

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on March 8, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Representative Tom Holland - Absent

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Sharon Schwartz
Senator Mark Taddiken
Mark Tallman, KASB
Supt. Don Wells, Hillcrest, USD 455
Supt. Mike Stegman, Washington , USD 222
Terry Forsyth, KNEA

SB 481 - Concerning school districts, consolidation and state aid.

The Chair introduced Representative Schwartz who spoke in support of **SB 481**. (Attachment 1).

Addressing the Committee as proponents of **SB 481** were Superintendents Wells and Stegman. (Attachment 2).

Senator Taddiken appeared in support of **SB 481**. (Attachment 3).

Mark Tallman spoke in support of **SB 481**. (Attachment 4).

The hearing was closed on **SB 481**.

A motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative Kelsey that **SB 481** be worked by the Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Clarifying language was offered stating that the provision of the bill would apply to any school district who consolidated or reorganized on or after July 1, 2004.

Representative Faber made the motion to make this amendment to **SB 481**. Representative Craft seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Faber and seconded by Representative Powers to amend **SB 481** to pay bond and interests on state aid at the new rate for the life of the bond. This would apply only to North Central and Washington school districts who are consolidated. The motion failed on a voice vote. A division was called. There were six members in favor of the bill and sixteen opposed.

A motion was made by Representative Powers to pass **SB 481** out of Committee as amended. Representative Swenson seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 329 - Concerning education; relating to curriculum standards.

Terry Forsyth offered testimony in support of **SB 329**. (Attachment 5).

Representative Powers made the motion that SB 329 be worked by the Committee. Representative Horst seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Yonally and seconded by Representative Powers to move SB 329 out of Committee favorably as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Crow made the motion which was seconded by Representative Horst to approve the Committee minutes of February 17 and 18. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006 in room 423-S.