2-1/2 mile area in Derby, Kansas. ([Attachment 2](#))

Conferees:

Dr. Steve Scott, President, Pittsburg State University, submitted and presented testimony on Pittsburg State University 2012 Kansas Legislative budget Request. ([Attachment 3](#))

Craig Clifford, Superintendent of Schools, USD 260 Derby, submitted and presented testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

John Martello, Deputy Superintendent for Operations, Kansas State School for the Deaf, submitted and presented testimony for a request to appeal their 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan as submitted July 1, 2010. This appeal is for the Roth West Wing which is a 3 story attached wing to the main campus building that currently houses administration/food service in the central section with the East Wing serving as a student dormitory. ([Attachment 5](#))

Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent, KSSD, did not submit testimony but stood for questions. Rep. Aurand asked the number of students now at the school. Superintendent Burkindine stated they have 130-135 students now and rapidly approaching 150 and more in March. She said the School of the Blind has 100 students now and can serve 150 students.

Reagan Cussimano, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD, presented an overview of the draft copies for the KSSD and KSSB budgets. (Attachment 6)

Audrey Dunkel, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD, presented a summary on Higher Education and made references to her Postsecondary Education System FY 2012 book. She made references to page 15 which is about FY 2012 Enhancements and page 29 which is about Capitol Improvements. She also presented on FY 2011 & 2012 Capital Improvement Amendments by the Senate Capital Improvements Subcommittee February 8, 2011. (Attachment 7).

A motion was made by Rep. Cassidy to concur with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2011 and FY 2012. The motion was seconded by Rep. Spalding. The motion passed on voice vote.

A motion was made by Rep. Arpke to approve the Capital Improvement Addition. The motion was seconded by Rep. Cassidy. The motion passed on voice vote.

A question and answer session followed each agency presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011 in 159-S.

The meeting was adjourned 5:03 pm.