

Approved: March 21, 1996
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. on January 16, 1996 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Jennifer Bishop, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Kansas State Board of Education
Kansas Teacher of the Year Team
Lt. Col. Dowse, Army National Guard

Others attending: See attached list

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Senator Lawrence welcomed the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team and acknowledged the great privilege she had to be in on the selection and also the naming of the banquet where they announced the winner of the Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Senator Lawrence introduced Dale Dennis, who represents the Kansas State Board of Education, to present the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year and team.

Dale Dennis recognized the Vice Chairman of the Kansas State Board of Education, Wanda Morrison and the steering committee members present. These include representatives from: Bank Four, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Southwestern Bell, Jostens and Jim Edwards from Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

Dale Dennis introduced the 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Christy McNally from Pittsburg. Mrs. McNally, who has fifteen years of teaching experience, is a seventh grade teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School. Mrs. McNally will also be representing Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Mrs. McNally stated that the Kansas Teacher of the Year program is a very unique program that brings everyone together to help provide a quality education for the children. For this reason, she asked if the committee could provide the funding for them to set up these school programs so that they can provide the best quality education for these children (Attachment 1).

The 1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team:

Gail Ferguson, USD 254
Gary R. Armour, USD 305
Christy R. McNally, Catholic School Diocese (1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year)
Lyn Baldwin, USD 437
Peggy Andra, USD 512
Damon L. Roberts, USD 202
Nelda Branstetter, USD 260
Brenda Groat, USD 394

Senator Kerr asked about the impression of the state wide assessment and will they drive a curriculum change. Nelda Branstetter answered that it is the main concern to change the curriculum so that they can become better teachers and do a better job.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 1:30 p.m. on January 16, 1996.

Senator Kerr commented that follow-up studies, regarding local grading, are showing that as the pressure for results increases teachers will begin inflating in results. He asked if this should be a worry. Brenda Groat answered that the teachers should be trusted and that there is the right amount of grading with the local level but not the right amount of time.

Senator Emert asked if it was worth the effort to have the QPA process and assessments. Christy McNally and Damon Roberts answered that it has been, but that it has been a hard growing process and is improving.

Senator Downey asked if there were visible changes in the use of the QPA process. Christy McNally answered that the QPA process has brought much more parental and school involvement.

Senator Emert asked if they had learned anything from the School Building Profile. Brenda Groat answered that it is a very motivating program that provides quality information. Nelda Branstetter answered that it made them look at how they were doing and also helped them get leverage for staff involvement. Damon Roberts answered that it helped them to understand their clientele much better.

Senator Lawrence addressed the committee on a bill to be introduced by Lt. Col. Dowse from the Army National Guard.

Lt. Col. Dowse addressed the committee regarding the purpose to enact an appropriation bill in the Kansas Legislature which would pay all tuition and require fees for new enlisting or reenlisting Kansas Army and Air Guardsmen at Kansas State System of Higher Education. The desired outcome of this bill is to attract more college age Kansas youth to the Kansas Army and Air National Guard. There are currently 8, 220 Kansas Army and Air Guardsmen assigned to 9,447 possible positions, a shortage of 1,227. These assigned Guardsmen bring in Federal dollars for pay and services in the amount of \$42,134,698.00. If they could enlist the 1,227 shortage, that would represent an additional \$6,301, 230.00 for a total of \$48,435,928.00. This is based on an average per soldier/airman cost of \$5,127.17 annually. The legislation would be written such that a Guardsmen would have to remain in the Kansas Army or Air Guard for 4 years after the last course for which the appropriation paid tuition and fees, or be required to pay the money back if they left the State. He stated that administering the proposed bill would add little additional work for a maximum benefit to the Guard and State of Kansas. The Kansas National Guard would request \$250, 000 for the initial year as an appropriation to be disbursed as outlined in the above figures. Then at the end of the first year, the program would be analyzed to determine success and achievement of desired intent and future appropriation levels adjusted from that data. The conclusion would be that the Kansas National Guard could continue to meet its missions and role with high quality soldiers and airmen to meet the increasing dependence on our units by this State and Nation for both armed conflict and local disasters (Attachment 2).

Senator Emert made a motion to move the bill. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 1996.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Damon Roberts	Kansas Teacher of the Year Program (KTOY)
Peggy Andra	"
Nelda Branstetter	KTOY "
Gail Ferguson	KTOY
Christy R. McNally	KTOY 1996
Sherry Bukovitz	KSBE
Robert J. Galt	KSBE
Merle Sue	KACC
N. Apt	USA - KACC
LTC Walter E. Douse	National Guard Assn. KS
Pam O'Tate	National Guard Assn. of KS
(Ann) Seibert	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Brenda J. Grant	Kansas Teacher of the Year (Team) '96
Gary R. Annand	KTOY
Kobin Lehman	Olathe USD 233
Jacque Oakes	SDF
Gerald Anderson	USA of KS

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	Rose Hill Middle School 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

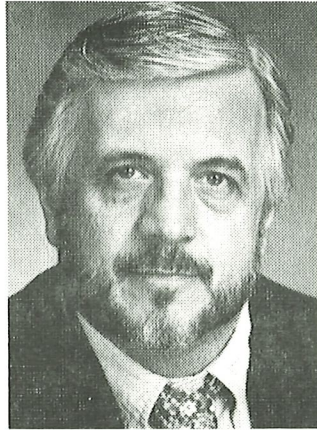
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1996 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team

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

Region 3



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

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Region 4
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Christine Chalender
Kansas Teachers of the Year

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Administrators

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School Principals

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1994 Kansas Teacher of the Year

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Lou Clennan

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Krista Darting
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EMBARGOED UNTIL 8:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 4, 1995

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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16 January 1996

POINT PAPER FOR: National Guard Education Assistance Bill

Purpose: To enact an appropriation bill in the Kansas Legislature which would pay all tuition and required fees for new enlisting or reenlisting Kansas Army and Air Guardsmen at Kansas State System of Higher Education, a private higher education institution accredited by Kansas Statutes or a public postsecondary Vocational-Technical programs.

Desired outcome: To attract more college age Kansas Youth to the Kansas Army and Air National Guard. To keep those educated youth in Kansas. To enhance the enrollment in higher educational institutions within the State of Kansas. To make Kansas competitive with surrounding states in the recruiting and retention of Guardsmen and Women. Increase Federal Dollars coming into Kansas.

Facts and Figures: Currently, there are 8,220 Kansas Army and Air Guardsmen assigned to 9,447 possible positions, for a shortage of 1,227. These assigned Guardsmen bring in Federal dollars for pay and services in the amount of \$42,134,698.00. If we could enlist the 1,227 shortage, that would represent an additional \$6,301,230.00 for a total of \$48,435,928.00. This is based on an average per soldier/airman cost of \$5,127.17 annually.

Keeping it in Kansas: The legislation would be written such that a Guardsman would have to remain in the Kansas Army or Air Guard for 4 years after the last course for which the appropriation paid tuition and fees, or be required to pay the money back if they left the State.

Minimal Administrative Burden: Basically, all controls, methods and personnel already exist in the Kansas Guard to administer this Education Assistance Bill. These assets already monitor other federally funded educational programs such as the Montgomery GI Bill. Administering the proposed bill would add little additional work for a maximum benefit to the Guard and State of Kansas. Periodic reviews would be conducted for the Governor's office, The Board of Regents and Board of Education.

The Cost: The Kansas National Guard, in pursuit of this legislation would requests \$250,000 for the initial year as an appropriation to be disbursed as outlined above. At the end of the first year, the program would be analyzed to determine success and achievement of desired intent and future appropriation levels adjusted from that data.

Conclusion: With this legislation, the Kansas National Guard can continue to meet it's missions and role with high quality soldiers and airmen to meet the increasing dependence on our units by this State and Nation for both armed conflict and local disasters. National Defense and preparedness for any contingency, foreign or domestic, requires every possible measure to gain and retain the quality of youth found in Kansas. This Education Assistance Bill is just such a measure.

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