

27th Annual

Rural Education and Small Schools Conference

October 23-24, 2005

Holiday Inn - Manhattan, Kansas

*“Celebrating the Best in
Rural and Small Schools”*



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Key Conference Issues

The conference program has been designed to highlight exemplary programs and research of all kinds involving rural education and small schools. Key issues throughout this year's conference program include the following areas:

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and issues for rural and small schools
- Successful cross-district cooperative agreements and restructuring efforts
- Technology integration for increased learning
- Classroom strategies designed to increase student achievement, especially in reading and mathematics
- Assessment of student learning and meeting NCLB standards
- Successful strategies for managing student enrollment/size changes
- Recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators in rural areas
- Leadership for achieving quality education in rural schools and communities

Registration and General Information

The conference registration and information desk will be in the concourse area of the Holiday Inn to provide participants with general information on the conference. The registration desk will be open 4:00-6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 23 and 7:30-9:00 a.m., Monday, October 24.

Messages

A message board for conference participants will be set up at the registration desk. Important announcements will also be posted. Please check the board periodically for messages and announcements.

Proceedings

A copy of the 2005 Conference Proceedings may be ordered at the registration table during the conference. Previous year's proceedings are available for a cost of \$12.90 and may also be ordered at the registration table.

Professional Development Units

PDU's will be documented for conference participants at the cost of \$10. Please check at the registration desk if interested in Professional Development Units. Individuals will be responsible for submitting the documentation to their respective agencies. The total units available are based on the actual attendance of the individual.

Exhibits

Exhibits will be available throughout the day Monday, October 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. A variety of community service and economic development displays from agencies, institutions and commercial representatives will be set up in the Regency Ballroom 1 of the Holiday Inn. Exhibits will focus on services available for rural and small schools.

Conference Program

Sunday

October 23, 2005

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Registration

Holiday Inn Concourse

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Social Hour (Cash Bar)

Holiday Inn Concourse

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Banquet

Regency Ballroom A

(Co-sponsored with Schools for Quality Education and Center for Rural Education and Small Schools)

Bob Mooneyham, Executive Director

National Rural Education Association (NREA)

Keynote Speaker:

Ron Wilson

Director, Huck Boyd National

Institute for Rural Development

Kansas State University

Manhattan, KS

**“Amazing Kansans: Celebrating
the Best”**

Music: Pianist Bill Wingfield

SQE Essay Contest Winners

Presider: Robert C. Newhouse

Center for Rural Education and Small Schools

Kansas State University

Monday

October 24, 2005

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Registration

Holiday Inn Concourse

7:30-8:35 a.m.

Regency Ballroom A

BREAKFAST

SPEAKER:

Mary Kusler, Government Relations
American Association of School
Administrators (AASA)
Arlington, VA

**“Update on Federal Legislation for
Rural Education”**

Presider: Barbara Havlicek

Center for Rural Education and Small Schools
Kansas State University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:45-9:35 a.m.

Conference Room I

**“Building Capacity from Within Through
Gung Ho”**

Tom Bishard

Matt McKee

USD #440 — Halstead-Bentley
Halstead, KS

(In this session, hear how the book Gung Ho helped USD 440 develop a blueprint for change that increased productivity, promoted greater respect among employees, and ultimately benefited student performance.)

Conference Room II

**“Bringing 21st Century Learning to a
Kansas Elementary School”**

Lorene DeVries

Melvin Ormiston

USD #332 — Cunningham
Cunningham, KS

(The Zenda Charter School was established with a plan to emphasize math, reading, and technology programs. Learn the results of that decision and what the implications are for you and your school.)

Conference Room III

“Galactic Explosion at Cool School”

Susan Hagedorn
USD #223 — Barnes-Hanover-Linn
Hanover, KS

(“Cool School” is a six-week summer adventure that encourages student’s natural curiosity through a thematic, catalytic curriculum of authentic, across-the curriculum educational experiences in a non-traditional environment.)

Conference Room IV

“How Leadership Reproduces and Replenishes Itself in Kansas Public School Administration”

Teresa Miller
Mary Devin
Jeff Zacharakis
College of Education
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

(Learn what makes superintendents and principals successful as members of this panel discuss the results of their survey, which focused on finding what factors encourage people to pursue administrative positions in public schooling.)

Conference Room V

“What We Know — What Say You”

Tweed Ross
College of Education
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

(Vast changes to the technology and communication infrastructure of Kansas education are underway. Come find out what new tools are on the horizon and how you can make a difference in your school.)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:45–10:35 a.m.

Conference Room I

“Meeting Quality Criteria Four in Quality Performance Accreditation”

Diane DeBacker
Jeanette Nobo
Kansas State Department of Education
Topeka, KS

(see description on next page)

(Participants will learn ways that the Kansas Online Standards Staff Development training can be delivered to teachers as an option to meeting Quality Criteria Four – Formal Training for Teachers.)

Conference Room III

“Amazing Kansans: Kansas Case Studies as a Resource for Educators”

Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural
Development
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

(This entertaining presentation will include many case studies from the Kansas Profile radio program. Learn about the Kansas Profile and how it can be a useful resource to educators.)

Conference Room IV

“A Study of the Aspirations of the Goessel Unified School District – USD #411”

John Fast
Lynel Unrau
USD #411 — Goessel
Goessel, KS

Ray Calabrese
Wichita State University
Wichita, KS

(Presenters discuss the Community of Goessel and USD 411 and future goals of the district.)

Conference Room V

“Digital Citizenship: Essential Skills for the 21st Century”

Mike Ribble
Jerry Bailey
College of Education
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

(This presentation presents a framework for how to look at laws and ethics in the use of technology. Digital Citizenship attempts to educate everyone on how technology should be used in homes, schools, and society as a whole.)

10:35-10:50 a.m.
Regency Ballroom 1
BREAK/EXHIBITS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
10:50–11:40 a.m.

Conference Room I

***“Providing for Alternative Education
Within the Small Rural School”***

V. Pauline Hodges
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Goodwell, OK

(This presentation will provide a workable plan for incorporating a credible alternative program for at-risk students within the small rural high school.)

Conference Room II

***“Making Advanced Placement Work in
Small Schools”***

John Basich
The College Board - School Outreach
Leawood, KS

(What does it take to start an AP program in small school districts? What unique challenges do small schools face with respect to AP? What are the key factors for implementing a successful AP program? What role does Pre-AP play in AP success? These questions and more will be addressed during this session along with providing participants with some practical tips for beginning and/or enhancing an AP program.)

Conference Room IV

***“No Cost Staff Development for Rural
Schools”***

Kathy Davis
Connected Kansas Kids
Kansas University Medical Center
Kansas City, KS

(Come learn about the project “Connected Kansas Kids” (CKK), designed to offer no-cost staff development to rural educators. CKK offers presentations for general educators, special educators, administrators, school nurses, school counselors, school psychologists, and other school personnel.)

Conference Room V

“Our Voices: Celebrating Rural & Small School Students’ Experiences in Higher Education”

Be Stoney — Panel facilitator
(Panel of former students from rural and small schools - a list of students is located in the conference packet)
College of Education
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

(As rural and small high school students transition into higher education, they are challenged to think, act, and interact with people from various communities and cultures. Hear panelists discuss how districts can better prepare students for diverse environments.)

11:45-1:30 p.m.

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Regency Ballroom A

SPEAKER:

Steven Crawford, Superintendent
Byng School District 16
Ada, OK
AASA Executive Committee

Rural Education Awards

G. Kent Stewart
Awards Committee Chair

Presider: Robert Newhouse

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:40–2:30 p.m.

Conference Room I

“Realistic Alternatives for Health Insurance”

Larry Bear
Polaris Benefit Administrators
Westerville, OH

(You are well aware of how the national crisis in rising health care costs is impacting your district. Learn about different health care options and how they could save you and your district money.)

Conference Room II

“No Child Left Behind — Good News for Schools”

Brenda Roberts
Gloria Flynn
Richard Lipka
Pittsburg State University
Pittsburg, KS

(The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 brings significant changes, challenges and opportunities to education reform. This discussion opportunity will center on key titles, programs and requirements with the purpose of improving student performance.)

Conference Room IV

“Town Team Sports History: Hitting a Home Run with Students and the Community”

Scott Parker
Greg Hamel
USD #281 — Hill City
Hill City, KS

(Most teachers know that sparking student interest is what makes the difference in how students perceive what they are learning. This presentation will focus on the importance of using local area sports to capture your students' imagination.)

Conference Room V

“Assessment that Informs Instruction and Intervention: The Role of the School Psychologist in a Multi-tiered Model”

Shelly Harris
Rebecca Presley
Lennis Ward
High Plains Education Cooperative
Ulysses, KS

(High Plains Educational Cooperative school psychologists will explain their model for special education and highlight how their training and skills apply to the process.)

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Regency Ballroom 1

BREAK/EXHIBITS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45–3:30 p.m.

Conference Room I

“How to Teach Reading and Keep Your Hair at the Same Time! Successful Guided Reading”

Jim Lauer

Janell Barnow

Sharon Musick

Margaret Peterson

Jessica Jandl

USD #491 — Eudora

Eudora, KS

(Learn what it takes to set up a successful reading program, the time it takes to show positive development of reading skills, and how to obtain school board support for the program.)

Conference Room II

“Virtual Learning: An Alternative to Curriculum Expansion”

Margo Troike

Susan Dellasega

Virtual Greenbush

Girard, KS

(Presenters will address issues districts face when dealing with current and potential teacher shortages. Learn about the accredited distance-learning program Virtual Greenbush offers to help school districts expand their existing curriculum.)

Conference Room IV

“The Distributed Leadership Perspectives Impact on Classroom Practice”

Mark McBeth

Larry Wheelers

Kansas State Department of

Education

Topeka, KS

(This interactive learning experience will focus on leadership practices that impact classroom performance and the distinctions between a formal leadership model and a perspective of distributed leadership.)

3:35-4:40 p.m.

Conference Room IV and V

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Mark your calendar:

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and the

**98th Annual NREA
Convention**

October 23-25, 2006

**The Westin Crown Center
Kansas City Missouri**

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