

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tim Rooney, Budget & Fin. Mgr. SM USD 512
Dr. Stuart Little
Kent Hurd
Dr. Rob Balsters, Bus. Mgr., Seaman USD 345
Supt. Fred Kaufman, Hays USD 489
Dale Dennis, Kansas Dept. of Education

HB 2807 - School finance

The Chair recognized Tim Rooney who explained to the Committee the purpose of **HB 2807** and how it would affect the various school districts.

A question and answer session followed.

Written testimony was distributed from Dr. Tom Trigg, Supt. of Blue Valley, USD 229. (Attachment 1).

Kent Hurd introduced Dr. Rob Balsters who spoke to the Committee as a proponent to **HB 2807**. (Attachments 2 and 3).

Questions and answers followed.

Written testimony was distributed from Blake Schreck, President, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce. (Attachment 4).

Appearing in opposition to **HB 2807** was Supt. Fred Kaufman. (Attachment 5).

Questions and answers answered.

Mark Tallman appeared as an opponent to **HB 2807**. (Attachment 6).

A question and answer session followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2004.