

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 08, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department  
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Lisa Heusers  
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible bill introductions**

Chairperson Abrams opened the meeting by reminding committee members of the dinner scheduled for this evening, emphasizing that it is a social event only and no business will be discussed.

He then asked if there were any new bills to be introduced. There were none. He reminded members that no new bills can be introduced to the Committee after today.

**Hearing continuation on: SB342 — Creating the student online personal protection act.**

Chairperson Abrams opened the continuation of the hearing on **SB342**. He asked Revisor Long to summarize the bill for the Committee. ([Attachment 1](#)) The chairperson then asked if there were any questions on the content of the bill summary. There were none.

Lisa Heusers testified in opposition stating that student personal property is not being protected since "educational purposes" are determined by the schools or state/federal agencies or companies and not the parents. Furthermore, parents are neither required to grant permission for the release of any student information nor are there procedures that allow the student to opt out of any release of information to outside sources. ([Attachment 2](#))

Ms. Heusers then answered questions from committee members.

Chairperson Abrams then asked if there were additional opponents who wished to testify. There were none.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 08, 2016 in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

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Mark Tallman presented neutral testimony stating that KASB is not weighing in on most of this bill, however, he did present an amendment regarding the use of the term "operator". ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#)) ([Attachment 5](#))

Both Mr. Tallman and KASB attorney, Angela Stallbaumer, answered further questions from committee members.

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were any additional conferees who wished to testify. There being no further conferees, he closed the hearing on **SB342**.

With no further business before the Committee, Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.