

MINUTES

2010 COMMISSION

November 13, 2007
Room 123-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson
Senator Jean Schodorf
Representative Clay Aurand
Representative Sue Storm
Carolyn Campbell
Stephen Iliff
Dennis Jones
Emile McGill
Lee Urban
Aaron Dunkel, KDHE, *ex-officio*
Barb Hinton, *ex-officio*

Members Absent

Dr. Ray Daniels

Staff Present

Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dianne Rosell, Office of the Revisor of Statute
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Others Present

Sharee Utash, VP Academic and Student Affairs, Cowley Community College
Mike Reecht, K-12, Inc.
John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards
Rob Mealy, Little Government Relations
Dodie Wellshear, United School Administrators/Kansas
Kevin Belt, Kansas National Education Association
Gayle Shaw, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Jennie Rose, Kansas Children's Service League
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education
Doug Mays, USD 501

Morning Session Tuesday, November 13

The meeting of the 2010 Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rochelle Chronister.

Chairperson Chronister asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of October 22-23, 2007. *Dennis Jones moved to accept the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Emile McGill. The motion carried.*

Community College Teacher Shortage

Sharee Utash, Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs, Cowley Community College and representing Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, spoke to Commission members of the teacher shortage and faculty hiring challenges.

Ms. Utash stated there is growing difficulty to be competitive in hiring full-time faculty due to salary competition with business, industry, and public education. Institutions are finding the traditional nine-month contract insufficient for teachers. Institutions will soon need to institute a twelve-month contract with benefits. She further stated competitive areas of business and industry do not operate on a nine-month basis.

Ms. Utash told Commission members that most institutions have reported they have not hired retired faculty from their own institutions for full-time positions over the last three years. Reports seem to indicate that when faculty retire from community colleges, they often begin a second career in another area other than teaching.

Ms. Utash reported that faculty, getting close to retirement at many of the community colleges, tend to have had long careers at one institution. The majority of institutions reported they expect a very large retirement of faculty in the next five to ten years (Attachment 1).

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Review of Report to the 2008 Legislature

Michele Alishahi, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an overview of the 2010 Commission Report to the 2008 Legislature (Attachment 2).

After reviewing the report, Commission members made minor changes, corrections and additions to the report.

In the report under the category of Other Issues, the following was stated:

- As part of its statutory responsibility, the 2010 Commission reviewed the various weightings in the School Finance Act. Because of this, the Commission recommends that the second level of funding for at-risk students, the high-density formula, be based on the prior year's data and be determined using a linear transition calculation.

Representative Aurand moved to recommend a linear transition so the cost is revenue

neutral. Stephen Illiff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- The State Department of Education require training of newly hired school district clerks on the Kansas Accounting Handbook; returning clerks should be required to complete a refresher course.

Stephen Illiff moved to change the wording to include “require every district to use The Kansas Accounting Handbook and require training of newly hired school district clerks.” Dennis Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Carolyn Campbell stated that in reference to the recommendation of increasing the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) by \$100 in SFY 2009, she wanted to be on record as opposing the one year recommendation and next year she may want to recommend more money than a \$100 increase for the 2009-2010 school year.

Stephen Illiff moved to ratify the approval of the three audits directed to be conducted by the Commission at the June 2007 meeting. Dennis Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairperson Chronister told Commission members the next meeting for the 2010 Commission is tentatively set for January 25, 2008.

Representative Storm moved to adopt the Report of the 2010 Commission to the 2008 Kansas Legislature, as amended. Carolyn Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Approved by Committee on:

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