

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on January 23, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent

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:

Senator John Vratil  
Jim Edwards, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Representative Bill Otto  
Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association

**HB 2015 - School accreditation, student performance standards; implementation of federal education programs.**

Chairman Aurand introduced Senator John Vratil who spoke in support of **HB 2015**. (Attachment #1)

Jim Edwards spoke of his organization's concerns to **HB 2015**. (Attachment #2)

Following questions and answers of the Committee, the Chairman appointed a sub-committee to make necessary changes to **HB 2015**. The Chairman appointed Representative Otto as Chairman. Representatives Storm, Mah, Rhoades, and Horst were also appointed to the sub-committee.

The hearing on **HB 2015** was then suspended.

**HB 2022 - School district board members; restrictions on school district work.**

The Chair recognized Representative Otto who spoke in support of **HB 2022**. (Attachment #3)

Mark Desetti spoke of his organization's opposition to **HB 2022** with the following: 1) suggest that the committee amend **HB 2022** by striking in line 23 after the word "district" all language through line 24; and 2) request that the committee strike section 1 (c) and amend section 1 (b) to simply prohibit sitting school board members from voting on a contract with their own business. (Attachment #4)

Jim Edwards also spoke of his organization's opposition to **HB 2022**. (Attachment #5)

Following questions and answers, the hearing on **HB 2022** was then closed.

The Chair inquired if any member had bill introductions and recognized Representative Mah.

Representative Mah stated she had a bill which would extend the time from 1 year to 5 years for students to be able to come back to Kansas and get in-state tuition. Representative Mah moved the motion and was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Storm stated she was doing this for Representative Huntington but certainly agreed with programs for bullying. Representative moved the motion and was seconded by Representative Loganbill. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007.