

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

**October 11, 2021**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021 beginning with a tour at 6:15 p.m. of the PHS welding and wood shops and LMS locker rooms. President Bill Bergner called the official meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton.

REGULAR  
SESSION

Jeremy Demuth  
Chris Drake  
Michelle Ferbert  
Mark Fincham  
Donna Hoener-Queal  
Jennifer Hopkins

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Administration present:

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools  
David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Assistant Supt. of CTE  
David Swank, Pratt High School Activities Director/Assistant Principal  
Ryan Creadick, Liberty Middle School Principal  
Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Principal  
David Inslee, District Maintenance Director

OTHERS  
ATTENDING

Guests: Debra Swift, Lindsey Tipton, Jodi Schumacher, Bright Ibeawuchi, Zed Ibeawuchi, Sally Freedman, Finneus Freedman, Sam Bergner and Grant Younie.

GUESTS

Debra Swift, Opa Food Service manager for Pratt, introduced Lindsey Tipton as her replacement when she retires at the end of the month. Lindsey, originally from Texas, told the board she has previously worked in K-12 in Texas and Oklahoma and actively sought the position to move to Kansas.

The name of Ken Newman was added to the list of personnel changes.

Jeremy Demuth moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**

APPROVE  
AGENDA

Michelle Ferbert moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting and the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**

APPROVE  
MINUTES

Southwest Elementary School Principal introduced Southwest’s Enrichment and GATE teacher Jodi Schumacher. Jodi was accompanied by students Zed Ibeawuchi and Finneus Freedman who both demonstrated their coding skills with presentations with Dot & Dash robots. Jodi reviewed the various coding programs and equipment available to the students which include Dot & Dash, Osmo, Makey Makey, Lego WeDo, SPHERO and Hummingbird. All are all popular with the students on STEM Friday. Jodi also reported that her reading students explore foreign languages on Foreign Language Fridays.

SW GATE/  
ENRICHMENT  
PRESENTATION

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**

APPROVE  
FINAN. RPTS.

Chris Drake reported on the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 SCKSEC board meeting.

**REPORTS**

SCKSEC

Michelle Ferbert and Tony Helfrich discussed the legislative post audit being performed on districts regarding cyber security. The federal vaccine mandate was also briefly discussed.

GOVT’L REL

David Inslee reported the east exit gym doors at LMS have been replaced and the roofing project will begin this week. Discussion on the possible need to replace the rooftop units on the Pedigo wing at PHS was held.

FACILITIES

David Schmidt’s report included:

CURRICULUM

- 1. staffing and procedures for COVID Testing & Vaccination;
- 2. the success of GO Day and Reality U;
- 3. NAEP and Work Keys testing schedules;
- 4. Pratt Learning Center graduate, and;
- 5. September 20<sup>th</sup> headcounts reported to the state.

During the superintendent’s report, Tony Helfrich:

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- 1. reviewed the results of the Community Facility Survey;
- 2. reviewed the process and results of the 2020 Graduate Survey, and;
- 3. updated the board on the activity bus.

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve entering into an Intent to Purchase agreement on the presented 2017 MCI. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE INTENT  
TO PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT  
2017 MCI

Jeremy Demuth moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the purchase of a new 2022 Chevrolet Traverse as presented. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
VEHICLE  
PURCHASE

Jeremy Demuth moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL  
CHANGES

Amy Slaughter	LMS/PHS KDHE Testing Aid	New Hire
Angie Forshee	SW Counselor	Retirement
Marilynn Shanline	KDHE Testing Coordinator	New Hire
Jetta Walters	LMS Head Custodian	Transfer
Izabella Barker	BTB Tutor	New Hire
Ryan Ford	PHS Asst. Baseball Coach	Resignation
Ken Newman	Van Driver	New Hire

Mark Fincham moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
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Clerk, Board of Education #382