

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2000 in Room 123S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
 Jackie Brey Meyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ken Clouse, Director, Northeast Kansas Area Technical School, Atchison
 Linda Henry, Director of Special Programs, Atchison

Others attending: See Attached List

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lawrence who introduced Ken Clouse, Director, Northeast Kansas Area Technical School, Atchison. Mr. Clouse was present to appear on:

HB 2622 - Northeast Kansas technical college, establishment authorized

Mr. Clouse introduced Linda Henry, Director of Special Programs at the school, and they appeared as joint conferees for testimony. (Attachment 1) They spoke of the plan to obtain technical college status and offer the associate of Applied Science degree which will elevate their ability to offer a curriculum that meets the need of current and future students.

Mr. Clouse stated in order for a vocational school to be established as a technical college it must secure approval from the Board of Regents. The next step is to come to the legislature to get legislation enacted. To date, four technical colleges in Wichita, Emporia, Manhattan and Flint Hills have been authorized.

Mr. Clouse and Ms. Henry answered questions and listened to comments from the committee.

Senator Oleen moved to amend HB 2622 by making the act take effect with publication in the Kansas Register and recommending the bill favorably for passage as amended. Senator Umbarger gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairperson thanked the committee for its prompt attendance and adjourned the meeting.