

Approved: May 1, 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 a.m. on February 11, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Lisa Benlon

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:
Terry Smith, consultant to the Jason Foundation
Rex E. Babcock, USD #413, Chanute
Laura Caillouet, USE #257, Iola
Kathi Flexman, USE #229, Blue Valley
Keith Hall, USE #271, Stockton
Janet Hards, USD #437, Auburn-Washburn
Linda Herbel, USD #497, Lawrence
Janet Jump, USD #259, Wichita
Dana Sprinkle, USD #307, Ell-Saline

Others attending: See attached list

The joint House and senate Education Committees, chaired by Representative Ralph Tanner and Senator Barbara Lawrence, met for a presentation by the Jason Foundation.

Chairman Tanner welcomed all committee members and the audience to the meeting. Chairman Tanner called on Representative Jim Morrison, to introduce our presenter. Following his brief remarks Representative Morrison introduced Terry Smith, Consultant for the Jason Project.

Terry Smith, gave background information on the Jason Foundation. The Jason Foundation for education is a not for profit educational foundation that was created in 1988 by Dr. Robert Ballard, a noted oceanographer. When Dr. Ballard returned from this tour after discovering the Titanic and started answering all his mail, most of the questions were asked by students was "How can I grow up like you?". Dr. Ballard felt obligated to answer the mail and discovered that he would answer the letters by developing a program that would enable him to take students on his future scientific expeditions .

Because of Dr. Ballard and who he is, he was able to gain the interest of CEO's and chairman of the boards to participate from a variety of major national corporation of non profit and government agencies. There was a seven minute video of an overview of the Jason foundation and the mission statement: The mission of the JASON Foundation for Education is to excite and engage students in science and technology, and to motivate and provide professional development for their teachers through the use of advanced telecommunications.

The committee participated in a leaf litter activity to give them an idea of what types of science exerices the students would participate in. The program focuses on grades 4 - 9 and offers a web site with chats with scientists, and is used as a backup tool for the teacher. The meeting was opened for questions and discussion.

The Chairman thanked Terry Smith for the presentation.

The Chairman welcomed Dale Dennis, State Board of Education, he asked the teachers of the Milken Foundations to introduce themselves and give a brief comment.

Keith Hall - 1997 Milken National Educator USD #271, Stockton. He felt that technology can connect with children, and especially felt those children that have troubles.

Rex Babcock, 1993 Milken National Educator USD #413, Chanute. He felt that technology is important in the classroom, and realizes that technology can't do everything, but it can make a big improvement.

Linda Herbel, 1996 Milken National Educator, USD #497, Lawrence. She said that technology was leading the way, and that she hoped it would be an equable systematic plan.

Janet Jump, 1998 Milken National Educator, USD #259, Wichita. She stated that her school is at a 52% poverty level, and that technology has made a big difference in the students and parents.

Dana Sprinkle, USD #307, Ell-Saline. She said that they only have three computers and the students only get 45 minutes a week, funding for technology is a must to develop skills.

Janet Hards, 1998 Milken National Educator, USD #437, Auburn-Washburn. She said that students won't be

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college bound ready because of not having the funds for technology in high school.

Laura Caillouet, 1998 Milken National Educator, USD #257, Iola. She felt that technology gave students the knowledge and drive to be good students.

Kathi Flexman, 1998 Milken National Educator, USD #229, Blue Valley. She said that even though students can excel at computers they still need to be able to read and write.

Chairman Tanner thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 1999.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Tim Yonally	Shawnee Mission Sch.
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Karen Bruning	USD 317 BOE member
Jean Frigon	USD 379 Clay Center
Cathy Thompson	USD 489 - Hays
Bill Karmaster	USD 489 - Hays
Kathy Spicer	USD 489 Hays
Colleen C. Seim	USD 305 Salina
Joyce Eisenhower	USD 305 Salina
Jacqueline Dabe	SQE
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Mike Logue	USD 262 Valley Center
Virginia Boyd	USD 262 Valley Center
Mary Paul	USD 262 Valley Center
Derrell Schooler	USD 262 V.C.
David C. Light	USD 217 Rolla
Dan Carlson	USD 400 Lindbergh
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Jean Casanova	USD 428 Great Bend

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