

Approved: April 10, 1998  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Gene Shore at 3:30 p.m. on February 12, 1998 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Ballou - Excused  
Representative Michael O'Neal - Excused  
Representative Daniel Thimesch - Excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cyndi Harrison, Teacher, Trailwood Elementary School, Shawnee Mission, Kansas  
Norman Conard, Teacher, Uniontown High School, Uniontown, Kansas  
Carol Swinney, Teacher, Hugoton High School, Hugoton, Kansas  
Melanie Campbell, Teacher, West Indianola Elementary School, Topeka, Kansas  
Keith Hall, Teacher, Stockton High School, Stockton, Kansas

The committee received a presentation by the Milken Family Foundation Educators.

Cyndi Harrison, Teacher, Trailwood Elementary School, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, commented that their school has agreements with businesses around their area to supply computers, however, they are outdated. Today there are two groups of children: those who are highly computer literate and those that are not.

Norman Conard, Teacher, Uniontown High School, Uniontown, Kansas, believes that technology enhances the way that young people learn.

Carol Swinney, Teacher, Hugoton High School, Hugoton, Kansas, stated that technology is a tool not a replacement for teaching.

Melanie Campbell, Teacher, West Indianola Elementary School, Topeka, Kansas, commented that for a child, technology can be the difference between a song and a symphony. It opens windows for children to heighten their learning.

Keith Hall, Teacher, Stockton High School, Stockton, Kansas, hopes that technology will build upon itself and that young adults will return to their home town once they finish their education.

The committee meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 1998.