

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Lisa Benlon
Ann Murphy, USD 229, Blue Valley
Michiel Ford, USD 336, Holton
Jada L. Kohlmeier, USD 232, DeSoto
Pat Kells, Dir. of KS Office for Community Service
Jacque Feist, Principal, Dodge City High School
Katy Hartman, CCC Class, Shawnee Mission NW
Richard Jackson - Director ECKAN, Inc.
Adam Kretzer
Bryce Huschka
Sam Smith
Mark Tallman, KASB

The Chair called on Dale Dennis who introduced the winners of the 2002 Milken Foundation Teacher Award.

The three recipients spoke to the Committee regarding their experiences in the teaching field. Amy Murphy, ([Attachment 1](#)); Michiel Ford, ([Attachment 2](#)) and Jada Kohlmeier, ([Attachment 3](#)).

A brief question and answer period followed.

Members of the Farm Bureau who were in attendance were introduced to the Committee.

Chairman Tanner also introduced those members of the audience who were former Milken Foundation winners.

HB 2353 - Concerning accredited high schools; requiring provision of a community service class for students.

Katy Hartman, service class member at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, was the spokesperson for her group and told of their contributions to their community. ([Attachments 4 and 5](#)).

Pat Kells offered testimony in support of **HB 2353**. ([Attachment 6](#)).

Appearing as a proponent for **HB 2353** was Jacque Feist. ([Attachment 7](#)).

Representative Tanner called the Committee's attention to an article recently published regarding the health factors involved in the giving of service to others. ([Attachment 8](#)).

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Richard Jackson appeared in favor of **HB 2353**, (Attachment 9), and then introduced three members of the classroom-based community service program of Ottawa, Kansas.

Adam Kretzer spoke in support of **HB 2353**. (Attachment 10).

Telling of his involvement in community volunteerism, Bryce Huschka spoke of the difference it had made in his own life. He asked the Committee for their support for **HB 2353**. (Attachment 11).

Sam Smith, voted Outstanding Youth Volunteer, spoke as a proponent of **HB 2353**. (Attachment 12).

Mark Tallman told the Committee that the only objection the Kansas Association of School Boards had to **HB 2353** was the new costs it would impose. (Attachment 13).

Offering testimony in support of **HB 2353**, was Representative Lisa Benlon. (Attachment 14).

The hearing on **HB 2353** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2002.