

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 02, 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:

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and noted the need to approve minutes for January 28 and February 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10. Representative Bradford moved and Representative Kelley seconded the minutes for those dates be approved. The motion passed.

Hearing and possible action on: SB312- Extending the school district efficiency audit sunset and exemption time frame.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB312** and asked Tamera Lawrence to provide an overview of the bill.

Conferees were invited to speak on the bill.

Scott Frank provided neutral comments affirming the language of **SB312** is the same as the language of **HB2441** which the committee passed out favorably to the consent calendar on January 25th of this year. Mr. Frank answered questions from the committee. In response to a question from Representative Kelley, Mr. Frank agreed to provide information on the cost of doing annual school audits. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairman Highland asked the committee to review written testimony in favor of **SB312** submitted by Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB). ([Attachment 3](#))

The hearing on **SB312** was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 02, 2016 in Room 112-N of the Capitol.

Hearing and possible action on: SB423 — Redesignating Kansas state university - Salina, college of technology as Kansas state polytechnic.

Chairman Highland opened the hearing on **SB423** and asked Nick Myers to give an overview of the bill. Mr. Myers answered questions from the committee. Shirley Morrow, higher education staff member for the Kansas Legislative Research Department, also answered questions from committee members.

There being no conferees wishing to speak on **SB423**, the hearing was closed.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Highland asked if there were any objections to working the bills just heard; there were no objections.

*Representative Bradford moved and Representative Trimmer seconded **SB312** be passed out of committee favorably. The motion passed.*

*Representative Grosserode moved and Representative Hutchins seconded **SB423** be passed out of committee favorably to the Consent Calendar. The motion passed.*

Representative Boldra asked what action was being taken to develop a new school finance mechanism that would meet the requirements of the most recent Kansas Supreme Court opinion regarding school finance. The Chairman indicated meetings were taking place.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Thursday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.