

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:30 a.m. on February 18, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative David Huff
Tim Rooney, Shawnee Mission Schools
Mark Tallman, KASB
Dale Dennis, KSDE

HB 2271 - USD 512, Johnson County; relating to elections on closure of school buildings.

HB 2321 - USD 512, Johnson County; relating to elections on closure of school buildings.

The Chair explained that **HB 2271 and HB 2321** are identical. He spoke of a bill that has now cleared the Senate, and has language touching upon the issue of school buildings or site closures that seems to be preferred. One of the advantages to hearing the Senate bill would be that it could be heard after turn-around when there would be more time. With this in mind it was decided to clear the day's agenda of **HB 2271 and HB 2321** and wait until the Senate bill with preferred language is assigned to the House Education Committee.

HB 2777 - School districts; power to execute contracts, paying dues and claims.

Representative Huff spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2777**. (Attachment 1).

Next to address the Committee in favor of **HB 2777** was Tim Rooney, Manager of Budget and Finance for the Shawnee Mission School District. (Attachment 2).

A brief question and answer session followed.

Mark Tallman offered testimony in explanation of the stand the KASB is taking on **HB 2777**. (Attachment 3).

Dale Dennis spoke to the Committee reminding them that school districts only have the authority that the Legislature gives them.

The hearing on **HB 2777** was closed.

A motion was made by Representative Morrison and seconded by Representative Tomlinson that HB 2777 be considered favorably for passage. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19.