

## B.O.E. Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in special session and in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017. The meetings were held in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner called the special meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

SPECIAL  
SESSION

Chris Drake  
Mark Fincham  
Donna Hoener-Queal  
Jennifer Hopkins  
Brian Schrag  
Bill Skaggs – arrived at 5:50 p.m.

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Administration present:

Suzan Patton, Superintendent  
David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum  
David Swank, Pratt High School Asst. Principal/Activities Director  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Principal

Mark Fincham moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the agenda. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
AGENDA

A project finance presentation was given by Charlie Zitnik of D. A. Davidson & Co.

Brian Schrag moved for adjournment at 6:40 p.m. Jennifer Hopkins seconded. Action 7-0.

President Bill Bergner called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR  
SESSION

Chris Drake  
Mark Fincham  
Donna Hoener-Queal  
Jennifer Hopkins  
Brian Schrag  
Bill Skaggs

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Administration present:

Suzan Patton, Superintendent of Schools  
David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Asst. Superintendent of CTE  
David Swank, Pratt High School Asst. Principal/Activities Director  
Tony Helfrich, Liberty Middle School Principal  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Principal  
Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Asst. Principal

OTHERS  
ATTENDING

News Media:

Jennifer Stultz, The Pratt Tribune

Brian Schrag moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Action 7-0.

APPROVE  
AGENDA

Guests: Alesha Bergner, Hannah Coates. Zach Shanline, Bryce Stegman, Carrie Goodheart, and Rose Beilman-Shoup.

GUESTS

Alesha Bergner presented her speech entitled “Local Heroes: Your Hardworking Pollinators”. Her speech earned her 2<sup>nd</sup> place at state in the Soil Conservation Speech Contest.

STUDENT  
PRESENTATIONS

Hannah Coates attended the National JAG Conference in Washington, D.C. and presented a speech on College and Career Readiness. She presented her speech to the board and spoke about her trip.

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Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 regular meeting and December 20, 2016 special meeting. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MINUTES

Bill Skaggs moved and Brian Schrag seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FINAN. RPTS.

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, board members were recognized for their time and service to the district with a gift of appreciation.

SCHOOL BOARD  
APPRECIATION

Donna Hoener-Queal reported her and Suzan would be attending the Advocacy Conference in Topeka at the end of the week. Suzan reported on education issues of concern at the federal level including the appointment of the Secretary of Education and a supreme court case regarding Special Education.

**REPORTS**  
GOVT'L  
RELATIONS

Chris Drake reported on the December 19, 2016 SCKSEC board meeting.

SCKSEC RPT.

Curriculum Director David Schmidt reported on;

CURRICULUM

1. NAEP testing at Southwest and state assessment schedule;
2. college and career readiness and upcoming tours and activities scheduled for PHS students, and;
3. the development of a partnership with the Veterans Administration for student volunteer opportunities.

During the Superintendent's report, Suzan:

SUPT. REPORT

1. asked for feedback from the board on storage of the district's art collection;
2. discussed revisions of the parent survey for 2017;
3. reported on her participation as a panel member for conversation with new superintendents across the state thru KSSA, and;
4. reviewed information from the National Clearinghouse on continuing education of students 2 years post-graduation.

Updates to board policies CN, DFAB, DP, EE, GAK, GBU, JBC, JBKA, JBCB, JGC, JGCB, JGFGBA, JRB and MI were presented for the first reading.

BOARD POLICY  
UPDATES

Mark Fincham moved and Bill Skaggs seconded to approve the insurance policy renewal with Wright Specialty Insurance for a total cost of 92,881.00. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
INSURANCE  
RENEWAL

Mark Fincham moved and Bill Skaggs seconded to approve the state mileage reimbursement rate at 53.5¢/mile. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MILEAGE RATE

Mark Fincham moved and Brian Schrag seconded to approve the contract with Interquest Detection Canines for 2017-18. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
INTERQUEST  
CONTRACT

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 7:55 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the board and assistant superintendents of CTE, personnel and curriculum present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:05 P.M.

Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the following personnel changes. Action 7-0.

Beth Reller	Kindergarten Position	New Position
Gina Bates	Substitute cheer sponsor	for Joy Schmidt, PHS
Luke Bauman	Spring Asst. AD	New Hire

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 8:15 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations, in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, with the board, superintendent, assistant superintendents of CTE, personnel and curriculum present. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
NEGOTIATIONS

OPEN MEETING: 8:25 p.m.

Mark Fincham moved for adjournment at 8:26 p.m. Bill Skaggs seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURN

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