

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on February 7, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Lana Gordon - excused

Ray Merrick - excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs - Revisor of Statutes Office

Theresa Kiernan - Revisor of Statutes Office

Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barb Hinton - Legislative Division of Post Audit

Bill Reardon - Kansas City, KS Public Schools

Mark Desetti - KNEA

Val DeFever - Schools for Quality Education

Bob Van Crum - Blue Valley Schools

The Chair introduced Barb Hinton who offered additional information related to regional cost indices presented in the K-12 education cost study. (Attachment 1).

Bill Reardon spoke to the Committee to encourage them to adopt the Post Audit's recommendations regarding Regional Cost Adjustments. (Attachment 2).

Mark Desetti testified regarding the issue of the regional cost index in the Legislative Post Audit report. (Attachment 3).

Val DeFever gave a rural perspective of the cost of living adjustments and declining enrollment weighting. (Attachment 4).

Bob VanCrum offered testimony regarding the cost of living weighting factor. (Attachment 5).

The hearing on the LPA K-12 Cost Study report on Regional Cost Adjustment Weighting and Declining Enrollment Weightings was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2006