

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Jerry Henry
Michael Newman, Supt. Elwood, USD 486 and
Wathena, USD 406
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, KSDE

The Chair called the Committee's attention to the brochures for the Education Technology Fair that were made available to them.

Copies of the State Department of Education's Charter Schools/Programs update was distributed.

HB 2625 - relating to schools' allowing for school districts to create shared schools by interlocal agreement; concerning operations and financing thereof.

Representative Henry addressed the Committee regarding **HB 2625** with its balloon amendments. (Attachments 1 and 2).

Dale Dennis and Michael Newman answered the Committees questions regarding **HB 2625**.

Chairperson Decker asked that Representatives Crow and Loyd work with Representative Henry and the Revisor to clarify existing language.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2625**.

HB 2578 - an act establishing the special education teacher service scholarship program.

Representative Storm made the motion that was seconded by Representative Horst that **HB 2578** be worked by the Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Theresa Kiernan explained the balloon amendments to **HB 2578**. (Attachment 3).

Following a Committee discussion the Chair asked that **HB 2578** be given to the Select Committee on School Finance.

A motion was made by Representative Powers and seconded by Representative DeCastro to accept the balloon amendment to **HB 2578**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Horst to strike on page 2, lines 5 through 7, the words, "To the extent practicable and consistent with qualification factors, preference shall be given to students who are licensed teachers and are employed by or under contract with a school district." The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Powers and seconded by Representative Horst to move **HB 2578** as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Education Committee at 9:00 A.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

HB 2712 - an act relating to the special education for exceptional children act.

A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Crow that **HB 2712** be worked by the Committee.

A balloon to **HB 2712** was explained by Theresa Kiernan. Inserted on page 2, (4)(A) "*parent shall be notified of IEP if so desired.*" (Attachment 4).

A motion was made to made this amendment to **HB 2712** by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative DeCastro. The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Kelsey and seconded by Representative Powers to move **HB 2712** favorably as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2006.