

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.