

Approved: 3/7/94
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 12:30 p.m. on February 25, 1994 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
LaVonne Mumert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

SB 630 - Community colleges, instruction at military reservations, out-district tuition charges in regents counties

During discussion of the bill, reference was made to the classes at McConnell AFB which have been taught for about 20 years by Butler County Community College (as discussed during the hearing on the bill). It was noted that the classes may possibly be taught by an out-of-state contractor if Butler County Community College is not given approval by Wichita State University. However, if Butler County does continue the classes, they will be eligible for out-district aid. It was pointed out that many of the AFB personnel taking the courses will not remain as Kansas residents on a permanent basis. Senator Oleen said that the Department of Defense has some funding for continuing education and suggested that might be an avenue to be pursued.

Senator Emert made a motion that the Committee recommend that the bill be referred to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee for study during the interim and that Chairman Kerr write a letter to the South Central Kansas Post-secondary Education Consortium requesting that they study this issue. Senator Downey seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SB 803 - School districts, charter schools

Senator Emert made a motion that SB 803 be amended by deleting the reference to the appeals process to the State Board of Education, beginning on line 28, page three. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

It was noted that the bill may not specifically prohibit a school with students of only one gender. However, there are other safeguards to prevent such an occurrence. In response to a question, staff advised that the definition of at risk in the bill is the same definition as the at risk pupil in the educational excellence grant program. After discussion, Senator Walker made a motion that SB 803 be further amended by deleting all references in the bill which exempt the employees from the terms and conditions of the professional negotiations act, evaluation, due process, etc. Senator Downey seconded the motion, and the motion failed.

Senator Corbin made a motion that SB 803, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. Senator Tiahrt seconded the motion. Senator Walker made a substitute motion that the Committee recommend that SB 803 be studied during the interim. Senator Downey seconded the substitute motion, and the substitute motion failed. The primary motion carried.

Senator Emert made a motion that the minutes of February 24 be corrected to indicate that Senator Jones seconded the motion to recommend SB 565 favorably for passage and that the minutes of February 23 and 24, as corrected, be approved. Senator Walker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 12:30 p.m. on February 25, 1994.

The Committee was provided with an article regarding teachers wanting to spend more of their time teaching (Attachment No. 1).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 1994.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 12:30 PLACE: 123-S DATE: 2/25/94

GUEST LIST

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Teachers want less time spent in meetings, more time for teaching

By Elaine Bessier
Sun Staff Writer

Shawnee Mission teachers want to spend less time on meetings, training, and special projects and get back to the job of teaching, negotiators for the teachers said in the opening session Tuesday to hammer out a 1994-95 contract.

To obtain relief from burdensome, non-instructional duties was the first goal set out by the Shawnee Mission National Education Association.

They also want the two days before students report on Aug. 24 to be devoted to getting ready for their students in their rooms instead of to in-service training.

"The burdensome addition of QPA duties, technology time demands, curriculum councils, principal's councils, after-hours special education meetings, building in-service, and a myriad of other duties are in conflict with the district's desire to increase the rigor of the academic program," their proposal said.

Al Ringer, the teachers' chief negotiator, pleaded, "We need relief so we can do our primary duty."

Many of the activities are related to including teachers in the decision-making process, which is what the teachers have been asking for, said Ken Cheves, principal of Mill Creek Elementary School and a member of the board's negotiations team.

"But some place down the line, we have to say we can't do all these things," said Marilyn

Flannagan, NEASM director.

Deputy Superintendent Bob DiPierro said the district had made an effort to cut down on pilot programs by limiting them to one a year.

Teachers propose a maximum of one meeting each week, with the teachers in each building deciding whether the meeting would be before or after the school day. The meeting would be no more than 40 minutes beyond the contract day.

Committees would be volun-

tary and events and duties should occur during the contract day or be compensated at the hourly rate.

In a discussion of the school calendar, the only disagreement was in the number of in-service days for teachers.

DiPierro said in-service days were needed for introduction of new programs, technology training and other orientation. He agreed to invite Gene Johnson, associate superintendent

of curriculum and instruction, to explain those needs at the next negotiation session on March 2.

Johnson said Thursday that one of the two days before school starts would be used for curriculum implementation, including a new middle school reading program and the elementary school Open Court reading program.

"We will also be finishing up any technology training that needs to take place for teachers," Johnson said. "Fifteen schools will be installed with district

technology programs next summer."

All schools also have to develop a school improvement plan as part of the state-mandated QPA. They also need to organize for site visits by the State Board of Education.

The other day is devoted to orientation by the principals in each school. Some time is left open for teachers to ready their rooms.

"Without those days, we'd be in a world of hurt," Johnson said.

The two sides hope to reach an agreement by April 27.

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Attachment 1