

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:05 A.M. on February 21, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Marc Rhoades- excused

Committee staff present:  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Dianne Rosell, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association

**HB 2870: School districts; authorizing pay differential for certain teachers**

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave an explanation of **HB 2870** to Committee members.

Sharon Wenger, Research Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reported to Committee members information she had researched regarding pay differential programs for teachers. (Attachment #1)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), appeared before Committee members on behalf of Patricia Baker, Deputy Executive Director/General Counsel, KASB, and in support of **HB 2870**. (Attachment #2)

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Mark Desetti, Director, Legislative and Political Advocacy, Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) spoke to Committee members in opposition of **HB 2870**. (Attachment #3)

Mr. Desetti also referred to an article from Education Week as well as a graph which compared teacher earnings state by state with the earnings for comparable jobs in the same state. (Attachment #4 and #5)

Mr. Desetti also distributed a publication entitled 'Great Teachers for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools: A realistic plan to address the recruitment and retention of teachers.' (Attachment #6)

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Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2870**.

Chairman Aurand asked Committee members for discussion **HB 2778** as to whether to work the bill or appoint a sub-committee for further work. Committee members responded by a majority vote to not appoint a sub-committee for **HB 2778** (dyslexia). Several members stated that even though they voted not to work the bill, they still thought there was reason for some action

Chairman Aurand told Committee members a sub-committee would be formed for **HB 2903** (teacher licensure) and appointed the following: Representative Horst as Chair, Representatives Spalding, Otto, Mah, and Trimmer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2008.