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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duane Goossen at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 1993 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Benlon (excused)  
Representative Blumenthal (excused)  
Representative Kline (excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Joyce Harralson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Lee Droegemueller, Commissioner of Education  
Dr. John Poggio, University of Kansas

Others attending: See attached list

Information and sign-up sheets were distributed regarding the New Stanley School tour scheduled for February 8.

Dr. Droegemueller addressed the committee to provide some background on Dr. Poggio. Dr. Poggio for the past 12 years has been working with the state board to develop assessment instruments in conjunction with legislation that was passed and directions from the state board. Initially he provided tests of essential skills, as well as the essential skills. He has a major consulting contract with the state of California on assessments. He has also worked with Alabama, South Dakota, Georgia, Texas and other states in the development of tests. He has done consulting work with educational testing on teacher assessment. He recently was assisting Kuwait with revamping their educational system after Operation Desert Storm. He is skilled in creating good assessment documents and knows how to make changes in assessments so that we can measure the standards that we think are necessary to create the best students in the world.

Dr. Poggio addressed the committee regarding questions the committee had regarding assessment.

His job is to coordinate hundreds of Kansas educators to bring to the table individuals who have a vision for what education needs to be in this state, seeing what others are doing, and then charting a course for the students in this state. This is coordinated with the Department of Education, The Commissioner of Education, the Office of Evaluation and the Kansas Board of Education..

Dr. Poggio distributed exams that will be administered to students. Due to these documents being secure documents they were unavailable as attachments to the minutes and committee members were not allowed to keep copies. These documents are archived at the Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas and may be viewed there at any time.

He described the tests that were used in 1989 while under the rubric of skills testing, minimum competency testing and essential skills testing. At that time the legislature withdrew it's mandate for skills testing. The State Board stepped in with an initiative that said we have to strive for that which is more than minimum. We must strive for world class standards.

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He then compared the old tests with the new tests. The new tests are geared more towards the students ability to read, comprehend and apply knowledge. In math estimation skills, problem solving, non-routine problem solving, reasoning, communications and the ability to think and evaluate information quantitatively. It also evaluates students attitudes towards mathematics. The tests are designed to support the QPA mission.

The cost of the assessments (training, scoring and reporting) will be \$1.5 million in Fiscal Year 1994. One third of that will be spent on writing assessment alone. The cost for all tests except writing will average \$2.00 per test, with writing assessments averaging \$5.00 per student. The Government Accounting Office figures the average cost of assessment nationally at \$4.00 per student for paper and pencil tests and \$10.00 per student for writing assessments.

Tests will be given on the following levels beginning in the Spring of 1994:

Science	Grades 2, 5, 8 and 11
Social Studies	Grades 5, 8 and 12
Mathematics	Grades 4, 7 and 10
Reading	Grades 3, 7 and 10
Writing	Yet to be determined
Speech	Yet to be determined
Listening	Yet to be determined

There will be multiple forums to avoid teaching to the tests. There will be 2 or three forms of tests in each area for each grade.

There will be a problem with teachers and students adjusting to the new form of testing. The teachers and students have been told about the tests and what is coming. It is being studied through survey as to how to make it more accommodating to those involved.

New tests will be developed annually.

The first step is teaching our educators how to teach. Two days of training will be provided to each teacher regarding the assessment tests. Remedial training may be necessary to teachers and students.

Dale Dennis stated that the cost of these assessments are about half that amount of other places. The Governor, feeling that this could possibly be too much testing in one year, recommended that we fund half the testing one year and the other half the next year. That is still before the Ways and Means Committee.

HB 2056: Relating to employee contracts at the State School for the Blind and the State School for the Deaf

Rep. Empson made a motion for the passage of HB 2056, and that it be placed on the consent calendar. Representative Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2058: Relating to due process hearings for Special Education

Representative Bowden made a motion for the passage of HB 2058, and that it be placed on the consent calendar. Representative Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2067: Relating to the Kansas High School Activities Association restructuring

Representative Reinhardt made a motion to change HB 2067 to allow the State Board of Education to appoint the 4 at-large positions rather than the KHSAA Executive Board appointing those positions (Attachment #1). Representative Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative McKechnie made a motion to change HB 2067 to make the KHSAA subject to the open records law and to require all directors, members of the appeal board, and all other personnel, except custodial, clerical or maintenance personnel to file written statements of substantial interests as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.(Attachment #2). Representative Ballard seconded the motion.

Representative Bowden requested that the amendment be divided with the open records law being the first amendment and the statements of financial interest as a second amendment. Chairman Goossen ruled that the amendment was divisible. The first portion of the amendment carried. The second portion failed.

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Representative Bowden made a motion for the passage of HB 2067 as amended. Representative Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 1993.



## GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: House Education

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Revised

Proposed Amendment  
to House Bill No. 2067

Be amended:

On page 3, in line 6, after the period by inserting "Upon selection of the foregoing directors, the state board of education shall be provided with a list of such directors. In order to attain, when necessary, and insofar as possible, representation of ethnic minority groups and both genders on the board of directors, the state board shall appoint not more than four additional directors from the public at large.";

Also on page 3, in line 11, after the period, by inserting "Insofar as possible, membership on the executive board shall be representative of ethnic minority groups, both genders, and all geographical areas of the state.";

Also on page 3, in line 23, by striking all after "(e)"; by striking all of lines 24 and 25; in line 26, by striking "(f)";

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Proposed Amendment  
to House Bill No. 2067

Be amended:

On page 2, following line 31, by inserting a new paragraph as follows:

"(7) Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.";

On page 3, in line 7, after the period, by inserting "All directors shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 3, in line 22, after the period, by inserting "All members of the appeal board shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 3, in line 29, after the period, by inserting "The executive director and all other personnel, except custodial, clerical or maintenance personnel, employed by the executive board pursuant to this subsection, shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.";

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Attachment 2-1  
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