

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Holmes at 9:07a.m. on March 2, 2011, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Louis Ruiz - Excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Terry Collins, Director, Doniphan County Education Cooperative #616
Robert Coleman, Director, ANW Special Education Cooperative
Chad Austin, Vice President of Government Relations
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools USD 259
Gary George, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Olathe Public Schools
Tom Krebs, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards
Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Firefighters
Karen Wright, Director, Butler County Special Education
Karen Kuhn, Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative #618
Stuart Little, Ph.D., Little Government Relation, LLC
Bill Seidl, Superintendent of Schools, Canton-Galva
Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2310 - Working after retirement requirements for KPERS retirants.

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview of **HB 2310**.

Opponents:

Terry Collins, Director, Doniphan County Education Cooperative #616, (Attachment 1), appeared before the committee in opposition of **HB 2310**.

Robert Coleman, Director, ANW Special Education Cooperative, (Attachment 2), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Chad Austin, Vice President of Government Relations, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools USD 259, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Gary George, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Olathe Public Schools, (Attachment 5), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Tom Krebs, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (Attachment 6), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Firefighters, on behalf of Terry Forsyth, Coalition for Keeping the Kansas Promise, (Attachment 7), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Karen Wright, Director, Butler County Special Education, (Attachment 8), appeared in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Karen Kuhn, Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative #618, (Attachment 9), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Stuart Little, Ph.D., Little Government Relation, LLC, (Attachment 10), appeared in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Bill Seidl, Superintendent of Schools, Canton-Galva, (Attachment 11), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Dr. Brenda S. Dietrich, Superintendent, USD 437, (Attachment 12), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Pensions & Benefits Committee at 9:07 a.m. on March 2, 2011, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

Jim Porter, Superintendent of Schools, Fredonia USD 484, (Attachment 13), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Mike Lewis, Director, High Plains Educational Cooperative #611, (Attachment 14), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2310**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2310**.

Hearing on:

HB 2328 - Employer contributions for KPERS school participating employers.

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill.

Opponents:

Gary George, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Olathe Public Schools, (Attachment 15), appeared in opposition to **HB 2328**.

Tom Krebs, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (Attachment 16), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2328**.

Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association, (Attachment 17), on behalf of Terry Forsyth, Kansas National Education Association, presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2328**.

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools USD 259, (Attachment 18), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2328**.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2328** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.