

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
 Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The House Education Committee met in an organizational meeting. The Chairman introduced Representative Kathe Lloyd, Committee Vice-Chairperson and Representative Bill Reardon, as well as members of the Committee staff. Also introduced was Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of the Kansas Department of Education who was in the audience.

Chairman Tanner explained what the Committee agenda will be and gave instructions as to what would be expected of those testifying.

Vice-Chair, Kathe Lloyd was named to head up a sub-committee on "Accountability in Public Schools". She stressed this would not be an invitation to a "school bashing party" but instead, hoped they could become advocates of what constitutes a good educational system.

Representative Bill Reardon spoke of the Committee as doing what was best for kids and rising above party politics.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2001.