

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kasha Kelley at 1:15pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research
Alyssa Bernard, Office of Revisor
Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor
Sue Mollenkamp, Committee Assistant
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Adam Topliff, teacher, Wamego
Angela Stiens, concerned citizen, Shawnee
Beverly Mortimer, Superintendent, Concordia USD333
Brad Grandon, concerned citizen, Overland Park
Brad Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education
Bryan Cunningham, Principal, Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen
Cheryl Shephard-Adams, science teacher, Hays High School
Cinday Coopriider, Director of Elementary Education, Hutchinson USD308
Corbin Witt, Executive Director of School Improvement, Salina Public Schools
Courtney Rankin, Dodge City, Professor of English
Craig Gabel, concerned citizen, Wichita
Dakota Hoagland, Topeka, Concerned Women of America
David Barnes, math teacher, Topeka West High School
David Rine, Overland Park, Professor at George Mason University
Debbie Thompson, State Standards Committee member
Deborah Abernathy, teacher, Junction City Public Schools
Diane Jones, concerned citizen, Leawood
Dyane Smokorowski, teacher, Andover
Ed Myers, Whitewater, Ph.D. in Mathematics and concerned citizen
Everett Reimer, concerned citizen, Alma
Fred Hollingshead, President, Kansas Association of Teachers of Math
George Abel, Assistant Superintendent, Emporia Public Schools
George Griffith, Superintendent, Trego County USD208
Harry McDonald, Mainstream Coalition
Irma Lightner-Reimer, concerned citizen, Alma
Jennifer McCoy, concerned citizen, Wichita
Kara Thomason, concerned citizen
Kelli Ireton, university assistant professor
Kelly Arnberger, Superintendent, USD459 Bucklin

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Ken Weaver, Dean, Emporia State University Teachers College
Ken Willard, Kansas State Board of Education
Kristin George, concerned citizen, Pratt
Lanell Griffith, concerned citizen, Topeka
Lara Bors, USD457 Board of Education, Garden City
Lisa Huesers, concerned citizen
Marlin Berry, Superintendent, Olathe USD233
Megan King, concerned citizen, Lawrence
Mike Jones, concerned citizen, Overland Park
Owen Donohoe, former State Representative
Pam Bevan, Principal, Lincoln Elementary, Hutchinson
Paul Schwartz, concerned citizen and data specialist, Olathe
Rebecca Hoagland, Topeka, Concerned Women of America
Renee Slinkard, concerned citizen
Robert Wood, educator and parent
Roger Wood, concerned citizen, Pittsburg
Ron Walker, Superintendent, Geary County USD475
Sandy Law, former teacher
Scott Keltner, math teacher, Eudora High School
Sherri Martinie, former math teacher
Shirley Koehn, Wichita, Kansans Against Common Core
Steve Roberts, Kansas State Board of Education
Sue Kidd, Coordinator, Kansas Character Development Initiative
Tammy Bartels, Kansas PTA President
Teresa Selensky, concerned citizen, Grainfield
Theresa Brown, K-12 Instructional Specialist, Hutchinson USD308
Win Campbell, concerned citizen, Lawrence

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Kelley opened the hearing on **HB2621 - an act concerning schools; prescribing curriculum standards; establishing an advisory council on curriculum content standards; providing restrictions on the collection of certain student and teacher data.** The Chairman explained the format of the days meeting: due to the large number of conferees, each conferee was given 90 seconds to speak, and speakers alternated between proponents of the bill and opponents of the bill.

Those speaking in favor of **HB2621** were:

Win Campbell ([Attachment 1](#))
Owen Donohoe ([Attachment 3](#))

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Craig Gabel ([Attachment 5](#))
Lanell Griffith ([Attachment 7](#))
Brad Grandon ([Attachment 9](#))
Dakota Hoagland ([Attachment 11](#))
Rebecca Hoagland ([Attachment 13](#))
Lisa Huesers ([Attachment 15](#))
Mike Jones ([Attachment 17](#))
Diane Jones ([Attachment 19](#))
Shirley Koehn ([Attachment 21](#))
Megan King ([Attachment 23](#))
Kristin George ([Attachment 25](#))
Angela Stiens ([Attachment 27](#))
Courtney Rankin ([Attachment 29](#))
Kara Thomason ([Attachment 31](#))
Teresa Selensky ([Attachment 33](#))
Irma Lightner-Reimer ([Attachment 35](#))
Jennifer McCoy ([Attachment 37](#))
Ed Myers ([Attachment 39](#))
David Rine ([Attachment 41](#))
Paul Schwartz ([Attachment 43](#))
Renee Slinkard ([Attachment 45](#))
Roger Wood ([Attachment 47](#))
Robert Wood ([Attachment 49](#))
Everett Reimer ([Attachment 56](#))

Written testimony in support of **HB2621** was submitted by:

Joan Almon, Alliance for Childhood ([Attachment 57](#))
Dr. Kathleen Ammel ([Attachment 58](#))
Dennis Batliner, concerned citizen, Overland Park ([Attachment 59](#))
Karen Boardman, concerned citizen, Wichita ([Attachment 60](#))
Brenda Bowser, Central Kansas Patriots, Salina ([Attachment 61](#))
Suzanne Carter, concerned citizen, Lawrence ([Attachment 62](#))
Dr. Walt Chappell, Educational Management Consultants ([Attachment 63](#))
Brett Cooper, Salina USD305 School Board Member ([Attachment 64](#))
Jody Dendurent, concerned citizen, Goddard ([Attachment 65](#))
Williamson Evers, Hoover Institute, Stanford University ([Attachment 66](#))
Gary and Rose Gerringer, concerned citizens ([Attachment 67](#))
Troy and Shireen Gooch, concerned citizens, Overland Park ([Attachment 68](#))
Joanne Haen, concerned citizen, Kansas City, Kansas ([Attachment 69](#))
Nancy Hanahan, concerned citizen ([Attachment 70](#))

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Rep. Dennis Hedke, Geophysicist ([Attachment 71](#))
Angelina Higgins, Kansans for Constitutional Government ([Attachment 72](#))
Evelyn Israel, concerned citizen, Shawnee ([Attachment 73](#))
John Krische, concerned citizen, Topeka ([Attachment 74](#))
Dawn Lewis, concerned citizen, Gardner ([Attachment 75](#))
David Losey, concerned citizen, Olathe ([Attachment 76](#))
R. James Milgram, Stanford University, Common Core Validation Committee ([Attachment 77](#))
Ruth Miller, University Registrar, Baldwin City ([Attachment 78](#))
Michelle Moses, concerned citizen, Atwood ([Attachment 79](#))
Barbara and Tom Oakes, concerned citizens, Leawood ([Attachment 80](#))
Charlotte O'Hara, former State representative, Overland Park ([Attachment 81](#))
Mike Poland, concerned citizen, Olathe ([Attachment 82](#))
Joy Pullmann, Heartland Institute ([Attachment 83](#))
Richard Ranzau and Karl Peterjohn, Sedgwick County Commissioners ([Attachment 84](#))
Jana Rea, concerned citizen, Lawrence ([Attachment 85](#))
Jane Robbins, American Principles Project ([Attachment 86](#)) ([Attachment 87](#))
Sharon Shobney, concerned citizen ([Attachment 88](#))
Jack Sossoman, concerned citizen, Topeka ([Attachment 89](#))
James Stergios, Pioneer Institute, Boston ([Attachment 90](#))
Sandra Stotsky, English Language Arts Common Core Validation Committee ([Attachment 91](#))
Lisen Wonderlich, educator, Olathe ([Attachment 92](#))
Vince Wonderlich, concerned citizen, Olathe ([Attachment 93](#))

Those speaking against **HB2621** were:

Deborah Abernathy ([Attachment 2](#))
Cheryl Shepherd-Adams ([Attachment 4](#))
George Abel ([Attachment 6](#))
Kelly Arnberger ([Attachment 8](#))
David Barnes ([Attachment 10](#))
Tammy Bartels ([Attachment 12](#))
Marlin Berry ([Attachment 14](#))
Pam Bevan ([Attachment 16](#))
Theresa Brown ([Attachment 18](#))
Cinday Coopridge ([Attachment 20](#))
Bryan Cunningham ([Attachment 22](#))
George Griffith ([Attachment 24](#))
Fred Hollingshead ([Attachment 26](#))
Kelli Ireton ([Attachment 28](#))
Scott Keltner ([Attachment 30](#))
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Sherri Martinie ([Attachment 34](#))
Beverly Mortimer ([Attachment 36](#))
Sandy Law ([Attachment 38](#))
Dyane Smokorowski ([Attachment 40](#))
Debbie Thompson ([Attachment 42](#))
Adam Topliff ([Attachment 44](#))
Ron Walker ([Attachment 46](#))
Ken Weaver ([Attachment 48](#))
Corbin Witt ([Attachment 50](#))
Harry McDonald ([Attachment 52](#))
Brad Neuenswander ([Attachment 53](#))
Lara Bors ([Attachment 54](#))
Ken Willard ([Attachment 55](#))

Written testimony in opposition to **HB2621** was submitted by:

Paul Adams, Professor of Physics, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 94](#))
Mary Lynn Baker and Jeff Nichols, Hutchinson USD308 Board of Education ([Attachment 95](#))
Kathy Busch, Kansas State Board of Education ([Attachment 96](#))
Bill Day, Superintendent, Lyons USD405 ([Attachment 97](#))
Lucinda Evans, educator, Topeka ([Attachment 98](#))
Karen Godfrey, President, Kansas National Education Association ([Attachment 99](#))
Marcel Harmon, Ph.D. ([Attachment 100](#))
Deena Horst, Kansas State Board of Education ([Attachment 101](#))
Ashlie Jack, educator ([Attachment 102](#))
Gail Jamison, Goddard USD265, Board of Education Member ([Attachment 103](#))
Shelly Kiblinger, Superintendent, Hutchinson USD308 ([Attachment 104](#))
Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards ([Attachment 105](#))
Jo McFadden, Principal, Hutchinson USD308 ([Attachment 106](#))
Keith Miller, Kansas Association of Science Teachers member ([Attachment 107](#))
Tracey Osborne, President, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 108](#))
Michael Petrilli, Executive Vice-President, Thomas Fordham Institute ([Attachment 109](#))
Sheryl Plattner, educator, Sabetha ([Attachment 110](#))
Marsha Ratzel, educator, Prairie Village ([Attachment 111](#))
Pam Robinson, President, Blue Valley USD229 Board of Education ([Attachment 112](#))
Jim Runge, Superintendent, Central Plains USD112 ([Attachment 113](#))
Steve Splichal, Superintendent, McClouth USD342 ([Attachment 114](#))
Rod Stewart, Washington County School USD108 Board of Education member([Attachment 115](#))

Speaking neutrally on **HB2621** was:

Steve Roberts ([Attachment 51](#))

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Submitting neutral written testimony on **HB2621** was:

Mike O'Neal, President and CEO, The Kansas Chamber ([Attachment 116](#))

Chairman Kelley recognized that all of the days conferees shared a common desire to see the children of Kansas receive a quality education. She then announced she would like to host a public forum involving all interested parties to discuss the issues related to the Common Core Standards with the hope that points of agreement can be found.

Rep. Bridges thanked the chairman for the format of the days meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.