

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on February 23, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Representative Phelps moved that the minutes of the meetings of the Select Committee on School Finance for February 7 and 8 be approved. Representative Crow seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

The Chair recognized members of the Milkin Foundation who were present in the audience.

**5rs2211 - concerning school districts; relating to school finance; relating to certain weightings.**

Copies of **5rs2211** were distributed. (Attachment 1).

Theresa Kiernan offered an explanation and answered the questions of Committee members.

A motion was made by Representative Crow and seconded by Representative Merrick that 2211 be included in the School Finance Plan. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**5rs2212 - concerning school finance relating to capital outlay state aid.**

Copies of **5rs2212** were distributed. (Attachments 2 and 3).

Representative O'Neal made the motion that was seconded by Representative Phelps to include 2212 in the School Finance Plan. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**5rs2214 - concerning school districts; relating to school finance.**

Copies of **5rs2214** were distributed. (Attachment 4).

The Chair explained how this would offer the greatest flexibility possible which was something that various superintendents had asked for.

It was moved by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Crow that 2214 be included in the School Finance Plan. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**5rs2215 - concerning school districts; relating to school finance; relating to moneys appropriated to the state department of education.**

Copies of **5rs2215** were distributed. (Attachment 5).

A motion was made by Representative Merrick to include 2215 in the School Finance Plan. Representative O'Neal seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

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Copies of a draft for **5rs2229** were distributed. (Attachment 6).

The Chair explained to the Committee that the proposal for the funding of the School Finance Plan was a three-year phase-in proposal. Copies of this three-year plan were handed out to the Committee. (Attachment 7).

The name for this project was previously known as “Urban At-Risk” but has been changed to “Density At-Risk”.

In trying to make an equalization factor, the name “Correlation Weighting” has been changed to “High Enrollment Equalization Factor”.

A motion was made by Representative O’Neal and seconded by Representative Phelps that **2229** be included, as corrected, in the School Finance Plan. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. The next meeting of the Select Committee on School Finance is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2006.