

KLRD response to request for information on Dues, etc. April 2016

Rep. Highland:

Please find attached a spreadsheet showing the dues paid to the Kansas Association of School Boards by each school district or other entity (e.g. interlocals, etc.). Districts that pay into the KASB legal assistance fund have the ability to contact KASB legal staff with questions and have the KASB staff maintain an attorney-client relationship with them.

Also on the attached spreadsheet are the amounts paid to Schools For Fair Funding and the additional amounts paid by the four plaintiffs in the *Gannon* lawsuit. These amounts are those paid from 2010 to the present.

There are no accounting codes to locate dues or membership costs for various organizations in school district financial records. However, the other major type of dues paid are those to the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) and United School Administrators (comprised of 10 member associations).

Over the last two years there has been no change in the membership structure.

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Although it is difficult to say definitively, but I believe less than 5-10 percent of school districts include USA-Kansas membership as a salary benefit.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at the information provided below.

KSHSAA

Dues to this organization are paid by each high school and middle/junior high school electing to join KSHSAA.

For the past seven years and in the 2016-17 school year, each high school pays \$200 and middle/junior high schools, each pay \$65.

There are 354 senior high school and 403 middle/junior high school members.

USA

I have attached information regarding USA, listing the ten member associations, as well as other information received in 2014. I confirmed with the current USA Director, G.A. Buie, this information is still correct.

Mr. Buie told me that in "Reviewing our accounting records, we are collecting more dues through personal credit cards or personal checks than in the history of the organization. The other primary collection method is through payroll deduction which is collected from staff members by district clerks and paid monthly to USA-Kansas. Although it is difficult to say definitively, but I believe less than 5-10 percent of school districts include USA-Kansas membership as a salary benefit."