

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 2:00pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marc Rhoades – Absent

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:

Dr. Blake Flanders, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions.

Representative Boldra introduced a bill removing the gifted program from special education. The bill was accepted without objection.

Claire Wingert, intern to Representative Joe Seiwert, offered a bill for introduction related to establishing the school district lottery game. Representative Lunn asked the committee to sponsor the bill; there were no objections.

Presentation on: Degree Prospectus

The Chairman asked Representative Lunn to introduce the topic of the day's presentation.

Representative Lunn invited Senator Jeff Melcher to the podium to comment on the work down during the interim in collaboration with the Kansas Board of Regents. Senator Melcher expressed his appreciation for the progress made and the cooperative manner in which it was done.

Blake Flanders provided information on the tool developed to provide degree prospectus information for the four-year postsecondary institutions in Kansas. Dr. Flanders indicated the information provided in the tool is based on expenditures of actual students in Kansas universities and provides median information rather than the average amount spent. It is hoped the tool will be functional in March 2016. Eventually, the tool will be developed to include community and technical colleges. Dr. Flanders also expressed a hope that the tool can be adapted in the future to tie it to the individual study plans of

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secondary students. Dr. Flanders answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairman asked Tamera Lawrence to provide an overview of **SB193 - Requiring a degree prospectus for postsecondary degree programs** as a reminder of the work done by the committee on the bill during the 2015 legislative session.

Representative Boldra asked the Chairman for direction for the subcommittee working on school district budget accountability in light of action taken on the House floor regarding a bill related to that topic. Chairman Highland indicated the subcommittee should continue to pursue their goals since the bill mentioned did not relate exactly to the work of the subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The House Education Committee will next meet on Monday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.