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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on January 18, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Carole Beggs- excused

Committee staff present: Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

The Chair recognized Dale Dennis, Assistant Superintendent, State Department of Education, who in turn introduced the 2005 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Brett D. Potts of Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Others introduced to the Committee were the Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year. They were: Joyce C. Anschutz, Jefferson Elementary, Great Bend; Marilyn Bolton, Buhler High School; Alma Cook, Lincoln Elementary, Baxter Springs; Anne Farmer, Douglass High School; Jeffrey W. Handley, Washburn Rural High School, Topeka; Teresa M. Hedge, Edwardsville Elementary and Gary Wilkerson, Tanglewood Elementary, Derby. (Attachment 1).

A question and answer session followed.

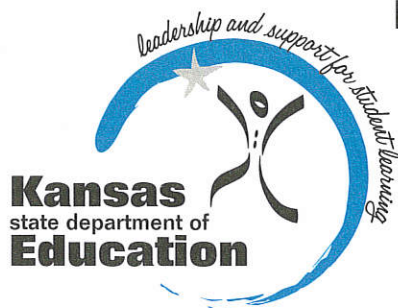
Dale Dennis, spoke of the need to update the state special education law so that it would coincide with the federal law. A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Kraft to introduce this as a committee bill. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A conceptual bill was offered by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Loganbill that would clarify who is eligible for the due process law. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Yonally made a motion that was seconded by Representative Storm to introduce to the committee the 2004 school finance bill. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A request was made by Representative Powers and seconded by Representative Colloton which would delete the requirement of former teachers to attain 5 additional hours before substitute teaching. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next regular committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2005.



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The Honorable Kathe Decker
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Dear Representative Decker:

We have two groups of educators which we would like to appear before the House Education Committee during the 2005 legislative session.

KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

As you are aware, the Kansas Teacher of the Year team has been given the opportunity to appear before the House Education Committee to discuss current education issues from a teacher's point of view. The 2005 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Brett D. Potts, Blue Valley Northwest High School, #229, Blue Valley. The other members of the team include the following.

Joyce C. Anschutz, Jefferson Elementary School, #428-Great Bend
Marilyn Bolton, Buhler High School, #313-Buhler
Alma Cook, Lincoln Elementary School, #508-Baxter Springs
Anne Farmer, Douglass High School, #396-Douglass
Jeffrey W. Handley, Washburn Rural High School, #437-Auburn-Washburn
Teresa M. Hedge, Edwardsville Elementary School, #204-Bonner Springs
Gary Wilkerson, Tanglewood Elementary School, #260-Derby

We would appreciate the opportunity to appear before the House Education Committee on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARDEES

The 2004 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awardees will be in Topeka on **Thursday, February 10, 2005. Would it be possible for the Milken Awardees to appear before your committee on that date?** The focus of the Milken Family Foundation is the improvement of teacher quality with an emphasis on teacher education. We realize this has been an important area to you as a legislator as well as the entire state. The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awardees are as follows.

Jim Armendariz, Ogden Elementary School, #383-Manhattan-Ogden
Vicki Seeger, Pleasant Hill Elementary School-#345, Seaman

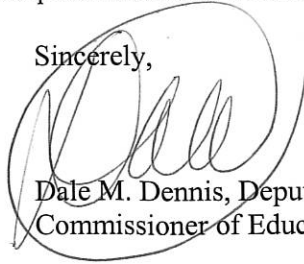
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In addition, you are cordially invited to attend the Milken awards dinner honoring the 2004 educators and 2004 National Board Certified Teachers on February 10, 2005. A reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m., Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka.

We hope the information conveyed by these groups of educators will be helpful to your committee.

Sincerely,



Dale M. Dennis, Deputy
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Kansas Teacher of the Year Program

2005 Kansas Teacher of the Year



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