

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Education Committees was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

In attendance were Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, members of the Senate Education Committee and Sonny Rundell, Chairman of the Kansas State Board of Education and members of the Board.

Opening remarks were made by Representative Tanner, Senator Umbarger and Sonny Rundell.

Introduced was Dr. John Augenblick, John Myers and Justin Silverstein, who each spoke of the comprehensive study done by the consulting firm of Augenblick and Myers on the Organization of Kansas School Districts. (Attachment 1).

Dr. John Augenblick gave a detailed explanation on how data was gathered, what sources were used and how the information was compiled to complete the report.

John Myers explained the charts and maps within the report. He said they were not trying to set the boundaries but to just give guidelines.

Justin Silverstein referred to the interview procedures. (Attachment 1-52).

Dr. Augenblick closed with the suggestion that: (1) each district hold a public hearing; (2) report their findings to the State Board of Education and, (3) the State Board act on these suggestions.

Chairman Tanner thanked them for their efforts and Senator Umbarger asked if they would be available to answer any further questions that might arise at a later date. They assured the Committees that they would be available to them.

The Chair asked that members of the media stay following adjournment if they had questions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2001.