MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

A motion was made by Representative DeCastro and seconded by Representative Williams to approve the committee minutes for February 10, 11, 12 and 13. The motion carried on a voice vote.

HB 2210 - Relating to consolidation of administrative services.

The Chair called the committee's attention to copies of information collected from the State Department of Education on county school districts with enrollments of less than 10,000. (Attachment 1).

It was moved by Representative DeCastro and seconded by Representative Craft that the committee work **HB 2210**. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Copies of Representative Decker's proposed amendment to <u>HB 2210</u> were distributed . (<u>Attachment 2</u>). Representative Decker pointed out the suggested changes to the bill.

Representative Reardon then spoke to the committee of the amendments he proposed to <u>HB 2210</u>. (Attachment 3).

Representative Yonally referred to Representative Decker's proposed amendment to **HB 2210**. He asked that on page one, line 14, that instead of amending 2005 to 2004, it be amended to 2006.

Jill Wolters suggested this amendment be left to read "2004 or at the end of the current contract or whichever is later".

A motion to amend Representative Decker's proposed amendment to **HB 2210** was made by Representative Yonally and seconded by Representative Reardon. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Decker that lines 18 and 19 on page 1 of **HB 2210** be struck. Representative Storm seconded the motion to amend and it passed on a voice vote.

The Chair pointed out a section of <u>HB 2210</u> on page 3, line 42 where she wished to make a conceptual amendment. Following the word "committee" she wanted to insert, "of the same type and number that originally hired the administrator to meet and renegotiate that contract". Each board would approve the negotiations.

The motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative Hutchins to make this conceptual amendment to **HB 2210**.

The committee recessed at 10:30 a.m. in order for the committee to attend the House session.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12 at on February 21, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Jill Wolters explained how the conceptual amendment to **HB 2110** would read. Following this a vote was called for on this amendment.

The motion to conceptually amend **HB 2110** passed on a voice vote.

Representative Decker offered the amendment in New Section 2 on page 3 of the balloon.

It was moved by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative Beggs that this amendment be made to **HB 2110**. The motion failed on a show of hands.

It was moved by Representative Reardon that his amendment to **HB 2110** in New Section 2 on page 3 of the balloon be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Williams and passed on a voice vote.

The Chair told the committee that in regard to <u>HB 2110's</u> she wished to leave unproposed the New Section 3 on page 4 of the balloon amendment. She said she wanted to see what happened in the Appropriations Committee with the other piece of legislation. If the moratorium on the new building projects passes, she would then offer this amendment.

Representative Morrison moved that all counties have just one administration center. The motion was seconded by Representative Mason and passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Reardon and seconded by Representative Storm that **HB 2110** be tabled. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2003.

OUNTY NAME	# USD PER COUNTY	COUNTY POPULATION	USD #/ NAME	FTE (includes 4yr at risk)	SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	ASSISTANT SUPER SALARY	*2001/2002 General Administration
Anderson	2	8110	USD 365/ Garnett	1097.5	\$81,912		\$226,511
Anderson		8110	USD 479/ Crest	247.5	\$70,741		
Barber	2	5307	USD 254/ Barber Co.	627.0	\$82,344		\$139,756 <u>9</u>
Barber		5307	USD 255/ South Barber	291.5	\$66,595		\$195,374 . !!
Chautauqua	2	4359	USD 285/ Cedar Vale	194.0	\$76,581		\$139,756 \$195,374 \$124,439 \$256,302
Chautauqua		4359	USD 286/ Chautauqua	458.0	\$87,978		\$256,302 Sm
Cheyenne	2	3165	USD 103/ Cheylin	171.5	\$77,000		\$167,527
Cheyenne		3165	USD 297/ St. Francis	392.8	\$76,766		\$155,749 #
Clark	2	2390	USD 219/ Minneola	264.8	\$70,907		\$167,527 \$155,749 \$131,166 \$131,166 \$170,750 \$170,750 \$169,128
Clark		2390	USD 220/ Ashland	242.2	\$76,772		\$89,974 H
Coffey	3	8865	USD 243/ Lebo-Waverly	582.0	\$70,928		\$170,750 ons
Coffey		8865	USD 244/ Burlington	844.5	\$88,646		\$169,128 H C 7
Coffey		8865	USD 245/ LeRoy-Gridley	303.5	\$64,400		\$358,826
Decatur	2	3472	USD 294/ Oberlin	452.0	\$78,718		\$192,350
Decatur		3472	USD 295/ Prairie Heights	73.0	\$60,000		\$240,419
Doniphan	5	8249	**USD 406/ Wathena	387.0	\$39,160		\$120,332 \$437,200
Doniphan		8249	**USD 425/ Highland	271.0	\$49,917		\$137,300 \$165,830
Doniphan		8249	USD 429/ Troy	369.5	\$84,600		\$165,838
Doniphan		8249	**USD 433/ Midway	204.5	\$43,128		\$211,774
Doniphan		8249	**USD 486/ Elwood	322.5	\$39,092		\$123,404 \$123,710
Edwards	2	3449	USD 347/ Kinsely-Offerle	290.5	\$74,310		\$133,719 \$200,004
Edwards		3449	USD 502/ Lewis	160.5	\$71,100		\$200,094 \$110,583
Elk	2	3261	USD 282/ West Elk	453.2	\$82,820	\$67,920	\$110,582 \$202,235
Elk		3261	USD 283/ Elk Valley	210.0	\$73,500	Ψ01,920	\$202,235 \$157,436
Ellsworth	2	6525	USD 327/ Ellsworth	640.8	\$71,951		\$157,426 \$347,619
Ellsworth		6525	USD 328/ Lorraine	489.0	\$68,600		118 CONT. 150 CONT. 150 CONT.
Gove	3	3068	USD 291/ Grinnell	127.5	\$68,900		\$264,800 \$103,334
Gove		3068	USD 292/ Grainfield	179.0	\$73,824		\$103,334 \$147,134
Gove		3068	USD 293/ Quinter	368.9	\$73,078		\$147,134 \$192,770
Gray	4	5904	USD 102/ Cimarron-Ensign	665.6	\$80,953		\$182,779 \$166,586
<u> </u>		5904	USD 371/ Montezuma	227.5	\$76,842		\$166,586 \$158,365
У		5904	USD 476/ Copeland	128.5	\$47,000		\$158,365 \$121,251
Gray		5904	USD 477/ Ingalls	247.0	\$70,628		\$121,251 \$146,467

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Greenwood	3	7673	USD 386/ Madison-Virgil	204.4	\$74.400		*** **** ****
Greenwood		7673	USD 389/ Eureka	281.1	\$74,408		\$160,616
Greenwood		7673	USD 390/ Hamilton	708.8	\$76,654		\$441,916
Harper	2	6536	USD 361/ Anthony-Harper	106.5	\$62,514		\$94,878
Harper		6536	USD 511/ Attica	971.8 427.5	\$79,125	\$59,125	\$329,999
Haskell	2	4307	USD 374/ Sublette	137.5	\$82,018		\$132,173
Haskell		4307	USD 507/ Satanta	462.6	\$73,538		\$485,159
Hodgeman	2	2085	USD 227/ Jetmore	420.0	\$78,237		\$271,638
Hodgeman		2085	USD 228/ Hanston	311.5	\$57,630		\$83,954
Jewell	3	3791	USD 104/ White Rock	132.0	\$63,616		\$99,336
Jewell		3791	**USD 278/ Mankato	129.5 244.0	\$70,000		\$71,193
Jewell		3791	**USD 279/ Jewell	177.5	\$37,750 \$37,750		\$142,415
Kearny	2	4531	USD 215/ Lakin	701.5	\$37,750		\$88,799
Kearny		4531	USD 216/ Deerfield	329.3	\$82,141		\$284,413
Kingman	2	8673	USD 331/ Kingman	529.5 1176.9	\$81,767	#00.00 F	\$192,620
Kingman		8673	USD 332/ Cunningham	275.0	\$74 G44	\$88,685	\$515,623
Kiowa	3	3278	USD 422/ Greensburg	314.4	\$74,641 \$70,056		\$186,987
Kiowa		3278	USD 424/ Mullinville	125.7	\$70,056 \$67,720		\$178,484
Kiowa		3278	USD 474/ Haviland	171.1	\$67,720 \$60,033		\$180,676
Lane	2	2155	USD 468/ Healy	112.5	\$63,000		\$189,144
Lane		2155	USD 482/ Dighton	260.1	\$66,500		\$175,631 \$276,246
Lincoln	2	3578	USD 298/ Lincoln	390.6	\$78,814		\$276,346 \$476,343
Lincoln		3578	USD 299/ Sylvan Grove	162.3	\$59,000		\$176,312 \$115,388
Linn	3	9570	USD 344/ Pleasanton	398.0	\$68,080		\$115,288 \$208.055
Linn		9570	USD 346/ Jayhawk	613.1	\$83,345		\$208,055 \$202,400
Linn		9570	USD 362/ Prairie View	984.5	\$86,989		\$202,190 \$307,760
Logan	2	3046	USD 274/ Oakley	418.3	\$72,672		\$397,760 \$492,414
Logan		3046	USD 275/ Triplains	87.0	\$69,995		
Meade	2	4631	USD 225/ Fowler	174.1	\$62,662		\$137,341 \$152,757
Meade		4631	USD 226/ Meade	484.4	\$85,000		\$152,757 \$211,222
Mitchell	2	6932	USD 272/ Waconda	463.7	\$75,233		\$211,232 \$240,442
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ton	2	3496	USD 217/ Rolla	237.0	\$79,790		\$355,647 \$134,050
Morton		3496	USD 218/ Elkhart	635.5	\$88,792		\$278,703
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Ness		3454	USD 302/ Smoky Hill	125.0	\$78,977		\$101,893	
Ness		3454	USD 303/ Ness City	271.3	\$75,000		\$81,480	
Ness		3454	USD 304/ Bazine	89.0	\$81,452		\$196,133 \$127,603	
Norton	3	5953	USD 211/ Norton	401.5	\$78,961		\$127,603	
Norton		5953	USD 212/ Northern Valley	168.5	\$61,200		\$220,541	
Norton		5953	USD 213/ West Solomon	65.2	\$36,300		\$130,223	
Ottawa	2	6163	USD 239/ North Ottawa Co.	617.1	\$76,528		\$58,614 \$207,642	
Ottawa		6163	USD 240/ Twin Valley	623.5	\$74,840		\$207,642	
Pawnee	2	7233	USD 495/ Ft. Larned	914.6	\$81,214		\$265,324	
Pawnee		7233	USD 496/ Pawnee Heights	169.0	\$64,660		\$321,627	
Phillips	3	6001	USD 324/ Eastern Heights	163.0	\$73,000		\$159,420 \$144,220	
Phillips		6001	USD 325/ Phillipsburg	642.5	\$70,000		\$144,239	
Phillips		6001	USD 326/ Logan	198.0	\$72,564		\$284,248	
Pratt	2	9647	USD 382/ Pratt	1139.2	\$84,018	\$70,129	\$107,127 \$207,076	
Pratt		9647	USD 438/ Skyline	406.1	\$82,500	Ψ10,129	\$307,076 \$179,057	
Rawlins	2	2966	USD 317/ Herndon	84.0	\$67,820		\$67,217	
Rawlins		2966	USD 318/ Atwood	330.5	\$79,850			
Republic	3	5835	USD 426/ Pike Valley	271.0	\$61,800		\$157,340 \$137,876	
Republic		5835	USD 427/ Belleville	512.5	\$74,044		\$174,086	
Republic	200	5835	**USD 455/ Hillcrest	131.5	\$37,500		\$166,441	
Rooks	3	5685	USD 269/ Palco	152.0	\$74,698		\$123,457	
Rooks		5685	USD 270/ Plainville	384.4	\$72,420		\$315,523	
Rooks		5685	USD 271/ Stockton	374.1	\$73,234		\$168,202	
Rush	2	3551	USD 395/ LaCrosse	336.2	\$85,376		\$184,166	
Rush		3551	USD 403/ Otis-Bison	253.5	\$78,640		\$190,079	
Russell	2	7370	USD 399/ Paradise	139.5	\$64,726		\$101,251	
Russell		7370	USD 407/ Russell	1016.7	\$84,569	\$77,164	\$347,760	
Smith	2	4536	USD 237/ Smith Center	492.1	\$87,430	$\psi i i$, $i \circ 4$	\$219,556	
Smith		4536	USD 238/ West Smith Co.	200.5	\$74,698		Albert and the Albert	
Stafford	3	4789	USD 349/ Stafford	328.3	\$73,800		\$165,518 \$140,703	
Stafford		4789	USD 350/ St. John-Hudson	461.0	\$73,900		\$140,792 \$153,404	
ford		4789	USD 351/ Macksville	277.0	\$68,000		\$153,494 \$242,353	
Sievens	2	5463	USD 209/ Moscow	254.9	\$81,667		\$206,095	
Stevens		5463	USD 210/ Hugoton	970.3	\$83,800		\$200,095 \$240,209	
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USD 406/ 486 USD 221/455

USD 425/433

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^{*} The General Administration amount includes certified and noncertified salaries, employee benefits, purchase of professional and technology services, insurance, communication, supplies, equipment, and other expressional serving more than one school district:

HOUSE BILL No. 2210

By Representative Decker

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to the consolidation of administrative services; concerning consolidation of small school districts; amending K.S.A. 72-8202b and repealing the existing section.

into countywide

concerning capital improvements;

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) On or before July 1, 2005, school districts in a county having a population of 10,000 or less and which has two or more school districts within the county boundaries shall consolidate administrative services.

- (b) The superintendent's office shall be located in the county seat of such county.
- (c) School districts which are located in more than one county shall be considered to be part of the county where the majority of the land lying within the boundaries of such county is located.
- (d) The boards of education of any two or more school districts which are required to consolidate administrative services pursuant to subsection (a) are hereby authorized to enter into agreements to form a consolidated administrative service.
- New Sec. 2. (a) At any time after July 1, 2005, any school district which has an enrollment of 125 or less shall consolidate with the school district which is in the closest proximity to such school district to form one consolidated unified school district.
- (b) The state board shall issue an order establishing the unified school district. Such order shall assign a number and describe the boundaries of such district.
- New Sec. 3. (a) The boards of education of any two or more school districts which are required to consolidate pursuant to section 2, and mendments thereto, are hereby authorized to enter into agreements to orm one consolidated unified school district. The territory of the consolidated unified school district shall be all of the territory of the school districts being consolidated. The agreement shall provide for school board

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representation from each of the former school districts.

(b) The election of board members at the next following school election shall be by the method of election and voting plan provided in the agreement for the consolidated unified school district, and at such election seven new board members shall be elected. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the general school election shall serve as board members for four-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for two-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election, except where a member-district method of election is in effect in which case persons elected to even-numbered board member positions shall serve for two-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election and persons elected to odd-numbered member positions shall serve for four-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election. Thereafter at school elections in odd-numbered years board members shall be elected to serve for four-year terms.

(c) The newly elected board members of the consolidated unified school district shall be responsible for decisions regarding school building

closures and administrative downsizing.

New Sec. 4. Upon the consolidation of school districts the consolidated unified school district shall assume and agree to pay all of the bonded indebtedness of the former school districts of which it is comprised, unless the agreement to consolidate provides otherwise as hereinafter provided. Any consolidation agreement entered into under authority of this act may provide that in lieu of the consolidated unified school district assuming the bonded indebtedness of the school districts being disorganized. If such agreement provides for bonded indebtedness to remain a charge upon the territory of the school districts being disorganized, the provisions of K.S.A. 10-119, and amendments thereto, shall apply with the date of the disorganization of such school districts being the date to be used in making such application.

New Sec. 5. The assets of the school districts being consolidated shall be transferred to the consolidated unified school district on a day agreed upon in the consolidation agreement. The property, records and all funds on hand and to be collected of each of the school districts being consolidated shall be turned over and paid to the consolidated unified school district and shall become the property of the consolidated unified school district, and the consolidated unified school district, and the consolidated unified school district shall thereupon be entitled to possession thereof. The consolidated unified school district shall thereupon become liable for and pay all lawful debts of the school districts which were consolidated except as may be otherwise provided by the consolidation agreement for bonded indebtedness. It shall be the duty of all county officers and officers of the school districts being con-

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-solidated to transfer the funds (including state foundation finance funds and funds collected from state aid, taxes, interests, and penalties subsequent to such consolidation), records and property of the school districts being consolidated in accordance with the provisions of this section and the consolidation agreement. Any county treasurer or school district officer or former officer having in such person's possession any property, records or funds of any of the school districts being consolidated who shall fail or refuse to turn over such property, records or funds to the consolidated unified school district shall be ordered to do so by the state board.

New Sec. 6. Upon mutual agreement of any employee of a disorganized district and the board of education of any district to which territory of the disorganized district is attached, such employee shall become an employee of the board of education. The contract of any such employee shall be mutually agreed to by the board and the employee. All such employees shall retain all retirement benefits which had accrued to or 17 vested in such employees prior to the date of consolidation.

- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 72-8202b is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8202b. (a) Except as provided further, the board of education of each school district shall appoint a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than three (2) years. The board may appoint one or more assistant superintendents of schools, supervisors and principals for terms of not more than three (3) years. The board may give any assistant superintendent of schools the title of "assistant superintendent of schools," "deputy superintendent of schools" or "associate superintendent of schools." No person employed under the authority of this section shall be a member of the board. The superintendent, any assistant superintendents, supervisors and principals shall receive compensation fixed by the board.
- (b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of superintendent of schools, the board shall promptly fill such vacancy. Such a vacancy may either be filled by appointment of an acting superintendent of schools, or may be filled by appointment of a superintendent of schools as specified in subsection (a).
- (c) The superintendent of schools shall have charge and control of the public schools of the school district, subject to the orders, rules and regulations of the board of education.
- (d) (1) The board of education of each school district which is a part of the consolidated administrative services pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, shall appoint two members to serve on a committee oversee the consolidated administration of the districts. The committee all appoint a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than three years. The committee may appoint one or more assistant superintendents of schools for terms of not more than three years. Any appointments by

- New Sec. 2. (a) The provisions of this section shall apply only if a school district is disorganized in accordance with article 73 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and if all the territory in the county which comprised such disorganized district is attached to a single countywide school district.
- (b) For the purposes of the school district finance and quality performance act, and notwithstanding any provision of the act to the contrary, state financial aid for any school district to which this subsection applies, shall be computed by the state board of education as follows:
- (1) Determine the amount in the school year preceding the school year in which the attachment of territory is effectuated of the state financial aid of each of the former districts of which the enlarged district is composed;
- (2) add the amounts determined under subsection (b)(1). If the attachment is effectuated prior to July 1, 2006, the sum is the state financial aid of the district for the school year in which the attachment is effectuated. For the next succeeding three school years, the state financial aid shall be the greater of: (1) The amount received in the preceding school year; or (2) the amount the district would receive under the school district finance and quality performance act. If the attachment is effectuated on or after July 1, 2006, the sum is the state financial aid of the district for the school year in which the attachment is effectuated. For the next school year, the state financial aid shall be the greater of: (1) The amount received in the preceding school year; or (2) the amount the district would receive under the school district finance and quality performance act. [continued on next page]

the committee shall be approved by the board of each district in such consolidated county. The committee may give any assistant superintendent of schools," "deputy superintendent of schools" or "associate superintendent of schools." Each individual board shall continue to employ principals. No person employed under the authority of this section shall be a member of the board of any school district. The superintendent and any assistant superintendents shall receive compensation fixed by the committee and approved by the board of each district in such consolidated county.

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- (3) The superintendent of schools in a county with consolidated administrative services shall have charge and control of the public schools in each of the school districts, subject to the orders, rules and regulations of each board of education.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 72-8202b is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.



New Sec. 3. On and after July 1, 2003, except as provided in subsection (b), school districts which reorganize into a single countywide school district are not entitled to receive payments from the school district capital improvements fund, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2319, and amendments thereto, for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003. Such school districts are entitled to receive annual payments from the school district capital improvements fund for outstanding bonds on June 30, 2003 in an amount determined by the state board of education as provided in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 75-2319, and amendments thereto, sufficient to retire such bonds and to pay the interest thereon.

(b) On and after July 1, 2003, school districts which reorganize into a single countywide school district are entitled to receive payments from the school district capital improvements fund, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2319, and amendments thereto, for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003, if such school district has first presented to and received approval for the plan to purchase or improve a site or sites, construct, furnish, equip, repair, remodel or make additions to buildings necessary for school district purposes or issue bonds therefor from the joint committee on state building construction. The plan shall include information on long-term demographics; available space in area school buildings or school districts; potential growth or decline of the area; new construction of buildings in the area; sustained growth of student population; and financial condition of the school district, including but not limited to, the amount of debt of such district. Such school district shall further advise and consult on such capital improvement project with the committee.

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

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(d) The boards of education of any two or more school districts which are required to consolidate administrative services pursuant to subsection (a) are hereby authorized to enter into agreements to form a consolidated administrative service.

(e) For the purposes of conducting business, such consolidated administrative services shall be known as "administrative school services of _____ County," filling in the blank with the name of the county where such services are located.

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representation from each of the former school districts.

(b) The election of board members at the next following school election shall be by the method of election and voting plan provided in the agreement for the consolidated unified school district, and at such election seven new board members shall be elected. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the general school election shall serve as board members for four-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for two-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election, except where a member district method of election is in effect in which case persons elected to even-numbered board member positions shall serve for two-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election and persons elected to odd-numbered member positions shall serve for four-year terms commencing on the July 1 following such election. Thereafter at school elections in odd-numbered years board members shall be elected to serve for four-year terms.

(c) The newly elected board members of the consolidated unified school district shall be responsible for decisions regarding school building

closures and administrative downsizing.

New Sec. 4. Upon the consolidation of school districts the consolidated unified school district shall assume and agree to pay all of the bonded indebtedness of the former school districts of which it is comprised, unless the agreement to consolidate provides otherwise as hereinafter provided. Any consolidation agreement entered into under authority of this act may provide that in lieu of the consolidated unified school district assuming the bonded indebtedness of the school districts being disorganized. If such agreement provides for bonded indebtedness to remain a charge upon the territory of the school districts being disorganized, the provisions of K.S.A. 10-119, and amendments thereto, shall apply with the date of the disorganization of such school districts being the date to be used in making such application.

New Sec. 5. The assets of the school districts being consolidated shall be transferred to the consolidated unified school district on a day agreed upon in the consolidation agreement. The property, records and all funds on hand and to be collected of each of the school districts being consolidated shall be turned over and paid to the consolidated unified school district and shall become the property of the consolidated unified school district, and the consolidated unified school district, and the consolidated unified school district shall thereupon be entitled to possession thereof. The consolidated unified school district shall thereupon become liable for and pay all lawful debts of the school districts which were consolidated except as may be otherwise provided by the consolidation agreement for bonded indebtedness. It shall be the duty of all county officers and officers of the school districts being con-

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solidated to transfer the funds (including state foundation finance funds and funds collected from state aid, taxes, interests, and penalties subsequent to such consolidation), records and property of the school districts being consolidated in accordance with the provisions of this section and the consolidation agreement. Any county treasurer or school district officer or former officer having in such person's possession any property, records or funds of any of the school districts being consolidated who shall fail or refuse to turn over such property, records or funds to the consolidated unified school district shall be ordered to do so by the state board.

New Sec. 6. Upon mutual agreement of any employee of a disorganized district and the board of education of any district to which territory of the disorganized district is attached, such employee shall become an employee of the board of education. The contract of any such employee shall be mutually agreed to by the board and the employee. All such employees shall retain all retirement benefits which had accrued to or vested in such employees prior to the date of consolidation.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 72-8202b is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8202b. (a) Except as provided further, the board of education of each school district shall appoint a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than three (3) years. The board may appoint one or more assistant superintendents of schools, supervisors and principals for terms of not more than three (3) years. The board may give any assistant superintendent of schools the title of "assistant superintendent of schools," "deputy superintendent of schools" or "associate superintendent of schools." No person employed under the authority of this section shall be a member of the board. The superintendent, any assistant superintendents, supervisors and principals shall receive compensation fixed by the board.

(b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of superintendent of schools, the board shall promptly fill such vacancy. Such a vacancy may either be filled by appointment of an acting superintendent of schools, or may be filled by appointment of a superintendent of schools as specified in subsection (a).

(c) The superintendent of schools shall have charge and control of the public schools of the school district, subject to the orders, rules and regulations of the board of education.

(d) (1) The board of education of each school district which is a part of the consolidated administrative services pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, shall appoint two members to serve on a committee versee the consolidated administration of the districts. The committee il appoint a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than three years. The committee may appoint one or more assistant superintendents of schools for terms of not more than three years. Any appointments by

New Sec. 2. (a) The provisions of this section shall apply only if a school district is disorganized in accordance with article 73 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and if all the territory in the county which comprised such disorganized district is attached to a single countywide school district.

- (b) For the purposes of the school district finance and quality performance act, and notwithstanding any provision of the act to the contrary, state financial aid for any school district to which this subsection applies, shall be computed by the state board of education as follows:
- (1) Determine the amount in the school year preceding the school year in which the attachment of territory is effectuated of the state financial aid of each of the former districts of which the enlarged district is composed;
- (2) add the amounts determined under subsection (b)(1). The sum is the state financial aid of the district for the school year in which the attachment is effectuated through June 30, 2007. If the amount the district would receive under the school district finance and quality performance act is greater than such sum, the district shall receive the amount the district would receive under the school district finance and quality performance act.

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

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the committee shall be approved by the board of each district in such consolidated county. The committee may give any assistant superintendent of schools the title of "assistant superintendent of schools," "deputy superintendent of schools" or "associate superintendent of schools." Each individual board shall continue to employ principals. No person employed under the authority of this section shall be a member of the board of any school district. The superintendent and any assistant superintendents shall receive compensation fixed by the committee and approved by the board of each district in such consolidated county.

(2) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of superintendent of schools, the committee shall promptly fill such vacancy. Such a vacancy may either be filled by appointment of an acting superintendent of schools, or may be filled by appointment of a superintendent of schools as specified in paragraph (1).

(3) The superintendent of schools in a county with consolidated administrative services shall have charge and control of the public schools in each of the school districts, subject to the orders, rules and regulations of each board of education.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 72-8202b is hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.