

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marc Rhoades – Excused

Representative Valdenia Winn – Excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department

Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Representative Trimmer acted as Ranking Minority Member in the absence of Representative Winn.

Chairman Highland checked with members to be certain all are able to access committee documents in the Dropbox system. He also invited members to schedule appointments with him whenever they have questions, indicating they will be given priority in his schedule. It is his intention to begin meetings on time and end them on time, if not earlier. He encouraged members to remember to ask questions of conferees and to save their comments for times of committee discussion.

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions.

Representative Boldra asked that the committee sponsor a bill amending the student privacy act. The bill was introduced without objection.

Presentation on School District Accounting Systems and Bonding Processes:

Chairman Highland invited Tamera Lawrence and Nick Myers to give an overview of current law governing school district accounting systems and bonding processes and then invited Sharon Wenger to give members information on how school districts are functioning in those areas. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#)) ([Attachment 5](#)) ([Attachment 6](#)) Ms. Wenger referenced the following larger documents which can be viewed online.

1) The Kansas Accounting Handbook for Unified School Districts can be found at the Kansas Department of Education website by selecting 'School Finance' in the Fiscal and Administrative Services section of the 'Agency' tab. The handbook is listed in the Guidelines section of 'Guidelines and

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Manuals'.

2) The report on K-12 Education: Comparing the Centralization of School District Accounting in Different States can be found on the Legislative Post Audit website under Audit Reports and Reports by Year. It was published in February 2007.

Staff members answered questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet again on Monday, January 26, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.