

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on February 22, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office

Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark DeSetti, KNEA

Michael Womochil, Ag Instructor, Abilene HS

Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau

Stuart Little, Shawnee Mission USD 512

Fred Kaufman, Supt., USD 489, Hays

Susan Hernandez, Asst. Supt. Of Bus. Op.

Don Landoll, Landoll Corp.

Jason M. Larison, Ag Instructor Holton HS

Don Wilson, USA

Copies of the minutes of meetings for January 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 and February 2, 2005 were distributed for approval.

Representative DeCastro made the motion that was seconded by Representative O'Neal that the minutes be approved. The motion passed on a voice vote.

HB 2474 - concerning schools and school districts; concerning the State Board of Ed and the State Department of Ed.

Mark DeSetti spoke of his concerns with **HB 2474**. (Attachment 1).

Appearing before the Committee was Mike Womochil who listed the problems he had with **HB 2474**. (Attachment 2).

Next to testify on **HB 2474** was Terry Holdren who said there were sections of the bill he would like the Committee to reconsider. (Attachment 3).

Stuart Little spoke next offering modifications to **HB 2474**. (Attachment 4).

Appearing before the Committee, Fred Kaufman said that **HB 2474** did not address the existing problems and in fact, made those problems even more severe. (Attachment 5).

Next to testify as an opponent of **HB 2474** was Susan Hernandez. (Attachment 6).

Don Landoll appeared in opposition to **HB 2474**. (Attachment 7).

Jason Larison offered testimony opposing **HB 2474**. (Attachment 8).

Don Wilson spoke in opposition of **HB 2474**, saying it needed more work. (Attachment 9).

Bill Reardon addressed the Committee regarding his concerns with **HB 2474**. (Attachment 10).

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Written only testimony was submitted by Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education, (Attachment 11); Patrick Hurley, Kansas Education Coalition, (Attachment 12); Allie Devine, Kansas Livestock Assoc., (Attachment 13) and Tristan Duncan, Shawnee Mission, (Attachment 14).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2005.