

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 3:30 p.m. on May 2, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Oleen (excused)

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
 Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
 Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Umbarger called the meeting to order to let the Committee and other interested parties know that a bipartisan working group of Senators and Representatives met for approximately two hours this morning trying to put together a proposal that will receive bipartisan support in the House and in the Senate. Chairman Umbarger stated that the group had made progress and that it was his hope that the group would have a proposal by the end of the day or early tomorrow morning to be presented to the Committee.

Senator Hensley stated that it was his understanding that yesterday was the deadline for contracts in the school districts. He heard that Manhattan school district had 50 layoffs. Mark Tallman and Craig Grant agreed that they have heard that there are significant reductions in both certified and classified positions, but they did not have numbers available today. Senator Vratil added that he thought it was important that the Committee and the entire Legislature know this information and a request was made to Dale Dennis, Deputy Commission, Department of Education and to Craig Grant, KNEA to find out number of layoffs in school districts. They agreed to gather this information for the Committee.

Senator Corbin inquired about the fact that we are running out of time and wanted to know what the time frame was to bring the new proposal to the Committee. Chairman Umbarger stated that he would like to have something presented to the Committee by tomorrow morning and brought before the Senate Chamber by tomorrow afternoon.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.