

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 08, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
Representative John Barker – Excused
Representative Marc Rhoades – Excused
Representative Jerry Lunn – Excused
Representative Rob Bruchman – 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:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and made announcements, asking the committee to review minutes now available and indicating the committee would be meeting on Friday.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2486 — Creating the school district bond project review board.

The Chairman opened the meeting for discussion on **HB2486** and asked Nick Myers to review the bill. Mr. Myers answered questions from committee members.

Chairman Highland offered an amendment on the bill. Representative Trimmer requested a motion on the bill in accord with committee order. The Chairman asked for the motion. *Representative Bradford moved and Representative Hutchins seconded **HB2486** be passed out of committee favorably.*

The Chairman again offered his amendment and indicated he would not be calling for a vote on the bill in this meeting in order to allow committee members time to review the amendment thoroughly. Nick Myers gave an overview of the amendment. ([Attachment 1](#)) Discussion took place on the amendment.

Topics of discussion on the amendment included:

- the definition of 'instruction',

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- clarification of the change to oversight by the Joint Committee on State Building Construction,
- clarification of the provision for an expedited process in situations involving buildings damaged by extreme weather, mechanical failure or structural failure,
- clarification of the requirement for three sealed proposals prior to the expenditure of construction funds,
- the effects of the three-tiered system for utilization of funds on the construction of athletic and administrative facilities,
- concerns about equity and budget certainty, and
- the fiscal effect of the amendment.

Chairman Highland indicated discussion on the amendment and the bill will be continued at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Wednesday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.