

Approved: February 29, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clay Aurand at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Room 346-S.

All members were present except:

Representative Pat Colloton, excused
Representative Eber Phelps, excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education
Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards
Dave Trabert, President KS Policy Institute
Dr. Janet Barresi, State Superintendent of Oklahoma
Natise Vogt, Walton Rural Life Center
Peter Groff, Former President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
Gary Lewis, Maize, Kansas, Virtual Preparatory School
Susan Patrick, President of International Association for K-12 Online Learning

Others in attendance:

See attached list

Progress in Education - 3 Views

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke to the Committee about what School Boards believe about improving education in Kansas. ([Attachment 1](#))

Dave Trabert, President Kansas Policy Institute spoke to the Committee about facts about student achievement and improving public education. ([Attachment 2](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE EDUCATION Committee at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 19, in of Room 346-S.

Dr. Janet Barresi, State Superintendent of Oklahoma, spoke to the Committee about forward thinking and reform in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is moving ahead with what they call the C3 plan. (Attachment 3)

Questions and answer session followed.

Public School Reform

Natise Vogt, Walton Rural Life Center, spoke to the Committee about the Charter School “Walton Rural Life Center”. (Attachment 4)

Peter Groff, Former President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. (Attachment 5)

Susan Patrick, President of International Association for K-12 Online Learning spoke to the Committee about Virtual Schools and K-12 Online Learning. (Attachment 6)

Gary Lewis, Maize, Kansas, Virtual Preparatory School spoke to the Committee on the many different ways virtual schools offer full-time and supplemental programs. (No written testimony provided)

Question and answer session followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2012.