

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards
Representative Joseph Scapa, District 88
Walt Chappell, Educational Management Consultants

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2232 — Personal financial literacy course as a requirement for high school graduation.

Chairman Highland asked Nick Myers to give committee members an overview of **HB2232**. The bill requires students take a half-credit course in personal finance during the final two years of high school to be able to graduate. Mr. Myers answered questions from the committee.

The Chairman invited conferees to address the committee.

Tom Krebs spoke in opposition **HB2232**. His organization strongly believes local districts should be allowed to make decisions related to personal finance instruction. Mr. Krebs answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 1](#))

Written testimony opposing **HB2232** was submitted by:

Larry M. Lysell, Superintendent and Pre-K-5 Principal, Palco USD269 ([Attachment 2](#))

Mark Desetti, Kansas National Educational Association (KNEA) ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Scapa gave support for **HB2232**, speaking of his experience as a realtor helping young people purchase a home when they have already ruined their credit rating and accumulated debt. Policies currently in place that districts should provide instruction in personal finance have not resulted in this instruction happening in all districts, so he believes the requirement instituted by this bill appears necessary to see that all districts are addressing the need. He indicated there is room for friendly amendments to the bill that would deal with some of the concerns raised by committee

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members. Representative Scapa answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 4](#))

Walt Chappell spoke in favor of **HB2232**, referring to past attempts to pass legislation with this requirement and stating his belief that it is time for action. According to his figures, approximately 14% of Kansas school districts require instruction in personal finance at this time. ([Attachment 5](#))

Written testimony in favor of **HB2232** was submitted by:

Nickerson High School Business and Marketing Students ([Attachment 6](#))

Allison L. Gossick, Personal Finance instructor, Blue Valley North High School ([Attachment 7](#))

Ron Estes, Kansas State Treasurer ([Attachment 8](#))

Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors ([Attachment 9](#))

Haley DaVee, Kansas Credit Union Association ([Attachment 10](#))

Jarrold Janzing, Schreck Financial Group, Private Wealth Manager ([Attachment 11](#))

Sheila Officer, GED Adult Educator ([Attachment 12](#))

Written testimony neutral on **HB2232** was submitted by:

Deryl K. Schuster, Kansas Bank Commissioner ([Attachment 13](#))

Chairman Highland closed the hearing on **HB2232**.

Hearing on: HB2078 — Requiring school districts to adopt school safety and security policies and plans.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB2078** and asked Tamera Lawrence to give an overview of the bill. Ms. Lawrence answered questions from the committee.

There being no conferees on **HB2078**, Chairman Highland closed the hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Thursday, February 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.