

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner presided.

REGULAR

Chris Drake
Mark Fincham
Donna Queal
Brian Schrag
Bill Skaggs
Kim Stivers – arrived at 7:40 p.m.

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Administration present:

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

OTHERS
ATTENDING

News Media:

Carol Bronson, The Pratt Tribune

Guests: Jorja Elliott, Verlin Elliott, Starla Elliott, Jenni Pelland, Lori Anschutz, Alyssa Catron, Cassie Van Slyke, Eadie Monaghan and Emma Fowler.

GUESTS

Amendments to the Agenda: Add item IX) e - Approval of Purchase of Scoreboard and the addition of Janelle Dillon, Steve Blankenship and Nick Birdsong to XI) - Personnel Changes.

AMENDMENTS
TO AGENDA

Chris Drake moved and Brian Schrag seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Action 6-0.

APPROVE
AGENDA

PHS student Jorja Elliott presented her science fair project - "Is Name Brand Best?" at the national conference in Washington, DC in February and was present at the meeting to present it to the board and guests.

SCIENCE
PRESENTATION

Lori Anschutz, Alyssa Catron and Jenni Pelland, LMS math teachers, reported on using a method of teaching math that aims for mastery.

LMS MATH
PRESENTATION

Mark Fincham moved and Bill Skaggs seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

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

MOTION
APPROVE
FINAN. RPTS.

Chris Drake reported on the February 15, 2016 SCKSEC board meeting.

SCKSEC RPT.

Mark Fincham and Suzan Patton updated the board on current legislation.

REPORTS
GOVT'L
RELATIONS

Curriculum Director David Schmidt reported on:

CURRICULUM
DIRECTOR

- 1. PHS juniors participating in "Apollo Redux" at the Kansas Cosmosphere;
- 2. PHS freshmen participating in "walk a mile", an ability awareness workshop;

curriculum report, cont'd

- 3. state assessments, and;
- 4. enrollment in Greenback Spark Lab – the summer science, math and engineering technology camp.

During the Superintendent’s report, Suzan reported:

- 1. on changes being implemented in the identification of gifted students;
- 2. academic achievement;
- 3. a grant from Pratt County SWAT was received by the District Culture Committee and will be used for character education, leadership skills and drug prevention programs;
- 4. county valuations, and;
- 5. PCC extended an invitation for a joint meeting.

SUPT. REPORT

The board agreed to tentatively schedule the joint meeting with PCC prior to the board meeting in May.

Kim Stivers moved and Brian Schrag seconded to approve board policy updates to JGA, JGC, JBCB, JGCBA and JGCA. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
POLICY
UPDATES

Kim Stivers moved and Bill Skaggs seconded to approve the 2016-17 calendar. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
16-17 CALENDAR

Bill Skaggs moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve 10 new courses at PHS as presented. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE NEW
PHS COURSES

Discussion was held on the possibility of expenditures from the contingency fund.

Bill Skaggs moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve two-year contract extensions for the superintendent, PHS, LMS and SW principals and a one year extension for the curriculum director and SW assistant principal. Action 7-0.

MOTION
ADMIN
CONTRACT
EXTENSIONS

Bill Skaggs moved and Donna Queal seconded to approve the purchase of a Daktronics football scoreboard for \$22,569.00. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
SCOREBOARD
PURCHASE

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 8:45 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the board, superintendent, asst. superintendent of CTE and the curriculum director present. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:55 P.M.

Chris Drake moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the list of personnel changes and to approve the transfer of David Swank to PHS Assistant Principal/AD. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Susan Pixler	PHS Pep Club	Resignation
Joy Schmidt	PHS Pep Club	New Hire
Rose Vratil	PHS Head Custodian	Resignation
John Shriver	PHS Head Custodian	Transfer
Michael Bonham	PHS Custodian	New Hire

Personnel changes, cont'd

Andrea Miller	SW Kindergarten	Resignation
Kyle Farmer	PHS Co-Debate	Resignation
Kristen Eck	LMS 5 th Grade Math	Resignation
Anthony Brown	LMS 5 th Grade Math	New Hire
Curtis Nightingale	PHS Asst. Principal/AD	Resignation
Janelle Dillon	LMS Art	Resignation
Steve Blankenship	LMS Head Football	Resignation
Nick Birdsong	LMS Head Football	Transfer
David Swank	PHS Asst. Principal/AD	Transfer

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session from 9:04 p.m. to 9:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the board, superintendent, assistant superintendent of CTE and curriculum director present. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION –
NEGOTIATIONS

OPEN MEETING: 9:09 P.M.

Mark Fincham moved for adjournment at 9:25 p.m. Chris Drake seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
ADJOURN

Clerk, Board of Education #382