

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:     Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department  
                                      Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
                                      Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
                                      Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Education Dept.  
  Members of Kansas Teacher of the Year Team

The Chair introduced Dale Dennis who in turn introduced the seven representatives of the Kansas Teacher of the Year Team who spoke of their personal experiences in their field.

Those present were: Juliann Bliese, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Hays Grade School; Barbara Fowler, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Emporia Middle School; Niles Gabrielson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Maize Grade School; Trey Harrison, biology, ElDorado High School; Jada Kohlmeier, social studies, Desoto High School; Diane Liebsch, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Atchison Middle School and Pam Tipton, Directed Studies, Seaman High School.

A question and answer session followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2003.