

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jeff Melcher – Excused

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:
No conferees present

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Possible action on bills previously heard SB356 — Creating the school district bond project review board.

Chairperson Abrams called for continuing discussion and possible action on **SB356**. He asked if there were any further amendments to consider.

*Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Arpke seconded, to adopt the Schmidt Substitute bill for **SB356**. Motion carried.*

Revisor Long then passed out an amendment to the Schmidt Substitute requested by Senator Fitzgerald that would add a new subsection (C) on page 4 and prioritize expenditures from the capital improvements fund.
[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Discussion followed, mainly in the areas of timing, appropriations, current obligations and funding priorities.

Senator Hensley asked if the March 16 request for Historical Bond and Interest State Aid figures for the past twelve years had been made available to the Committee. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Senator Fitzgerald moved, Senator Baumgardner seconded, to adopt the amendment. Motion carried.
Senator Schmidt voted no on the motion.

Senator Pettey moved, Senator Schmidt seconded, a conceptual amendment that all state aid payments

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for bond obligations passed prior to July, 2016 will be upheld for the life of the bonds through the use of demand transfers. Motion carried.

Senator Baumgardner moved, Senator Arpke seconded, a conceptual amendment that would prohibit capital improvement state aid for any capital improvement project that proposed to construct, reconstruct or remodel a facility that would be used primarily for extracurricular activities, unless the safety of the current facility or the disability access of such facility would be demonstrated by a state fire marshal report, or an inspection under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Motion carried.

Senator Fitzgerald moved, Senator Baumgardner seconded, to recommend Substitute for **SB356** as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.