

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on March 1, 2006 in Room 519-S. Of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bruce Baker, Professor, Kansas University
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education
Mark Tallman, KASB

The Chair introduced Representative Charles Roth who then introduced his wife, Marci Roth, recently named Kansas' Special Education Principal of the Year.

HB 2986 - concerning school districts; relating to school finance.

Bruce Baker offered an overview of the Post Audit Cost Studies Review, (Attachment 1), as well as a report on making suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of Kansas. (Attachment 2).

Val DeFever offered testimony regarding the concerns of the small rural districts, (Attachment 3).

Questions and answers followed.

Mark Tallman spoke to the Committee of his organization's concerns regarding (Attachment 4).

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2006.