

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30pm on Wednesday, February 04, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

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:

Cheryl Semmel, presenting joint testimony from Kansas Association of School Boards,
Kansas National Education Association, United School Administrators of Kansas, Kansas
School Superintendents Association
Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions.

Mark Tallman of the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) requested the committee sponsor a bill amending the professional negotiations act. The bill was entered into committee without objection.

Hearing on: HB2034 — School district; reducing negotiable terms and conditions in the professional negotiations act.

Chairman opened the hearing on **HB2034** and asked Nick Myers to give the committee an overview of the bill. Mr. Myers answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairman invited Cheryl Semmel to address the committee on **HB2034**. Representing four organizations who members are involved with teacher contract negotiations, Ms. Semmel provided testimony in opposition to the bill indicating these organizations have cooperated in offering the bill which was entered into the committee at the beginning of the meeting as their proposal for changes to the professional negotiations act. Mark Desetti of the Kansas National Educational Association, Mark Tallman of the Kansas Association of School Boards, and Dodie Wellshear of United School Administrators of Kansas assisted Ms. Semmel in answering questions from committee members. ([Attachment 2](#))

Dave Trabert spoke in support of **HB2034** explaining the background of the bill as a recommendation from the K-12 Commission on Student Performance and Efficiency, on which he served. ([Attachment 3](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30pm on Wednesday, February 04, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Highland closed the hearing on **HB2034**.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Thursday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.