

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 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
Mark Fincham
Jennifer Hopkins
Donna Hoener-Queal

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools
David Schmidt, Assistant 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

ADMIN PRESENT

News Media: Ruby Howell, The Pratt Tribune

Guests: Danny Gimpel, Grant Younie, Libby Schaffer, Jadyn Thompson, and Kena Sterling

GUESTS

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to amend the agenda with the addition of Scott Logan to the personnel updates. Action 7-0.

MOTION
AMEND &
APPROVE
AGENDA

Danny Gimpel serves as the district’s School Resource Officer through a partnership with the Pratt Police Department. Danny spoke to the board about his daily routine and the rapport he is building with the students. He reported that he had never expected to be in a position such as an SRO but has really enjoyed it.

PRESENTATION

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

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

MOTION
APPROVE
FINANCIAL
REPORTS

SCKSEC report – Chris Drake reported on the January 18, 2021 meeting.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Mark Fincham reported on current legislation regarding school funding and private school tax credits.

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Maintenance Report – Tony Helfrich reported that the rubber mulch had been put in at Southwest and that ISI had completed the 3 month asbestos inspection.

MAINT/FAC

Curriculum Report – David Schmidt reported:

CURRICULUM

1. Staff are completing security and ethics training in preparation for state assessments in April;
2. the district, working in conjunction with SCKSEC, has submitted the PreSchool Pilot Grant;

- 3. 2 more students earned Auto/ASE certification through PCC and that PCC is developing a certification program for welding and will be available to PHS students;
- 4. ACT and WORKKEYS testing is scheduled for February 23rd and 24th for Juniors;
- 5. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for later in February and PreK Roundup is in March;
- 6. COVID-19 numbers are down in Pratt county and are seeing a downward trend in positivity rates. Over 80 staff members have received first dose of vaccine.

In the Superintendent’s report Tony Helfrich:

- 1. reported on the plans for Auto Program for the next school year;
- 2. scheduled a BOE work session for Wednesday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m.;
- 3. updated the board on the status of the facilities committee and reported the walk-thru with Willdan had been completed;
- 4. discussed the cancelled student trip to Washington D.C. for the inauguration and requested input on the possibility of a future trip.

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Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Chris Drake seconded to nominate Jeremy Demuth to serve as the BOE representative on the Facilities Committee. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPOINT
JEREMY
DEMUTH TO
FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve policy updates to EBBD, GAR, Truancy Forms, JGCA, JHCAA, new policy JGCC. Action 7-0

MOTION
APPROVE
POLICY
UPDATES

Mark Fincham moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the bid of \$51,240.00 from Sandifer Controls for the purchase of an HVAC controls server and updated control system. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
BID FOR
HVAC
CONTROLS

Tony Helfrich reported \$2,000 was received from GenYouth for the food service program and \$250 was received from Monte Hostetler for repairs to the Blythe parking lot.

DONATIONS
RECEIVED

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:05 p.m. in the board room. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:05 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:10 p.m. in the board room. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:10 P.M.

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

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Kyle Ricke	LMS 5 th Gr Science Teacher	Transfer
Meghan Harrison	SW Sub Breakfast Helper	Resignation
Rafe Donnenwerth	SW Sub Breakfast Helper	New Hire

Chanielle Thibault	PHS Asst. Track Coach (pole vault)	New Hire
Shawn Flemming	LMS/SW Custodian	Resignation
Kristin Koster	TLC Coordinator	Contract Adjustment
Tim Rector	LMS Asst. Track Coach	New Assignment
Kale Wilson	Substitute Teacher	New Hire
Jeannie Herndon	Substitute Teacher	New Hire
Bob Lee	Substitute Teacher	New Hire
Scott Logan	LMS 5 th /6 th Vocal Music	New Hire

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:12 p.m. for the exception to discuss employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that open meeting shall resume at 8:17 p.m. in the board room. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
NEGOT.

OPEN MEETING: 8:17 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board recess into executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:22 p.m. in the board room. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:22 P.M.

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the extension of administrator contracts for one year (adds one year to the current contract) as listed. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
ADMIN
CONTRACT
EXTENSIONS

Donna Hoener-Queal moved for adjournment at 8:24 p.m. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
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Clerk, Board of Education #382