Approved: March 19, 2001

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Gayle Newman, Blue Valley School District

Dr. Alison Banikowski, Olathe School District

HB 2546 - Establishing Kansas skills for success in school program; imposing certain duties on state Department of Ed and school districts.

Carolyn Rampey distributed copies of a breakdown of the recently amended <u>HB 2546</u>. (Attachment 1). Following this, questions were asked by the Committee of those representatives of the Accountability Sub Committee who explained the work done to prepare the bill.

A copy of the proposed amendment to **HB 2546** was handed out. (Attachment 2).

Written testimony from Bill Marshall of Help Our Students To Succeed (HOSTS), a proponent of **HB 2546** was distributed. (Packets of this testimony will be available in this office during this session).

Gayle Newman spoke as an opponent of **HB 2546**. (Attachment 3).

Dr. Alison Banikowski spoke as an opponent of **HB 2546**. (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2001.