

Approved: 1/24/96
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Mason at 3:30 p.m. on January 16, 1996 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Gary Hayzlett (Excused)
Bruce Larkin (Absent)
Tony Powell (Absent)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Department of Education
Beverly Renner, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Christy McNally, 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Region 2
Peggy Andra, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 3
Gary R. Armour, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 1
Nelda Branstetter, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 4
Gail Ferguson, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 1
Brenda J. Groat, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 4
Damon L. Roberts, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 3

Lyn Baldwin, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Region 2
was ill and unable to attend

Others attending: See attached list

Interim Education Commissioner, Dale Dennis introduced Christy McNally, the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year to the committee. She leads a team of outstanding teachers, committed to improving schools, student performance and the teaching profession in Kansas (Attachment 1). They serve as ambassadors for Kansas education, making public appearances across the state.

Chairman Mason presented Certificates to each teacher commending them for exemplary service to the children of the State of Kansas.

Each team member addressed the committee. The floor was opened to questions and comments from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 1996.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Damon Roberts	Kansas Teacher of the Year Program (KTOY)
Brenda J. Heath	Kansas Teacher of the Year
Gary R. Annou	KTOY
Christy R. McNally	KTOY '96
Neil Ferguson	KTOY
Nelda Brunstetter	KTOY '96
Peggy Andra	KTOY 1996
Sherry Bukoatzy	KSBF
Robert Jant	KSBF
Kristina Jean	Intern - Mason, Powell
Lee Chase	KNEA
Deane Apt	USA
Barbara Brown	Legislative Staff
Karen Kowalski	KASB
Craig Grant	HWEA

Kansas Teacher of the Year Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Home</u>
1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year		
Christy R. McNally Catholic Diocese	Saint Mary's Elementary School 213 East 9th Street Pittsburg, KS 66762 (316) 231-6941 Facsimile: (316) 231-4804	610 West Quincy Street Pittsburg, KS 66762 (316) 232-3625
1996 Finalists		
Peggy Andra USD 512	Oak Park Elementary School 10000 Nieman Road Overland Park, KS 66214-2500 (913) 752-2820	8206 Haskins Lenexa, KS 66215 (913) 492-6459
Gary R. Armour USD 305	Salina High School Central 650 East Crawford Salina, KS 67401 (913) 826-4751 Facsimile: (913) 826-4740 E-Mail: chs305ga@midusa.net	1208 East Beloit Salina, KS 67401 (913) 827-8865
Lyn Baldwin USD 437	Washburn Rural Middle School 5620 SW 61st Street Topeka, KS 66610-2005 (913) 862-1490 Facsimile: (913) 862-0402 E-Mail: PTUR50A@prodigy.com	6135 SW 38th Street Topeka, KS 66610 (913) 273-0417
Nelda Branstetter USD 260	El Paso Elementary School 900 East Crestway Derby, KS 67037-1999 (316) 788-8545 Facsimile: (316) 788-8449 E-Mail: tbiggs@irco.com	9327 East 79th Street South Derby, KS 67037 (316) 788-0980
Gail Ferguson USD 254	Medicine Lodge Primary School 320 North Walnut Medicine Lodge, KS 67104-1220 (316) 886-5609 Facsimile: (316) 886-3640	211 South Oak Medicine Lodge, KS 67104 (316) 886-3577

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1996 Finalists

Brenda J. Groat

USD 394

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104 North Rose Hill Road
P. O. Box 111
Rose Hill, KS 67133
(316) 776-3320
Facsimile: (316) 776-3309
E-Mail: BJGroat@aol.com

15720 East 66th Street South
Derby, KS 67037
(316) 776-2557

Damon L. Roberts

USD 202

Highland Middle School
3101 South 51st Street
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 432-9121
Facsimile: (913) 432-8612

3600 NW Briarcliff Road
Kansas City, MO 64116
(816) 454-5670

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1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team

Region 1



Gail Ferguson
Medicine Lodge Primary School
USD 254



Gary R. Armour
Salina High School Central
USD 305

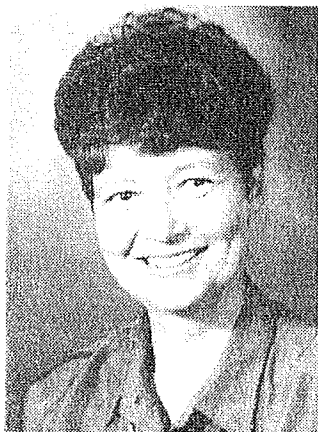


Christy R. McNally
Saint Mary's Elementary
School, Pittsburg
Catholic School Diocese

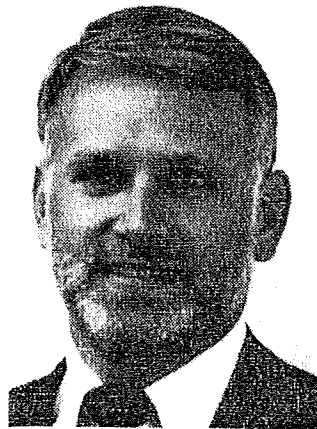


Lyn Baldwin
Washburn Rural Middle
School, Topeka
USD 437

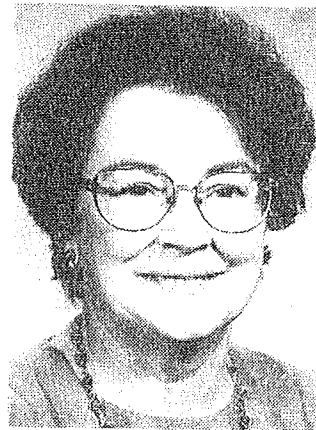
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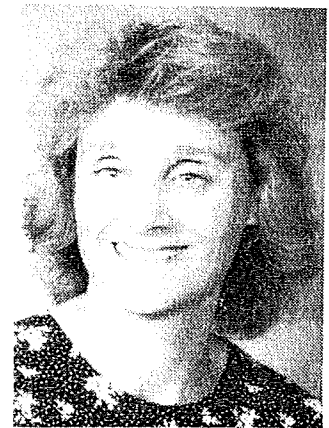
Peggy Andra
Oak Park Elementary School,
Overland Park
USD 512



Damon L. Roberts
Highland Middle School,
Kansas City
USD 202



Nelda Branstetter
El Paso Elementary School,
Derby
USD 260



Brenda J. Groat
Rose Hill Middle School
USD 394

Region 4

The Kansas Teacher of the Year leads a team of exemplary teachers committed to improving schools, student performance, and the teaching profession in Kansas. They serve as ambassadors for Kansas education, making public appearances across the state.

A strength of the Kansas program is its team concept. In recent years, the program has involved the Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalists. This year, all of the district nominees have been invited – and encouraged – to join the team. Not every teacher can be involved in every task, but many teachers can focus on several different tasks. Much can be done to improve education in Kansas by involving and building on the strengths of our exemplary teachers.

Kansas Teacher of the Year Program State Steering Committee

Pete Maxon Bank IV	Region 1 Carol J. Swinney Jamie Hofmeier	Region 4 Cynda Carr Barbara G. White
Carla Deckert Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas	Region 2 Norman D. Conard Shirley Palmer Alice Wolf	Christine Chalender Kansas Teachers of the Year
Mitch Sexton Jostens, Inc.		Mary Loftus WIBW TV 13
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Mike Laughon Southwestern Bell Telephone		Kansas State Board of Education Robert L. Gast Sherry Bukovatz

1996 State Selection Committee

James A. Stoddard The R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation	Judy Krueger Office of the Governor	Nancy Musselman Teacher-at-Large
Joan Wallin Apple Computer, Inc.	Senator Barbara Lawrence Senate Education Committee	Teacher Education Programs Dr. Carolyn Babione Dr. Diane Miller
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Ida Weians Jostens, Inc.	John E. Geuy United School Administrators of Kansas	Krista Darting High School Honor Student
Jim Edwards Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Robert Voboril Kansas Association of Non-Government Schools	James L. Claussen Kansas Masonic Lodge
Elaine Nelson Sallie Mae	Stephanie Hollimon Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals	Dr. Perry McCabe Kansas Association of School Business Officials
Angela Carroll Scholastic Inc.	Ralph Clark Kansas Association for Middle School Administrators	Brad Stauffer Kansas School Public Relations Association
Mike Laughon Southwestern Bell Telephone	Ron Keller Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals	Gary Musselman Kansas State High School Activities Association
Jeff Russell Sprint/United Telephone	Nancy J. Costigan-Talbott 1994 Kansas Teacher of the Year	Dr. Donovan Cook Phi Delta Kappa
Toni M. Weatherford Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation	Barbara Cole Kansas National Education Association	

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Saint Mary's Elementary School Teacher Named 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year

Seven Exemplary Kansas Teachers Recognized as Finalists for the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year

Wichita--Kansas Interim Commissioner of Education Dale M. Dennis announced this evening that Christy R. McNally, Pittsburg, has been named the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year. McNally, who has 15 years of teaching experience, is a seventh-grade teacher at Saint Mary's Elementary School in Pittsburg. Dennis said, "Mrs. McNally has been chosen to represent the many outstanding teachers in Kansas." She will represent Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Seven finalists also have been named: Peggy Andra, first-grade teacher at Oak Park Elementary School in Shawnee Mission USD 512; Gary R. Armour, mathematics teacher at Salina High School Central in Salina USD 305; Lyn Baldwin, seventh- and eighth-grade media teacher at Washburn Rural Middle School in Auburn-Washburn USD 437; Nelda Branstetter, second-grade teacher at El Paso Elementary School in Derby USD 260; Gail Ferguson, early childhood special education teacher at Medicine Lodge Primary School in Barber County North USD 254; Brenda J. Groat, eighth-grade mathematics and science teacher at Rose Hill Middle School in Rose Hill USD 394; and Damon L. Roberts, sixth-grade teacher at Highland Middle School in Turner USD 202.

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These eight exemplary teachers were honored tonight at the annual Kansas Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet held at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita. The Teacher of the Year receives many awards including a Kansas Board of Regents lifelong learning scholarship, a Macintosh computer and printer from Apple Computer, Inc., Southwestern Bell Foundation classroom grant, a Jostens Leader in Education ring, and a crystal apple from the College Fund Division of United Insurance Companies, Inc. Each finalist receives a Southwestern Bell Foundation classroom grant.

The Teacher of the Year program, which has both state and national competition, is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic Inc.

The Kansas program is sponsored by the Kansas State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, with the generous support of Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, the Kansas Board of Regents, and business and community leaders, has promoted increased recognition for the state's outstanding teachers by enhancing the Kansas Teacher of the Year program.

"Recognition is an important part of this program," Dennis said, "but perhaps more important are these teachers' efforts to make a difference in Kansas education." These teachers join a network of exemplary educators committed to improving schools, student performance, and the teaching profession. Dennis said, "They will become an integral part of this network, experiencing many exciting opportunities as ambassadors for Kansas education."

This is the fourth year for regional competition in the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. The regions correspond to the state's four U. S. congressional districts. There were 86 teachers nominated for the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

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Each region selected two teachers, one elementary teacher and one secondary teacher, as regional finalists. Each regional finalist received a \$2,000 cash award as a recipient of the Nancy Landon Kassebaum Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching. These teachers became the finalists for the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

The Kansas State Board of Education appointed a 38-member state selection committee to review and evaluate the written nominations and videotaped interviews of these eight finalists and to recommend to the Commissioner of Education the individual to be named the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Both the regional and state selection committees were comprised of individuals representing business and industry, legislators, boards of education, education administrators, teachers, parents, and students. In addition, the state selection committee included representatives from the state's four regions.

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