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MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lana Gordon at 3:30 pm on Feb. 21, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Landwehr and Rep. Spalding - excused

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussimano, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Ks. Legislative Research Dept.

Jason Long, Asst. Revisor, Revisor of Statutes

Bernadine Lloyd, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director, KASC

Rex E. Bollinger, Superintendent, Doniphan West Schools, USD 111

Mike Newman, Superintendent, USD 114

Dennis Stones, Superintendent, USD 113

Tracy Russell, Schools for Quality Education, Lobbyist

Darrell Kohlman, Superintendent, USD 442

Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education

Others Attending:

See attached list.

Chairwoman, Lana Gordon, requested the committee make recommendations on previous hearings of the School of the Blind and School of the Deaf.

A motion was made by Rep. Aurand to confer with the Governor's budget for the KSSD and KSSB and seconded by Rep. Cassidy.

A substitute motion was made by Rep. Valdenia Winn to add \$279,449, SIBF for Roth Dormitory at KSSD and seconded by Rep. Feuerborn. The motion was not approved.

A vote was asked for on the original motion made by Rep. Aurand and seconded by Rep. Cassidy.
The motion passed.

A motion was made by Rep. Aurand to pass out K-12 budget and postpone payment to KPERS from April 15, 2011, to July 1, 2011 by reducing KPERS budget by \$26 million and adding it to the Special Education Budget July July 1, 2011 then take \$26 million from the 2012 budget to pay KPERS in July 1, 2011.

Conferee:

Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, made an appeal for extra funding for the FY 2011 budget.

A motion was made by Rep. Aurand to add \$52,000 – total food, to include in the FY 2011 budget. The motion was seconded by Rep. Arpke. The motion passed.

Hearing on:

HB 2100 - School districts; finance; supplemental general state aid; consolidated districts.

Jason Long, Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave a short synopsis of the bill.

Proponents:

Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director, submitted and presented testimony that bill appears to be in the category of incentives, and he support it's passage. (Attachment 1)

Rex E. Bollinger, Superintendent, Doniphan West Schools, USD 111, submitted and presented testimony that the bill would allow districts that have consolidated and utilized the newest set of incentives to benefit from the change. ([Attachment 2](#))

Mike Newman, Superintendent, USD 115, submitted and presented testimony that the bill does not require any new expenditure but would add to the existing incentives which have been so important in the last four consolidations in our state, and if the goal of the legislature is for school consolidations to continue then the passage of the bill will be an added tool in this effort. ([Attachment 3](#))

Tracy Russell, Schools for Quality Education, Lobbyist, presented written testimony only that the bill would not require any new spending in the 2012 or 2013 budget years on any of the current newly consolidated districts; including USD #115, and believes that if the goal of the Legislature was to decrease the number of school districts in Kansas with these incentives the bill would be one more positive addition to current law. ([Attachment 4](#))

There were no questions from the Committee to the proponents.

This is the last meeting for the first half of the session.

The meeting adjourned 4:40 pm.