

Approved: March 12, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on March 8, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferrees appearing before the Committee:

Sue Storm, Kansas Board of Education
Rocky Nichols – DRC
Kris Ehling, Wichita, Ks
Mike Oxford, Ks Independent Living Resource Ctr.
Gayla Ward, Gardner, Ks
Kelsyn Rooks, Overland Park, Ks
Melissa Wade, Paola, Ks
Chonita Nigus
Aimee Keohane, Gardner, Ks
Cherrie Reynolds, Atchison, Ks
Terry Collins, Doniphan County Education Cooperative
Deb Meyers, Shawnee Mission Schools
Dr. Linda Aldridge, KSEA
Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Director of Special Ed NKESC
Tom Krebs, KASB
Richard Whelan, Blue Valley Schools

HB 2444 – Grades K-12; uses of seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities.

The Chair introduced Sue Storm who addressed the Committee regarding **HB 2444**. (Attachment 1).

Others offering testimony in support of **HB 2444** were:

Rocky Nichols, (Attachment 2)
Kris Ehling, (Attachment 3)
Mike Oxford, (Attachment 4)

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education at 1:30 PM on March 8, 2012 in Room 153-S of the Capitol.

Gayla Ward, ([Attachment 5](#))
Kelsyn Rooks, ([Attachment 6](#))
Melissa Wade, ([Attachment 7](#))
Chonita Nigus, ([Attachment 8](#))
Aimee Keohane, ([Attachment 9](#))
Cherrie Reynolds ([Attachment 10](#)).

Written only testimony in support of **HB 2444** was offered by:

Jane Rys, Disability Advocate, ([Attachment 11](#))
Janette Keil, ([Attachment 12](#))
Kathy Lobb, Self -Advocate Coalition of Kansas, ([Attachment 13](#))
Rick Cagan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, ([Attachment 14](#))
Tammy Dickson Chanley, ([Attachment 15](#))
Michael L. Wehmeyer, KU Center on Developmental Disabilities, ([Attachment 16](#))
Kerrie Bacon, Ks Council on Developmental Disabilities, ([Attachment 17](#))
Kendra L. Stea, ([Attachment 18](#))
Darla Nelson-Metzger, Families Together, Inc., ([Attachment 19](#))
Cherrie Reynolds & Janette Keil, Keys For Networking, ([Attachment 20](#)).

Those appearing in opposition of **HB 2444** were:

Terry Collins, ([Attachment 21](#))
Deb Meyers, Shawnee Mission School District, ([Attachment 22](#))
Dr. Linda Aldridge, ([Attachment 23](#))
Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, ([Attachment 24](#))
Tom Krebs, ([Attachment 25](#)).

Written only testimony in opposition to **HB 2444** was presented by:

Gail Gillespie, High Plains Educational Cooperative ([Attachment 26](#))
Doug Anderson, Derby Schools, ([Attachment 27](#)).

Appearing as a neutral regarding **HB 2444** was Richard Whelan. ([Attachment 28](#)).

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012.