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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Clay Aurand

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussimanio-KLRD  
Eunice Peters-Revisor  
Edw. Balda-Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative TerriLois Gregory  
Dale Dennis-Deputy Commissioner of Education  
April Holman-Kansas Action for Children, Children's Initiative Fund  
Cammie Braden-Keystone Parents as Teachers, Parents as Teachers Assn.  
Mark Tallman-Kansas Association of School Boards  
Amy Deckard- KLRD  
Terry Leathereman-Dir. Of External Affairs, Communities in Schools of Kansas  
Cheryl Semmel-United School Administrators of Kansas

Others in attendance: see attached list

Chairman Lana Gordon greeted the members and opened the meeting.

Reagan Cussimanio presented testimony ([Attachment 1](#)) and gave details from pages 16-19, and page 20 regarding budgets from FYI 2012 as compared to FYI 2013. Representative Arpke asked for information about the new location and moving expenses for the Board of Education. Representative Cassidy inquired as to the status of the tobacco fund settlement.

Dale Dennis gave testimony ([Attachment 2](#)) from the booklet *Budget Appeal to the Legislature*. Mention was made of the current appeal to revoke the *No Child Left Behind* program. The lease on the current State Board of Education building was discussed. That lease expires at the end of 2012. Questions were asked by Representatives Cassidy, Winn and Landwehr. Representative Arpke requested more information on the Board of Education's move.

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Gregory addressed the members with her testimony ([Attachment 3](#)) and gave a brief explanation. She introduced Terry Leatherman, of Communities in Schools of Kansas. T. Leatherman gave his testimony ([Attachment 4](#)). His new program of Drop Out Prevention has become very successful in many Kansas schools.

April Holman presented her testimony ([Attachment 5](#)) and gave explanation of their budget requests. The Tobacco Fund issue was discussed as well as the Parents as Teachers Program. Representative Winn asked about the newborn screening program. Representative Spalding inquired about the Early Childhood Investment Grant. Chairman Gordon asked as to the status of the Smoking Prevention Grant.

Cammie Braden presented testimony ([Attachment 6](#)). Topics regarding risk prevention, rural families and home visitations were reviewed.

Mark Tallman addressed the members with his testimony ([Attachment 7](#)) Representative Arpke requested information pertaining to the statewide increase in property values.

Amy Deckard, KLRD gave presentation ([Attachment 8](#)) on the Children's Initiative Fund and the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund Summary. Questions were asked by Representatives Cassidy, Spalding, Feuerborn and Chairman Gordon.

Cheryl Semmel presented her testimony ([Attachment 9](#)) which focused on tech-ed programs. These programs have been hit especially hard with the state budget cuts. Other topics addressed were professional development, school bond issues and patron relationships. State contributions and LOB s were mentioned as well. There were questions and discussion from Representatives Arpke, O'Brien and Chairman Gordon.

Following the discussion, the meeting was adjourned.  
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