

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 on February 9, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

HB 2024 - an act concerning school districts; relating to special education.

The Chair called on Theresa Kiernan who spoke to the Committee regarding the excess cost of special education. (Attachment 1).

A motion was made by Chairperson Decker and seconded by Representative O'Neal to adopt an amendment to **HB 2024**. The amendment would strike the 88% and make it a three-year step of 85%/88%/90%.

Dale Dennis gave an explanation of how the appropriated funds would impact special ed.

Asked if **HB 2024** would stand alone, the answer was that it would be rolled into the full package.

The motion to adopt the amendment passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Larkin that **HB 2024** be adopted to be worked by the Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Bi-lingual

The Chair asked that the Committee agree to having the weighting adjusted to add 11M into the bi-lingual program.

A motion was made by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Merrick to have a bill drafted which would include appropriate language that would double the amount into bi-lingual. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next Select Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2005.