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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30 on Monday, March 12, 2012 in room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Brenda Landwehr

Committee staff present:

Jason Long-KLRD
Reagan Cussimano-KLRD
Edw. Balda, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Proponents:
Representative Mike O'Neal

Opponents:

Mark Tallman-KASB
Dr. Brenda Dietrich-Superintendent of Schools, USD 437, USA / KS
Lynn Rogers-Wichita Public Schools, USD 259
Michael Jones-Topeka Public Schools

Neutral: none

Written: none

Others in attendance: see attached list

HB 2773 authorizing the expenditure of unencumbered balances held by school districts; reducing local option budget authority in certain circumstances.

HB 2777—Authorizing the payment for paraprofessional services by school districts to the state school for the deaf and the state school for the blind

Chairman Gordon opened the Committee session and asked Jason Long to review the bill **HB 2773**. He discussed the ballooned bill (Attachment 1). He also presented a computer printout showing cash balances and adjusted FTE enrollment (Attachment 2). Questions were asked by Representative Spalding regarding the various funds and the LOB funds. Dale Dennis helped

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explain this bill and gave his point of view. Speaker Mike O'Neil gave his testimony (Attachment 3) and reviewed the issue of unencumbered funds. (He prefers to see school districts use any extra funds rather than banking them. This could possibly allow the property tax to be lowered.) Representative Feuerborn asked for details on the Garner-Edgerton school district finances. Representative Spalding asked for clarification on the budget sheets presented by Jason Long. Representative Aurand addressed Mr. Long for clarification as well.

Mark Tallman addressed the members with his testimony (Attachment 4) of spreadsheets. He received no questions.

Dr. Brenda Dietrich presented testimony (Attachment 5) which she proceeded to review and explain.

Lynn Rogers spoke in opposition and presented testimony (Attachment 6).

Representative Feuerborn commented to the Committee that the Driver's Ed programs also acquire fees. He asked if anyone knew how much money was collected from schools from other class fees. There was no answer.

The hearing **HB2773** was closed.

The Chairman then asked the Committee to discuss the **HB 2777**. Jason Long gave a brief review of the bill. Representative Spalding asked for further clarification. Representative Siegfried spoke to the members as a strong proponent to the bill. Representative Feuerborn spoke approval of the bill and made a motion to pass. This was seconded by Representative Cassidy. There was no discussion, a vote was taken and **HB 2777 was carried and passed on**.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50