

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 11:55am on Thursday, April 02, 2015, at the third floor rotunda rail of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dennis Hedke – Absent

Representative John Ewy – Absent

Representative John Barker – Absent

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Chairman Highland opened the meeting at the rail and asked the committee assistant which minutes needed to be approved. Representative Bradford moved the minutes for February 24 and March 5 through 23 be accepted. Representative Boldra seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chairman asked Representative Grosserode for a report from the subcommittee assigned to **HB2232 - personal financial literacy course as a requirement for high school graduation** which has been working with the State Board of Education in drafting a letter to school districts encouraging the inclusion of financial literacy instruction. Representative Grosserode handed out samples of the letter which was unanimously approved by the subcommittee and asked if committee members had suggestions for changes to the letter. ([Attachment 1](#)) Chairman Highland recommended language be included referring to the concern banking and credit groups have about the need for this instruction. In response to a question about the value of including a list of materials available at no cost to the districts, Representative Grosserode indicated the subcommittee meetings have allowed various state agencies with interest in the topic to begin dialogue on the subject. It was felt the availability of materials will be made clear to districts. Representative Trimmer moved and Representative Bridges seconded the committee approve the letter draft. The motion passed.

Representative Grosserode indicated the State Board of Education will also review the letter at their April meeting and vote on its adoption. Representative Grosserode and Sharon Wenger will finalize the letter, oversee its printing after it has been approved by the State Board of Education, and arrange for its signing at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.