

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Holland- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Milken Foundation Recipients
Representative Steve Huebert
Mark DeSetti, KNEA and KASB
Supt. Jerry Cullen, USD 220
Dr. Loren Lutes, Supt. USD 341
Supt. Neuenswander, USD 268

Dale Dennis introduced Jesse Bernal, Garden City and Charles Jenney, Wichita, the 2003 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awardees, who spoke to the Committee of their experiences in teaching.

Kathie Sparks, Principal Analyst, addressed the Committee in regard to the At-Risk Assistance Program. (Attachment 1).

HB 2587 - concerning declining enrollments, correlation weighting and low enrollment weighting.

Representative Huebert offered testimony in favor of **HB 2587**. (Attachments 2 and 3).

HB 2588 - concerning declining enrollments, correlation weighting and low enrollments.

Speaking as an opponent for both **HB 2587 and HB 2588** was Mark Desetti. (Attachment 4).

Appearing in opposition of **HB 2587 and HB 2588** were Superintendents Jerry Cullen, Loren Lutes and Brad Neuenswander. (Attachments 5, 6 and 7).

The hearing on **HB 2587 and HB 2588** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2004.