

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

**October 12, 2020**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020 in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. Vice-President Donna Hoener-Queal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Bill Bergner - absent  
Jeremy Demuth  
Chris Drake  
Michelle Ferbert  
Mark Fincham  
Jennifer Hopkins

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools  
David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent (*via zoom*)  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Asst. Superintendent of CTE  
David Swank, Pratt High School Activities Director/Assistant Principal  
Ryan Creadick, Liberty Middle School Principal  
Ron Hill, Liberty Middle School Activities Director  
Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Principal  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Assistant Principal  
David Inslee, Maintenance Director

OTHERS ATTENDING

News Media:

Guests: Andrea Bethards, Brynn Wilson, McKinsey Glavin, Erin Kirby, Jessica Hanvey, Asshley Riedel, Wendy Flesner, Grant Younie, Cumbre Wetter, Dru Lunsford, Grace May, Adrein McFarland, Gabriella Cannata, Elizabeth Adame, Erin Jackson, Bailey Jackson, Sierra Dunlap, Alyssa Green, Jady Thompson, Kena Sterling, Libby Schaffer, McKinzie, Gerber, Colby Barradas, Darrian Cox, Annika Larrison, Celeste Edwards, Michelle Popovich, and Aaron Tilden. Josh Slocum of Willdan was present via Zoom.

GUESTS

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to amend the agenda under New Business to approve participation in KSDE Child and Adult Care Food Program and to add Carly Novotny and Sarah Navarro as new substitute Beyond the Bell Tutors under Personnel. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
AMENDA &  
APPROVE  
AGENDA

Southwest Elementary teachers McKinsey Glavin, Erin Kirby, Jessica Hanvey, Ashley Riedel and Wendy Flesner talked about career exploration in each of their grade levels at Southwest and the community involvement in teaching the students about various careers through tours, field trips and speakers.

TEACHER PRESENTATION

Aaron Tilden and Josh Slocum of Willdan reviewed the SW energy conservation upgrade in year 2 and the recent bipolar ionization project completed to improve air quality at LMS and Southwest. They also discussed modifications made to develop and implement a specific PHS HVAC system designed to create a more rapid turnover of air withing the building to create greater pathogen mitigation. The setting is designed to only be operational during times of a potentially higher pathogen load, such as the current pandemic or flu season.

WILDAN PRESENTATION

Jeremy Demuth moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting and the September 23, 2020 special meeting. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MINUTES

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FINAN. RPTS.

Chris Drake reported on the SCKSEC regular meeting on September 21, 2020.

REPORTS  
SCKSEC

Mark Fincham encouraged everyone to vote in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election and reminded those that had not registered that the deadline is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

GOVT'L REL

David Inslee reported on the completion of the resurfacing of the PHS/ACE parking lot and updated the board on various items purchased to aid custodians in sanitizing.

MAINT/FAC

During the Superintendent's Report, Tony Helfrich:

SUPT.

1. updated the board on pandemic operations protocol;
2. heard a report from David Swank on preparing for winter sports;
3. reviewed bids for the purchase of a lift gate for the food service van;
4. discussed the summer food program and the district's participation in KSDE's Child and Adult Care Food Program;
5. reported on various donations and grants the district has received for the Ag program, LMS volleyball uniforms and Covid supplies.

Discussion was held on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Clean Diesel Program. The program provides a grant of 25% of the cost of a new bus to participants.

Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve USD 382's agreement to accept and participate in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Clean Diesel Program. Action 6-0.

MOTION  
APPROVE  
PARTICIPATION  
IN CLEAN  
DIESEL PROG

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the purchase of a route bus from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$90,945.00 per submitted bid. Action 6-0. *Per the Clean Diesel program, the grant reimburses 25% of this cost.*

MOTION  
APPROVE  
ROUTE BUS  
PURCHASE

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the early graduation requests as presented. Action 6-0.

MOTION  
APPROVE  
EARLY GRAD  
REQUESTS

Jeremy Demuth moved and seconded to approve USD 382's participation in the KSDE Child and Adult Care Food Program. Action 6-0.

MOTION  
APPROVE  
PARTICIPATION  
IN FOOD PROG

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the personnel changes as presented. Action 6-0.

MOTION  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

Maria Perez	PHS Custodian	New Hire
Dakota Jones	New Substitute	
Stacy Fisher	New Substitute	
Chris Drake	Substitute driver	
Kristen Koster	TLC Director (2020-21)	New assignment
Carly Novotny	Sub Tutor/Secretary - BTB	New Hire
Sarah Navarro	Sub Tutor/Secretary - BTB	New Hire

Mark Fincham moved for adjournment at 8:46 p.m. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 6-0.

MOTION  
ADJOURN