

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 15, 2009 in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Kansas Legislative Revisor
Matt Sterling, Kansas Legislative Revisor
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Dr. Alexa Posny, Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, appeared before the committee requesting the introduction of a bill that would treat State Board of Education members the same as legislators regarding campaign finance laws. The second deals with the placement of State of Board of Education candidates on the ballot.

Senator Hensley moved to introduce the bills, seconded by Senator Umbarger. The motion carried.

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Dr. Alexa Posny, Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, presented a summary of the state of Education in the State of Kansas as of January, 2009. (Attachment 1)

Sue Storm, State Board of Education member as well as Legislative Liaison for the Board, and Sally Cauble, Assistant Legislative Liaison were introduced as members of the audience.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.