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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm. On February 2, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Owens Senator Umbarger

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:

Mark Tallman, KASB

The Chair called on Mark Tallman who addressed the Committee regarding what is known about student achievement and school improvement in Kansas. (Attachment 1).

Ouestions and answers followed.

SB 361 – creating the excellence in education act.

Jason Long gave a brief summary of **SB 361**. (Attachment 2).

Copies of the Excellence in Education Act's Section Summaries were distributed. (Attachment 3).

Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Long's testimony will be continued at the Monday, February 6 committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012.

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