

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:30 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 - absent
- Jennifer Hopkins - absent
- Donna Hoener-Queal

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:

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

ADMIN PRESENT

News Media:

Guests: Sabre Dixon, Hanna Gordon, Brenna Stegman, Tess Clarkson, Sierra Dunlap, Keishaune Thompson, Adrein McFarland, Jeremy Doggett and Chris Conrade (via Zoom).

GUESTS

Chris Drake moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE AGENDA

Brenna Stegman, Hanna Gordon and Tess Clarkson, Advanced English students in Mrs. Dixon's class at Liberty Middle School, presented the board with copies of the student newspaper "Greenback Hype". They discussed the process of developing the stories, writing and editing the articles, and taking pictures that pertain to the story. The newspaper is student driven with very little input from the staff.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE MINUTES

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

SCKSEC report – Chris Drake reported on the November 16, 2020 meeting.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Tony Helfrich reported on the meeting with the taxing entities and the newly elected legislators.

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Maintenance Report - David Inslee reported:

1. the lift gate is scheduled to be installed on the food service van over break;
2. the plasma cutter/table have been delivered to the high school shop and;
3. the monitoring of fire alarms has been transferred from Johnson Controls to Sandifer.

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He also expressed his gratitude to all who took on the extra work during his recent sickness and quarantine.

Curriculum Report – David Schmidt reported:

1. on the status of assessment testing ;
2. on the positive test scores at Southwest;

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- 3. the district science fair is scheduled for December 16th;
- 4. 5 high school students are currently working towards the seal of bi-literacy, and;
- 5. PHS Stuco accepted a challenge from the Kansas Leadership Council and designed a plan to improve mask wearing during break in an effort to defeat COVID-19.

Superintendent Report – Tony Helfrich reported on spectator limits for winter sports and the FFCRA program set to expire on December 31st.

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Jeremy Doggett of Strong’s insurance reviewed the insurance proposal from EMC for the district insurance and Chris Conrade of Conrade Insurance and representing the Kansas Educational Risk Management Pool (KERMP) was present via Zoom and reviewed their proposal.

DISTRICT
INSURANCE
PROPOSALS

Jeremy Demuth moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the KERMP policy for the USD 382 property and vehicle insurance coverage. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
DISTRICT
INSURANCE

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the early graduation requests. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
EARLY GRAD
REQUEST

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:05 p.m. in the board room. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 5-0. Ryan Creadick was invited to stay.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 9:05 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:10 p.m. in the board room. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 5-0. Ryan Creadick was invited to stay.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION -
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 9:10 P.M.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed. Action 5-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Chris Blair	SW Title I Teacher	Retirement
Brittany Ford	SW Title I Teacher	Transfer
Jessica Wilson	SW 2 nd Grade Teacher	New Hire
Brynn Wilson	BTB tutor substitute	New Hire
Connie Schartz	LMS 5 th Grade Science	Retirement
Meghan Harrison	Substitute Breakfast Supervisor	New Hire
Keith Bishop	SW Lunch/Recess Supervisor	Resignation
Rafe Donnenwerth	SW Lunch/Recess Supervisor	New Hire

Jeremy Demuth moved for adjournment at 9:22 p.m. Chris Drake seconded. Action 5-0.

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