

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lana Gordon at 3:30 pm on Feb 17, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bernadine Lloyd, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education
Dr. Kevinsinger, Superintendent, Topeka Public schools
Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director, KASB
Mark Desetti, Director Legislative Advocacy, KNEA
Diane Gjerstan, Wichita Public Schools
Cheryl Semmel, Executive Director, USA Kansas K-12, written testimony only

Others Attending:

See attached list.

Reagan Cussimano presented a draft copy of the overview of the Department of Education's budget from FY 2002 to FY 2012 and a summary of the FY 2011 and FY 2012 School Finance Estimates. ([Attachment 1](#))

Conferees:

Dr. Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, submitted and presented testimony on IDEA language related to allocations, Budget Appeal to the Legislature FY 2011 and FY 2012, and Kansas State Department of Education Budget Appeal to the Legislature FY 2011 and FY 2012. ([Attachment 2](#))

Dr. Kevinsinger, Superintendent of the Topeka Public Schools submitted and presented testimony on the Budget Reduction Stakeholder Committee Report: Administrative Recommendations to the Board 2-17-11 Draft. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director, KASB, submitted and presented testimony on the Kansas State Department of Education Budget. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mark Desetti, Director of Legislative Advocacy, KNEA, submitted and presented testimony on Making Schools Great for Every Child. ([Attachment 5](#))

Diane Gjerstan, Wichita Public Schools, submitted and presented testimony on Fiscal 12 Education Budget. ([Attachment 6](#))

Cheryl L. Semmel, Executive Director, USA Kansas K-12, did not appear but submitted written testimony on FY 2012 Education Budget. ([Attachment 7](#))

A question and answer session followed each agency presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2011 in 159-S.

The meeting was adjourned 5:15 pm.

