

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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
- David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

ADMIN PRESENT

News Media: Ruby Howell, The Pratt Tribune

Guests: Andrew Van Slyke, Hogan Thompson, Justice Fanning, Celeste Edwards, Morgan Riepl, Nicholas Vail, Derrick Newby, Darrian Cox, Grant Younie, Crystal Newby, Dustin Newby, Brandon Wade, Alyssa Green, Walker Green, Easton Rector, Hudson Rector, Sterling Rector, Kena Sterling, Konli Sterling, Jady Thompson, Sian Helfrich, Grace May, Addie Hoeme, Nolan Gordon, Dawson Malone, Kody Canfield, Kaatje Herndon, Erin Jackson and Tess Clarkson.

GUESTS

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

MOTION
AMEND &
APPROVE
AGENDA

BEST Robotics team members Andrew Van Slyke, Celeste Edwards, Morgan Riepl, Nicholas Vail, Hogan Thompson and Justice Fanning were present with their coach, Heath Sharp, to share their awards and trophies earned this year as they competed in various online competitions. The senior student held various leader positions and lead the 15 member team to a 1st place finish at the Little Rock Head to Head Competition and earned other awards such as the Top Gun Award for most points scored in a round. In a normal year, the students attend a kick-off event in Alva, OK where the game is unveiled and they receive robotics kits, rules and judging schedule. They spend the next 4 weeks planning, designing and building in preparation for competition. The students spoke about the benefits of being on the team like learning leadership skills and programming but most of all building friendships. Mr. Sharp reported that these particular student held leadership positions that in other teams are held by parents and coaches and with their leadership the whole team developed a tight bond that contributed to their success.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Pratt High Vocal Music students Alyssa Green, Walker Green, Jady Thompson, Sian Helfrich, Grace May, Addie Hoeme, Nolan Gordon, Dawson Malone, Sterling Rector, Easton Rector, Hudson Rector, Kody Canfield, Kaatje Herndon, Erin Jackson, Konli Sterling, Kena Sterling and Tess Clarkson performed for the board. Their performance at the Kansas Music Educator Association’s convention/workshop last year earned them a prestigious invitation to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City in March of 2022. Instructor Brandon Wade sought the district’s support as he reviewed the details of the trip and performance.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

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Jennifer Hopkins moved and Michelle Ferbert 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 March 15, 2021 meeting.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Mark Fincham discussed current legislation.

GOVTL REL

Maintenance Report – David Inslee discussed the results of the visits by the state fire marshal and the boiler inspector. He also reported that Southwest received a washer and dryer donated by a couple moving to Pratt.

MAINT/FAC

Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum Report – David Schmidt reported:

CURRICULUM

- on Grade 5 iStation reading results;
- May 3rd Professional Learning Day will include training for Carnegie Math for grades 6-9, PreK curriculum review, transition from Odysseyware to Edgenuity and the annual review of the crisis plan;
- August Professional Learning will include training on Carnegie, iStation and Dyslexia;
- on an agreement with Pratt Public School Foundation to share the cost of tool boxes for 3 Auto Mechanics students;

In the Superintendent’s report Tony Helfrich:

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- updated the board on the results of the facilities committee meeting;
- reviewed proposed adjustments to the pandemic zones criteria and discussed protocols for upcoming activities;
- reported on the application and plans for ESSER II federal dollars;
- reviewed the KJUMP/Symmetry status on February’s gas usage and billing;
- briefly discussed the issue of lowering the mill rate, and;
- received input from the board on selling fill dirt.

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve conversion of May 3rd from a student contact day to a professional learning day. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MAY 3RD
AS PL DAY

Mark Fincham moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the vocal music trip as presented. Action. 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
VM TRIP
IN 2022

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the updates to Policy CN and the new CN-KORA form. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
UPDATES TO
POLICY CN
& CN-KORA
FORM

Chris Drake moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the bid from J.A. Knight Construction for replacing the door under the LMS Ramp. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
LMS DOOR
REPLACEMNT

Steve Blankenship and Kirsten Blankenship reviewed the proposed changes to the handbooks at Pratt High School and Southwest Elementary School respectively.

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the district’s renewal of its KASB membership and KASB Legal Assistance Fund membership. Action 7-0.

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KASB
RENEWAL

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Chris Drake moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve Resolution #20/21-17 to appoint Donna Hoener-Queal as hearing officer for SB compliance. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
SB 40
RESOLUTION
& HEARING
OFFICER

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:59 p.m. in the board room. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:59 P.M.

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Brett Houk	LMS 6 th /8 th Social Studies	New Hire
Caden Byers	LMS 6 th /8 th Social Studies	Resignation
Bryce Stegman	PHS Biology	New Hire
Jennifer Wahrman	PHS Business	Resignation
Parker Titus	PHS Business	New Hire
Michelle Popovich	PHS Asst. Forensics	Resignation
Emma Chrismer	SW Kindergarten	Resignation
Jessica Fortune	SW Kindergarten	Transfer
Crystal Newby	ECC Teacher	New Position
Kadie Clark	LMS 8 th Math	Resignation
Sabre Dixon	LMS 8 th Math	Transfer from ELA
Brittany Ford	LMS Asst. Track	Resignation (eff 4.6.21)
Shelly Drees	ECC Teacher	New Hire
Kayla Collick	BTB tutor to Sub Tutor	
Chris Battin	LMS Asst. Track	New Assignment
Kylee Hedrick	½ Route Bus Driver	Resignation
Denise Hollis	½ Route to Full Route Bus Driver	New Assignment

Announcements:

Scholarship Banquet – April 19th at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building
Athletic Banquet – April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the PHS Gym.

Jeremy Demuth moved for adjournment at 9:11 p.m. Chris Drake seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
ADJOURN

Clerk, Board of Education #382