

Approved: February 15, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm. On January 30, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition.

Minutes for the meetings of January 24, 25 and 26 were distributed for the Committee's approval.

It was moved by Senator Teichman and seconded by Senator Schmidt the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

SB 278 – concerning school districts; relating to policies against bullying.

The Chair called on Laura Jurgensen who addressed the Committee regarding statutorily-required polices against bullying. (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed.

Tom Witt then spoke of the mission of his organization saying it was to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and to ensure the dignity, safety and legal equality of all Kansans. (Attachment 2).

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012.

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