

## **MINUTES**

### **2010 COMMISSION**

July 11, 2006  
Room 514-S—Statehouse

#### **Members Present**

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson  
Dr. Ray Daniels, Vice Chairperson  
Representative Sue Storm  
Carolyn Campbell  
David Davies  
Barbara Hinton  
Stephen Iliff  
Barbara Mackey

#### **Members Absent**

Representative Kathe Decker  
Senator Jean Kurtis Schodorf  
Dennis Jones

#### **Staff Present**

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

#### **Afternoon Session**

The 2010 Commission attended the Legislative Post Audit Committee meeting to hear the completed report on Developing and Retaining Teachers and School Principals. A copy of the report is on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department's office. The K-12 Education: Reviewing issues Related to Developing and Retaining Teachers and School Principals is the study undertaken by the Legislative Division of Post Audit. Katrin Osterhaus, Legislative Post Audit staff, presented the report. The 2010 Commission requested the study at its January 2006 meeting and wanted to know how Kansas teacher salaries compare with other states, when adjusted for such things as cost of living. Specifically, the members expressed concerns that salaries in Kansas may not be sufficient to attract enough quality individuals to the teaching profession or to compete with other states.

Members wanted to know what affect increasing salaries might have on the quality of teachers in the State, and ultimately, how that might affect student educational outcomes. In addition, several members expressed concerns about the adequacy of the State's efforts to assist school districts in developing and retaining quality teachers and school principals.

After the meeting with the Legislative Post Audit Committee, the 2010 Commission moved to Room 514-S of the Statehouse and Ms. Osterhaus and other staff answered questions asked by the 2010 Commission members.

The following is a list of questions that the 2010 Commission requested be answered by the Legislative Post Audit staff at a future meeting:

- What does the data on bilingual teacher shortages show when it is limited to those districts that actually have a need for bilingual teachers?
- What are the turnover rates for schools within the same district?
- Nationally, what are the reasons teachers cite for moving between schools and quitting the teaching profession?
- What best practice strategies listed in question three of the report are supported with empirical evidence?
- Of the 1,347 education bachelor degrees awarded in 2004-05, how many were awarded in each subject (elementary, math, science, among others)?

Finally, the Commission requested that at a future meeting, the Board of Regents and representatives of the independent colleges and universities of Kansas present information to the Commission about the preparation classes required to become a licensed educator in Kansas.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Approved by Commission on:

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