

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner presided.

REGULAR MEETING

- Jeremy Demuth
- Chris Drake
- Michelle Ferbert - absent
- Mark Fincham
- Jennifer Hopkins – via phone until 7:15 p.m.
- Donna Hoener-Queal

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:

- Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools
- Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal
- David Swank, Pratt High School Activities Director/Assistant Principal
- Ryan Creadick, Liberty Middle School Principal
- Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Principal
- Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Assistant Principal
- David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

ADMIN PRESENT

News Media: Ruby Howell

Guests: Bailey Jackson, Cade Hopkins, Addison Hopkins, Sam Bergner, Kylee Hopkins, Gabriella Cannata, Addie Hoeme, Andrew Van Slyke, Elizabeth Adame, Kena Sterling, Libby Schaffer, Erin Jackson, Gracy May, Sierra Dunlop, Grayson Mandl, Adrein McFarland, Jady Thompson, Alyssa Green, Keishaune Thopson, Maddie Drake, Celeste Edwards, Angel Hernandez, Sterling Rector, Rachel Easdon.

GUESTS

Chris Drake moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to nominate Bill Bergner as President. Bill Bergner was elected president 5-0.

MOTION
BILL BERGNER ELECTED PRESIDENT

Chris Drake moved and Mark Fincham seconded to nominate Donna Hoener-Queal as Vice-President. Donna Hoener-Queal was elected Vice-President 5-0.

MOTION
DONNA HOENER-QUEAL ELECTED V-PRESIDENT

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to set the official meeting time for the second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the USD 382 Board Room. Action 6-0.

MOTION
OFFICIAL MTG TIME

Amendments to Agenda: Item X) Personnel: addition of Jacob Schaeffer and Taylor Willard.

AMEND AGENDA

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

MOTION
APPROVE AGENDA

PHS Ag Instructor introduced FFA Leaders Maddie Drake, Addie Hoeme and Sterling Rector, who presented a short video clip about FFA and reported a current membership of 63 in the Pratt chapter. Scholarships are one benefit to members but they can also gain leadership skills, work ethic, and good sportsmanship through the program. The group plans to attend various contests and state and national conventions as Covid allows and recently helped in putting new plants in the downtown planters as a community service project. Board members and guests were asked to participate in identifying grasses and cuts of meat as part of the presentation.

STUDENT PRESENTA-

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Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Jeremy Demuth moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
FINANCIAL
REPORTS

SCKSEC report – Chris Drake reported on the December 21, 2020 meeting.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Mark Fincham reminded members of an upcoming KASB Advocacy Update on the 15th of January.

GOVT'L REL

Maintenance Report - David Inslee reported on the switch from Simplex/Johnson Controls to Sandifer for the alarm monitoring and maintenance and the recent work completed by them. Backflow preventors have been inspected and the 5 year pipe inspection is being scheduled. Server issues for the HVAC controls at ACE and LMS are being addressed and proposals for updates are being prepared.

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Curriculum Report – Tony Helfrich reported in David Schmidt’s absence:

CURRICULUM

1. Assessment are scheduled for April;
2. The District Science Fair went well – several students will participate in regionals, and;
3. The Pratt County Health Dept. is working to provide some limited onsite COVID-19 testing.

The Superintendent’s report by Tony Helfrich included:

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1. the proposal to make Feb 15th an inservice day;
2. a report on the increase in phishing attempts aimed at schools and the products available to aid the district in increasing tech security;
3. the status of the current athletic budgets and the plan to restore them next year;
4. speculation on the post January 28th activity guidelines from KSHAA and the plans for PHS winter homecoming and other spring events;
5. the notification that the district will receive additional federal funds through ESSER II.

Policy updates to EBBD, GAR, JGCA, JHCAA, new policy JGCC, and new information and forms for policy JBE were presented for first read.

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve resolution 20/21-16 to extend FFCRA leave without EMFLA provisions to district employees. Action 6-0.

Mark Fincham moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the change in the district calendar to make February 15, 2021 a professional development day. Action 6-0.

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to set the mileage reimbursement rate to match the state rate of .56¢/mile. Action 6-0.

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 7:10 p.m. in the board room.

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Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 6-0.

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Mark Fincham seconded. Action 6-0.

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PERSONNEL

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Chris Drake moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed.
Action 5-0.

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Shawn Flemming	LMS/SW Custodian	New Hire
Mike Forshee	LMS Social Studies	Retirement
Denise Hollis	Morning Route Bus Driver	New Hire
Melissa Couture	Bus Driver	Resignation
Jacob Schaefer	PHS Science Teacher	Resignation
Taylor Willard	PLC Para	New Hire

Bill Bergner moved that the board recess into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss
personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that open
meeting shall resume at 7:38 p.m. in the board room. Chris Drake seconded. Action 5-0.

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OPEN MEETING: 7:38 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board recess into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss
personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that open
meeting shall resume at 8:00 p.m. in the board room. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 5-0.

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OPEN MEETING: 8:00 P.M.

Mark Fincham moved for adjournment at 8:02 p.m. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 5-0.

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Clerk, Board of Education #382