

MEETING SUMMARY
JOINT MEETING
OF THE
HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION

Thursday, September 25, 2014
1:30 P.M.
KIPP Delta Campus – Miller Building
215 Cherry Street
Helena-West Helena, Arkansas 72342

The Honorable Mark Lowery, State Representative, District 39, the ranking member of the House Interim Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Alan Clark.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Mark Lowery.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Randy Alexander; and Representative Stephen Meeks.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Keith Ingram.

Representative Lowery stated it was good to have firsthand experience visiting KIPP Delta Public Schools and learning of its success.

Welcome and Overview of KIPP Delta Public Schools

Presenter:

Mr. Scott Shirey, Executive Director, KIPP Delta Public Schools, was recognized. Mr. Shirey gave an overview of the KIPP national network, and the philosophical foundations of KIPP. He discussed the KIPP Delta mission and its demographics, its history, and its achievements and growth. Mr. Shirey went on to talk about scholarships, graduation rates, and college partners across the country. Mr. Shirey concluded with an explanation of the handouts, including a DVD of a video presentation on funding and facilities challenges.

Tour of Campus

Presentations by Students and Teachers:

Todd Dixon, Director, KIPP Delta Collegiate High School
Meaghan Graul, Math Teacher, KIPP Delta Collegiate High School
Hal Harris, Assistant Principal, KIPP Delta Collegiate High School
Summer Farris, Senior (Class of 2015), KIPP Delta Collegiate High School
Kevin Martin, Junior (Class of 2016), KIPP Delta Collegiate High School
Kennedy Sharp, 5th Grade (Class of 2022), KIPP Delta College Preparatory School
Justus Smith, 7th Grade (Class of 2020), KIPP Delta College Preparatory School

After making introductory remarks, the Committee members and the panelists held an interactive discussion on various aspects of the KIPP Delta educational experience.

PowerPoint Presentation:

KIPP Delta Public Schools, Impacts & Challenges

Handouts:

KIPP Delta Public Schools, 2013 Annual Report, Stories Behind the Numbers

KIPP Delta Public Schools, Facilities Funding

KIPP Delta Public Schools, Impacts & Challenges

HIPP Delta Public Schools, Mission

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, October 1, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 171 of the State Capitol in Little Rock

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Approved: 10/13/14