

Approved: February 19, 1999

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 AM on January 19, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lisa Benlon - Excused
Representative Tricia Lightner - Excused
Representative Deena Horst - Excused

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carol Strickland, Emporia High School, USD 253
Shirley A. Stein, Sullivan Elementary School, USD 214
Sandra N. Morris, Royal Valley Elementary School, USD 337
Sherry J. Nelson, Sunflower Elementary School, USD 497
Cynthia C. Schaker, Towanda Grade School, USD 375
Sue Wilson, Derby Sixth Grade Center, USD 260

Others attending: See attached list

The Joint House and Senate Education Committees, chaired by Representative Ralph Tanner and Senator Barbara Lawrence, met to honor the Kansas Teacher of the Year and Finalists.

House Chairman Tanner welcomed all committee members and teachers to the meeting. Chairman Tanner called on Dale Dennis, Deputy Education Commissioner, who made a few brief opening remarks and told how the selection process takes place. He introduced Carol Strickland the Teacher of the Year for 1998-1999. Following her brief remarks she will introduce the team of teachers and made note that one of the teacher finalists, Mr. F. Gene Hampton, USD 512, could not be present because of a medical emergency in the family.

Carol Strickland, Emporia High School, USD 253, she stated the purpose this year is to improve schools, student performance, and the teaching profession in Kansas, that is the mission of the Teacher of the Year program.

Shirley Stein, Sullivan Elementary School, USD 214, teaches fifth grade. She believes that early intervention is a priority through parents as teachers, full day kindergarten, four year at promise programs are positive entities for Kansas kids.

Sandra Morris, Royal Valley Elementary School, USE 337, teaches Title 1 reading to first and second graders. She thinks one of the things that is necessary for schools to succeed now is intervention programs continue in grades one through high school.

Sue Wilson, Derby Sixth Grade Center, USD 260, she teaches science and math. She thinks that what one of the things that has helped her grow and succeed as an exemplary teacher is through a lot of professional development.

Sherry Nelson, Sunflower Elementary School, USD 497. She feels they are doing better jobs as teachers than they were 25 years ago, but that takes time, it takes time to plan and find new ideas, share the your ideas and collaborate with other teachers, that really improves the quality of education for our kids.

Alicia Jackson, Uniontown High School, USD 235, technology is particular an area of concern to her.

Cynthia C. Schaker, Towanda Grade School, USD 375, teaches seventh grade. She believes teachers are teaching students to be lifelong learners.

Rep. Jim Morrison asked Andy Tompkins, Education Commissioner about the Jason Project. Rep. Morrison stated to learn more about this important education project, that it can be found on the World Wide Web at www.Jason.com.

Carol Strickland's closing statement was that we are your resource people and we are in this together. We know that the cost of educating a child is immense but the cost of not educating a child insurmountable.

The committee meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1999.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Alicia Jackson	Kansas Teacher of Year Team
Sherry Nelson	Kansas Teacher of Year
Sue Williams	Kansas Teacher of Year Team
Barbara Thomas	Kansas Teacher of Year Team
Carol Henderson	Kansas Teacher of Year Team
Theresa Lewis	" " " " " "
Mary Baker	KSIDE
Paul Johnson	State Board of Education
Janet Smith	USA
Bob Doster	DOE
Denise Holt	USA
Beilla Scott	USA
Theresa Wickert	USA
Bob Vancouver	USD 229
Don Rye	USD 321
Paul Walker	Senate Hearing Office
Tom Allen	KFLC - KEC
Jacqueline Baker	SGE