

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 March 7, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep. Carlos Mayans  
Rep. Jene Vickery  
Pat Apple, School Board Pres., Louisburg, Ks  
Winston Brooks, Supt., Wichita Public Schools  
John Heim, Supt., Emporia Public Schools  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, KSDE

**HB 2966 - Concerning schools; relating to school finance; relating to school facilities weighting.**

Representative Carlos Mayans spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2966**. (Attachment 1)

Dale Dennis explained the current statutory requirements regarding facilities payments for furnishings and equipping of the building. He said that the current law says that to receive new facilities weighting you have to have twenty-five percent local option budget (LOB). If you do have this and have new facilities, you get 25 percent weighting for each student that is educated in the new facility.

Next to appear in support of **HB 2966** was Winston Brooks. (Attachment 2).

Representative Jene Vickery introduced Dr. Joe Harrison, Superintendent of Schools, USD 416, Louisburg, who was present in the audience.

Pat Apple, President of the Board of Education, USD 416, Louisburg who spoke in favor of **HB 2966**. (Attachment 3).

Speaking briefly as a proponent of **HB 2966** was Mike Pomerico, Superintendent of Schools, Derby. (No attachment).

Emporia USD 253 Superintendent of Schools, John Heim, appeared in support of **HB 2966**. (Attachment 4).

Written testimony in opposition of **HB 2966** was provided by Mark Tallman, KASB. (Attachment 5).

Following a brief question and answer session, the hearing on **HB 2966** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2002.