

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

John Rust, Alvarez and Marsal
Erica Kasperkowiak, Alvarez and Marsal
Representative Ron Highland
Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association (KNEA)
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB)
Walt Chappell, Education Management Consultants

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Presentation on: Alvarez & Marsal Efficiency Study

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and noted the need to approve minutes for January 19, 21, 25 and 26. *Representative Bradford moved and Representative Boldra seconded the minutes for those dates be approved. The motion passed.*

The Chairman then invited John Rust to address the committee on two recommendations made in the Alvarez and Marsal Efficiency Study. Mr. Rust commented on recommendations relating to the establishment of a centralized grant management agency and answered questions from the committee before introducing Erica Kasperkowiak, who provided information on recommendations related to consolidation of the K-12 benefit program. Ms. Kasperkowiak answered questions from committee members. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Hearing on: HB2532 — Including financial literacy as an educational capacity.

Chairman Highland discussed with committee members plans for a meeting time needed to accomplish the work cancelled on February 10 because of the lengthy debate on the House floor. He then asked Vice-Chairman Lunn to take charge of the hearing on **HB2532**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2016 in Room 112-N of the Capitol.

Vice-Chairman Lunn opened the hearing on **HB2532** and asked Tamera Lawrence to provide an overview of the bill.

Chairman Highland spoke as a proponent of **HB2532**, commenting that the bill simply includes financial literacy as part of the Rose Capacities. The Chairman answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mark Desetti gave support for **HB2532**, emphasizing it allows local control in determining how to provide the instruction. ([Attachment 4](#))

Tallman spoke in favor of **HB2532**, agreeing with the intention of the bill and commenting that members of his organization have adopted a statement in favor of each district developing a policy for meeting financial literacy goals. ([Attachment 5](#))

Walt Chappell gave support for **HB2532** and encouraged the committee to consider amending the bill to establish financial literacy as a requirement for high school graduation. Mr. Chappell provided supplemental documents for the committee's consideration. ([Attachment 6](#)) ([Attachment 7](#)) ([Attachment 8](#)) ([Attachment 9](#)) ([Attachment 10](#))

Chairman Highland and Vice-Chairman Lunn excused themselves to attend another meeting. Chairman Highland asked Representative Macheers to take charge of the meeting.

Mr. Chappell answered questions from the committee.

Representative Macheers asked members to note written testimony in support of **HB2532** submitted by:

Ron Estes, Kansas Treasurer ([Attachment 11](#))

Mike O'Neal, CEO, Kansas Chamber ([Attachment 12](#))

Representative Macheers closed the hearing on **HB2532**.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Monday, February 15, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.