

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 9:00 A.M. on February 16, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Clay Aurand- excused
Representative Deena Horst- excused
Representative Ted Powers- excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Jones, Ks Assoc. For Gifted, Talented & Creative
Kathy Cook, parent
Ginger Lewman, Ks Assoc. For the Gifted, Talented & Creative
Nancy Leyerzapf, retired Gifted Ed Facilitator
Ryan Scherich, 6th grade student (written testimony)
Dr. Connie Phelps, Professor of Education
Ann Coulson, parent
Roger Templin, parent
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Sandra Lassiter
Dr. Betty Horton, Pres-CEO, Ks Assoc of Public Charter Schools
Desiree Lyons, Individual
Aaron Edwards, Individual
Sparkle Sherrod, Parent
Pastor Cecil Washington
Mark Tallman, Ks Association of School Boards
Dr. Gary George, Olathe School District
Bill Reardon, USD #500
Joe Zima, USD #501
Kathy Cook, Kansas Families United for Public Education
Mark Desetti, KNEA

At the request of Chairman Aurand, Representative Faber served as Chairman of the Education Committee on Friday, February 16, 2007.

HB 2347: Teachers; teacher education programs; licensure requirements; needs of gifted learners

Kathy Jones spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2347** which would require professional development in giftedness for all teachers. (Attachment #1)

Kathy Cook addressed the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2347**. (Attachment #2)

Ginger Lewman informed the Committee that the intention of **HB 2347** was to provide education stakeholders with the understanding of the unique needs of not only our more obvious gifted learners, but also the children who are currently under served in our schools. (Attachment #3)

Nancy Leyerzapf spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2347**. (Attachment #4)

Written testimony was accepted from Ryan Scherich, a 6th grade student in support of **HB 2347**. (Attachment #5)

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Dr. Connie Phelps spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2347.** (Attachment #6)

Ann Coulson spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2347.** (Attachment #7)

Roger Templin also spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2347.** (Attachment #8)

Mark Desetti spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2347.** (Attachment #9)

After questions and answers about the bill, the hearing on **HB 2347** was closed.

HB 2389: School districts; charter schools; appear to state board if petition to establish or renew charter is denied.

Sandra Lassiter spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #10)

Dr. Betty Horton spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #11)

Desiree Lyons spoke to the Committee as a parent and volunteer and expressed her support of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #12)

Sparkle Sherrod spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #13)

Written testimony was accepted from Pastor Cecil Washington who expressed support of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #15)

Mark Tallman spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #16)

Dr. Gary George testified to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #17)

Bill Reardon spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #18)

Joe Zima testified in opposition of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #19)

Kathy Cook told Committee members of concerns with **HB 2389.** (Attachment #20)

Mark Desetti spoke to Committee members in opposition of **HB 2389.** (Attachment #21)

Questions and answers followed the presentations. The hearing was then closed on **HB 2389.**

Sub-Committee members for **HB2310** were advised they would be meeting on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 9:00 AM in 313-S.

The Chairman announced committee action **HB 2090**, **HB 2343**, and **HB 2447** would occur on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007.