

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark Tallman, Ks State School Board
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools
Dale Dennis, Ks State Dept. of Education

The Chair spoke to the Committee regarding copies being distributed of an article from the Los Angeles Times analyzing the efficacy of class size. (Attachment 1).

Next to be handed out were copies of a resolution that Chairman Tanner asked members to look at and possibly offer as a resolution of the Committee only, not of the House. (Attachment 2).

HB 2864 - Concerning school districts; relating to lease-purchase agreements.

Dale Dennis explained **HB 2864** to the Committee.

Jacque Oakes offered written testimony from Schools for Quality Education in opposition to **HB 2864**. (Attachment 3).

Mark Tallman spoke as an opponent to **HB 2864**. (Attachment 4).

Diane Gjrstad appeared in opposition to **HB 2864**. (No written testimony).

The hearing on **HB 2864** was closed.

HB 2973 - Concerning schools; requiring boards of education to adopt policies on pupil discipline; providing legal support for certain actions of teachers and school administrators.

Mark Tallman spoke to the Committee in opposition to **HB 2973**. (Attachment 5).

The hearing on **HB 2973** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2002.