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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duane Goossen at 3:30pm on January 12, 1993 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lane (excused)
Representative Pottorff (excused)

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes Dale Dennis, Assistant Commissioner State Department of Education Joyce Harralson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Max O. Heim, Director Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability

Others attending: see attached list.

Committee rules were distributed.

Dr. Max O. Heim, Director, presented The Report to the Kansas Legislature from the Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability (Attachment: booklet on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department) The commission was established by the 1992 Legislature in an effort to standardize education in the state. The commission consists of 39 voting members who have been involved in holding eight public hearings on education, each six to eight hours in length, throughout the state, between July 6 and December 15, 1992.

The report covered the challenge, vision, underlying principles, statewide goals, strategies and realities of education in Kansas. The report stated that it is essential that each Kansan accept and act on the following four principles for improving education:

- 1. Every child can and must learn at significantly higher levels to be equipped to become a contributing citizen of our state, our nation and the world.
- 2. Every child needs a mentor-advocate.
- 3. Every Kansan should expect to engage in life-long learning.
- 4. Every educator and responsible educational or political entity must become more productive and accountable for student learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 at 3:30 p.m. in 519-S.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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