

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 31 , 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Marshall - excused

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:

Rick Morawitz – Wichita
Dr. Walt Chappell
Tom Witt – Kansas Equality Coalition
Angela Perry-Smith
Sierra Love, Wichita
Charlotte Ridley
Jacque Feist, Principal, Dodge City High School, USD 443
Sue Greenleaf, President, Kansas Counselling Assoc.
Donna Whiteman, Kansas Assoc. of School Boards
Robert Noland

SB 278 – relating to policies against bullying.

Jason Long spoke to the Committee in explanation of **SB 278**.

Speaking in support of **SB 278** were; Rick Morawitz of Wichita addressed the Committee regarding his daughter, Rhianna, (Attachment 1); Dr. Chappell, (Attachment 2); Tom Witt, (Attachment 3); Angela Perry-Smith, (Attachment 4); Sierra Love, (Attachment 5) and Charlotte Ridley. (No written testimony was submitted.)

Speaking in opposition of **SB 278** were Jacque Feist, (Attachment 6); Sue Greenleaf, (Attachment 7); Donna Whiteman, (Attachment 8) and Robert Noland, (Attachment 9).

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.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education at 1:30 PM on January 31, 2012 in Room 153-S of the Capitol.

Written only testimony was provided by:

Roberta Adams, ([Attachment 10](#))
Jeff Bennett, ([Attachment 11](#))
Raylynn Bone, ([Attachment 12](#))
Dona Booe, Kansas Children's Service League, ([Attachment 13](#))
Lawrence Broehl II, ([Attachment 14](#))
Dale Dennis, Kansas Dept. of Ed, ([Attachment 15](#))
Mark Desetti, KNEA, ([Attachment 16](#))
Jacque Feist, USD 443; ([Attachment 17](#))
Kathleen Flaherty, ([Attachment 18](#))
Sue Givens, School Supt., USD 490, ([Attachment 19](#))
Kathy Haggard, ([Attachment 20](#)); Harry Hibshman, ([Attachment 21](#))
Nita Hibshman, ([Attachment 22](#))
Kevin and Dorienda Jones, ([Attachment 23](#))
Pat Jones, ([Attachment 24](#))
Sandra A. Kraatz, ([Attachment 25](#))
JoLynn Lane, ([Attachment 26](#))
Stuart J. Little, Little Gov. Rel, LLC, ([Attachment 27](#))
Connie Love, ([Attachment 28](#))
Hailey Person, ([Attachment 29](#))
Denise Repp, ([Attachment 30](#))
Hugo Rodriguez, ([Attachment 31](#))
Brett Schaplowsky, ([Attachment 32](#))
Richard Sifuentes, ([Attachment 33](#))

The hearing on **SB 278** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012.