

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on January 31, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Judy Miller, Assistant Director, State and Federal Programs, Kansas Department of Education
Dr. Tom Foster, Deputy Commissioner, Learning Services, Kansas Department of Education
Veryl Peter, Director, School Finance, Kansas Department of Education
Sue Gamble, Kansas State Board of Education

The Chair inquired of the Committee if there were any bill introductions.

Representative Flaharty requested and moved the motion for three bills concerning 1) math and science academy; 2) advance placement courses for certain students; and 3) teacher preparation programs. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Spalding, Palmer, Hodge, and Crow introduced visiting students from their various school districts.

Representative Aurand requested a bill to address Post Audit recommendations in At-Risk Audit. A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Storm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Otto requested and moved the motion for two bills regarding 1) districts risking bankruptcy; and 2) raising the cap on contingency reserve fund. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dale Dennis, Judy Miller, Dr. Tom Foster, Veryl Peter, and Sue Gamble then spoke to the Committee on the No Child Left Behind program. (Attachments #1, #2, #3, and #4)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2007.