

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30pm on Monday, February 02, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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:

Brad Neuenswander, Interim Commissioner of Education

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

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

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions.

Representative John Alcala asked the committee to sponsor a bill related to ethnic studies. The bill was entered into the committee without objection.

The Chairman pointed out the LPA Cost Study Analysis, which had been passed out to committee members, and announced that committee documents are now available on the House Education Committee page of the legislative website, www.kslegislature.org.

Committee minutes for January 13 through January 22 having been previously made available for review, *Representative Barker moved and Representative Bradford seconded the minutes be accepted. The motion passed.*

Presentation on Implementation of the Rose Standards

The Chairman asked Tamera Lawrence to give the committee a briefing on the Rose Standards. These standards issued from a 1989 school finance court case in Kentucky and have been cited in multiple school finance court cases in various states. In 2014, the Kansas Supreme Court cited them as the guideline for educational standards in Kansas. Ms. Lawrence answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairman Highland invited Brad Neuenswander to give the committee an update on the

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30pm on Monday, February 02, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

implementation of the Rose Standards by the Kansas Department of Education. Mr. Neuenswander referred to the standards as 'capacities' pointing out that standards are specific and measurable, but the department considers the Rose standards as general capacities of what a student should be able to do when they graduate. He provided members with details of the State Board of Education's definition of college and career readiness. Dr. Randy Watson, currently Superintendent of McPherson Public Schools and Commission of Education designee, assisted Mr. Neuenswander with the KSDE presentation. Dr. Watson presented information regarding the State Board of Education's desire to develop a bouquet of indicators for use in determining the potential success of a student rather than depending on the state assessment tests as a single indicator of this success. Both gentlemen answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 2](#))

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Tuesday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.