

Approved: May 4, 2006

Date

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 8:00 A.M. on April 29, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Copies of proposals of the House for Substitute for **SB 584** were distributed. (Attachments 1 and 2). Kathie Sparks explained their contents to the Committee.

The Chair then called the Committee's attention to the copies of the comparison of policies of the Select Committee on School Finance and the policies of the House Committee of the Whole which were not included in any version of the senate bill or addressed by the Senate. (Attachment 3).

Distributed also were copies of Comparison of 2006 School Finance Plans. These included Current Law; Substitute to **SB 584 (SCW)**; Substitute to **HB 2986 (House Comm.)** and Substitute **HB 2986 (HCW)**. (Attachment 4), and the section-by-section explanations to **HB 2986**, (Attachment 5).

Representative Decker said it was her intent to go through these printout and work it much in the way of a conference committee and to make decisions in each of the areas that are listed beginning with policy before moving back to the money issue.

State Moneys for Educational and Support Service. (Attachment 4, section 1).

Accreditation and Curriculum Requirements/Reallocation of Researches. (Attachment 4, section 2).

Vocational Education Grants/Courses. (Attachment 4, sections 5, 26 and 30).

Reporting of Expenditures. (Attachment 4, section 6). Unchanged.

Regional Cost Differences. (Attachment 4, section 7). Unchanged.

Federal Mandates. (Attachment 4, section 8). Unchanged.

School Finance Litigation. (Attachment 4, sections 9 and 10). Unchanged.

Needs Assessment. (Attachment 4, sections 35 and 39). Unchanged.

School District Budget Forms. (Attachment 4, section 38). Unchanged.

Capital Outlay State Aid Fund. (Attachment 4, section 36). Unchanged.

Payment for Remedial Classes. (Attachment 4, section 33). Unchanged.

U.S.D. Reorganization. (Attachment 4, section 19). Unchanged.

At-risk Academies. (Attachment 4, sections 13 through 18). There was some discussion regarding making this a private project (pilot program) and letting the district decide whether it would be a high school or middle school. The Chair asked the Committee's support to do at-risk academies. Following a discussion, it was decided to leave this out of the bill at this time.

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Capital Improvements State Aid.

Regarding New Section 20, (a)(2), a motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative O'Neal to adopt this amendment. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Phelps and Winn voted no and requested to be recorded.

CPI-U. (Attachment 4, section 29). Unchanged.

Program Reporting. (Attachment 4, sections 17, 18, 19 and 25). Unchanged.

Effective Date. (Attachment 4.) Unchanged.

A copy of House floor amendment was distributed. (Attachment 6)

Representative O'Neal moved for a policy amendment to adopt a merit pay system for certified teachers endorsed to teach mathematics, science or reading who voluntarily elect to waive the application of K.S.A. 72-5436 to 72-5446, and amendments thereto. The motion was seconded by Representative Hayzlett and passed on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Phelps and Winn requested their no votes be recorded.

Base State Aid Per Pupil.

Would be increased during 2006-2007 from \$4,257 to \$4,302, at a cost of \$25,800,000; 2007-2008 from \$4,302 to \$4,347, at a cost of \$26,000,000 and 2008-2009 from \$4,347 to \$4,392, at a cost of \$26,200,000.

At-Risk Weighting.

Increased during the school year 2006-2007 from 0.193 to 0.263; 2007-2008 from 0.263 to 0.308 and 2008-2009 from 0.308 to .353.

Nonproficient Pupil Weighting/Fund.

The provisions of this new weighting would expire June 30, 2007. The cost of the new weighting in FY 2007 would be \$10,000,000.

The Committee agreed that this provision be sunsetted until next year.

High Density At-risk Weighting.

The House Committee applies this to those districts in which at least 50% of the students are on free lunch or at least 35.1 are on free lunch and have enrollment density of at least 212.1 pupils per sq. mile would qualify.

A motion was made by Representative Winn and seconded by Representative Crow to raise the at-risk weighting from 21.4 to 22.7. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Representative Decker moved that they go with the Senate amount of money, 21.4, but stay with the language of the House. The motion was seconded by Representative O'Neal and passed on a voice vote.

Correlation Weighting/High Enrollment Weighting Threshold.

The high enrollment weighting (formerly correlation weighting) threshold would be lowered by 30 students each year for 3 years.

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A motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative O'Neal for an across-the-board increase of \$14,200,000 for all three years. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Low Enrollment Weighting.

Committee agreed to keep current law.

School Facilities and Ancillary Facilities Weighting.

Representative Decker made the motion that was seconded by Representative O'Neal to keep current law. The motion was withdrawn.

The Committee agreed to leave the Senate's recommendation for the LOB at 25% but for just one more year.

Special Education (Excess Cost).

The Committee agreed to leave special education excess cost for school year 2006-2007, at current law of 92.0%.

LOB/LOB State Aid/State Prescribed Percentage.

The Committee agreed that the Senate language regarding the LOB be accepted.

Representative Decker made the motion to accept the Senate language regarding the LOB state aid. Representative O'Neal seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Phelps and Winn requested their no votes be recorded.

A motion was made by Representative Merrick and seconded by Representative Gordon to increase over the years, 2006-07 by 30; 2007-08 by 31 and 2008-09 by 33. The motion failed.

All Day Kindergarten.

The Committee agreed to leave as current law.

English for Speakers of Other Languages Grants.

Subject to appropriations, would allow districts to reimburse teachers for actual expenses related to teachers attaining full endorsement as ESOL teachers.

The Committee recommended \$500,000 for FY 2007.

Contingency Reserve Fund.

Representative Decker made the motion to maintain the House position of the cap being raised from 4% to 6% for 2006-2007 and reverting to 4% thereafter. The motion was seconded by Representative O'Neal and passed on a voice vote.

Cost of Living Levy.

A motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative O'Neal to take out the house language and add the language of what the amendment would correct with the words "necessity of enhancing salaries of teachers due to the high cost of living". The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Crow, Phelps and Winn requested their no votes be recorded.

A motion was made by Representative Decker that these amendments be passed out of Committee and placed in **Substitute SB 584**. Representative O'Neal seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

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A motion was made by Representative O'Neal that Theresa Kiernan of the Revisor of Statutes Office be given the authority to make any technical changes needed for conforming amendments and for these to be placed in **Substitute SB 584**. The motion was seconded by Representative Merrick and passed on a voice vote.

Representative Decker made the motion that was seconded by Representative O'Neal for approval of the Select Committee minutes of April 28, 2006. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. There are no other meetings of the House Select Committee on School Finance scheduled at this time.