

**B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2010**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 of the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Kenton Ladenburger presided.

REGULAR SESSION

Bill Bergner  
Keri Breeding  
Mark Fincham  
Jack Galle  
Clinton Skaggs  
Kim Stivers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:  
Glen Davis, Superintendent of Schools  
Suzan Patton, Assistant Superintendent  
Mike Couch, Haskins Elementary Principal  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary Principal  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal  
Curtis Nightingale, Activities Director

OTHERS ATTENDING

News Media:  
Carol Bronson, The Pratt Tribune

Guests: Denise Roebkes, Brady Batman, Justin Schneider, Alichia VanSlyke, Judy Koehler, Andrea Wilson, Karen Blasi, Emily Gilpin, Paula Blasi, Chris Drake, Misti Kuhn.

GUESTS

Clinton Skaggs moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE AGENDA

Keri Breeding noted that the last sentence on page 1 of the December 14, 2009 minutes was incomplete.

The paragraph should read: Dr. Davis presented a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Race to the Top grant project. The Board, in partnership with the Pratt chapter of NEA, would enter into an **agreement that would support the State in its implementation of the Race to the Top grant project.**

The omitted portion, which is highlighted in bold, will be included in the official minutes.

Kim Stivers moved and Bill Bergner seconded to approve the minutes of the Dec. 14, 2009 regular meeting as amended. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE MINUTES

Jack Galle moved and Clinton Skaggs seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE FINAN. RPTS.

Jack Galle reported on Governmental Relations.

GOV'L REL

Bill Bergner reported on the SCKSEC board meeting held on December 21, 2009.

SCKSEC

Steve Blankenship and Curtis Nightingale gave a report on the happenings and activities at Pratt High School which, in part, included the performance of Beauty and the Beast, Forensics, the Christmas music program, Sigma Club competition, career pipelines, Science Olympiad, BEST Robotics, the library coffee shop, fall sports league honors, league news and upcoming league and regional competitions scheduled to be held at PHS.

PHS REPORT

The curriculum report given by Suzan Patton included:

- 1) the scheduled training for paras on test security for state assessments;
- 2) the agenda for teacher inservice on January 18<sup>th</sup>;
- 3) the additional late start day scheduled for February;

CURRICULUM REPORT

curriculum report, cont'd

- 4) the administering of benchmark testing at elementary schools;
- 5) kindergarten round-ups scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Suzan also reported that Haskins was chosen by EMC Insurance Co to receive a \$500 grant to help fund its library and/or reading programs through the "Reading Caravan" program co-sponsored by EMC and KAKE-TV. The grant was matched and an additional \$500 was received from Strong's Insurance Co. of Pratt.

READING  
CARAVAN  
PRESENTATION

During the Superintendent Report, Dr. Davis reported that he attended the presentation of the grant by EMC and KAKE-TV and congratulated the faculty and staff at Haskins.

SUPT. REPORT

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Davis recognized board members and thanked them for their service and dedication. Members were also given applause by those in attendance at the meeting.

BOARD  
MEMBERS  
RECOGNIZED

Discussion was held on allowing corporate advertising in district facilities.

A presentation on budget cutting measures was given by Dr. Davis.

The renewal policy for property insurance was reviewed.

Mark Fincham moved and Bill Bergner seconded to approve the property insurance renewal with Strong's Insurance. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
INSURANCE  
RENEWAL

A recess was held from 8:48 – 9:00 p.m.

Kenton Ladenburger moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 9:00 – 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the board, superintendent and assistant superintendent present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 9:15 P.M.

Kenton Ladenburger moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 9:15 – 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the board, superintendent and assistant superintendent present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 9:25 P.M.

Clinton Skaggs moved and Jack Galle seconded to approve the list of personnel changes. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

Steve Strecker	Lunch Supervisor	LMS	Re-assignment
Suzie Cramer	Custodian	LMS	Revised hours
Kristi Pelkey	Custodian	LMS	New Hire
Denise Roebkes	Librarian	PHS	Resignation/Early Retirement
Deb Zang	Librarian	LMS/HES	Resignation/Early Retirement
Alana Kay Sewell	Teacher	SW	Resignation/Early Retirement

Kenton Ladenburger moved and Bill Bergner seconded to go into executive session from 9:27 – 9:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations and the February 1<sup>st</sup> notice letter with the board, superintendent and assistant superintendent present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
NEGOTIATIONS

OPEN MEETING: 9:42 P.M.

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Kenton Ladenburger moved and Bill Bergner seconded to go into executive session from 9:43 – 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations and the February 1<sup>st</sup> notice letter with the board, superintendent and assistant superintendent present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
NEGOTIATIONS

OPEN MEETING: 10:00 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved for adjournment at 10:07 p.m. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURN

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