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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 1998 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jones
Senator Oleen

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Breymeyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Cyndi Harrison, 1996 Milken Family Foundation
Educator - USD 512 Shawnee Mission
Norman Dale Conard, USD 235 Uniontown
Carol J. Swinney, USD 210 Hugoton
Melanie Campbell, USD 345 Topeka
Keith Hall, USD 271 Stockton

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order and welcomed the 1996 Milken Family Foundation conferees, Kansas Exemplary Educators, and many people in the field of education who filled the committee room. She acknowledged Marilyn Leaman, DeSoto, Superintendent of the Year and Dara Maline, Emporia, teacher of the year.

The Chairperson called on Cyndi Harrison, the 1996 Milken Family Foundation Educator, who told of her Shawnee Mission school. She stated that 70% of the population have no children in school but continue to support education. She told of the computers and technological advantages of her school where the best of education technology is offered to the students. On the other side of the picture, she told of her husband, a principal at a school adjacent to her district whose students have none of the advantages that her school has. This is creating two societies, the haves and the have nots. This is hurting the students and hurting the business community. She related why it is so vital to see that all children get the educational technology to succeed.

Norman Conard, USD 235 Uniontown, stated that his school uses technology in many ways to enhance learning in every area including the basics. The students learn about the Mennonites, turkey red wheat and many other areas of interest to foster learning. His students use technology in many different ways. He also voiced concern as to schools that have educational technology and those who do not; there is a real equity problem.

Carol J Swinney, USD 210 Hugoton, spoke of how vital it is for the rural students to be connected to the rest of the state and the rest of the world. They are able to see and do things because of access to the basic things in the curriculum and stated that it is important that all students have daily accessibility to educational opportunities.

Melanie Campbell, USD 345 Topeka, spoke of the realization that some schools and students have access to technology and others do not have that opportunity. She spoke of a meeting where the teacher that preceded her was demonstrating by computer and the wonderful things that she could do with it. When she began her presentation, she had a projector. She hoped that someday all students could have that same opportunity to have a window of opportunity opened for them.

Keith Hall, USD 271 Stockton, is a technology teacher with a background in Industrial Arts. He stated that he had not grown up in a rural area. He thinks their niche is to develop technicians for the future. He has talked with employers who are looking for people who can repair, troubleshoot and do any type of electronic work. The rural area's strength is its kids.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chairperson stated that one of the things the Milken Family Foundation stresses is educational technology, not just technology in the classroom, but the technology used to facilitate children's learning. So often it is seen that technology is being advanced in some schools and not in others is because of a lack of leadership, or there is no key person to push for this type of education. She asked if they felt they were preparing teachers to use this as an educational tool.

The response was the trend for the future is an increase in teaching technology and it is being done in the universities. In the local districts there is a large gap of knowledge from classroom to classroom and from teacher to teacher.

The Chairperson commented that it isn't always a case of funding. Many times the priority isn't there because the key person isn't there.

One of the educators stated that attitudes have changed over a period of time. Teachers use to be frightened of computers and technology, but now teachers are seeing computers as a tool for learning. It is getting so that it would be difficult to imagine being without them.

Senator Lee spoke of the Milken Foundation and the work it does. They realize that the better educated our students are the better it is for our business community.

The Chairperson introduced Dr. Tom Boyston, representing the Milken family. He was asked to take them our gratitude and best wishes.

Dr. Boyston responded by stating how honored they were to be associated with the Kansas educators and the Kansas Department of Education. It is very important for the next generation to be up to the challenges they will face. Teachers need to have the same tools that taxi drivers and others have who are using modern technology. Commissioner Tompkins had briefed him on the progress that has been made over the past year. He can see this by the quality of the technology planning, staffing in the Education Department, an appropriation in the Governor's budget for this year and several other things that Kansas is on the move.

After a few further statements, Dr. Boyston ended his comments.

The Chairperson thanked all educators and those present as observers, stated that there would be a meeting upon adjournment on Friday and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 1998.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>Adrian Pokorny</i>	USD 395
<i>Barry R Kay</i>	USD 395 La Crosse
<i>Nancy Bargowski</i>	So. Cent. KS Ed. Serv. Center
<i>Fred Kaufman</i>	U.S.D. # 489
<i>Jim Markos</i>	USD # 402
<i>Bob Mat</i>	USD # 511
<i>Allen [unclear]</i>	USD 470
<i>George [unclear]</i>	U.S.D. 507
<i>Bruce [unclear]</i>	USD 254
<i>Walter [unclear]</i>	USD # 507
<i>Rosie Watts</i>	Leadership Summer Co.
<i>Susan Higbee</i>	Exemplary Education. USD 305 Salina
<i>Janeen Brown</i>	KEEN Member USD 008 Wakeeney
<i>Joanne Emerick</i>	KEEN member USD 412 Hoxie
<i>Cindy Arnoldy</i>	USD # 511
<i>GERALD HENDERSON</i>	USD # KS
<i>Larry Phillip</i>	USD 209 Moscow
<i>Steve Perkins</i>	USD 463 UPTL
<i>Ernie Brown</i>	USD # 208 Wakeeney, Ks

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Aileen Poplin	Baldwin USD 348
Kathy Atarke	USD 260 Derby
Janice P. Crowley	The Independent High School Wichita
Tom Boyser	Milken Family Foundation
Tom Lahey	USD 209 Moscow
Chris Wilson	USD 473 Chapman
Jane Foley	Milken Family Foundation
Bob [unclear]	KS. DEPT. OF EDUCATION
Bernard White	USD 307 Ell-Saline
Robert King	USD 473 Chapman
Licki Scanlon	USD 307 Happy Corner Elem.
Tammy Walman RN	USD 367 Osawatimie
Richard Grant	USD 367 OSAWATOMIE
Stanton Adams	USD 367 OSAWATOMIE
Laura Glavin	USD 473 Chapman
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Mary Lee Edwards	USD 366. Gates Center

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Julie Bahn	USD 382 Pratt
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Nancy McRoberts	USD 233 Olathe
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Tom Christie	USD 497 Lawrence
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