

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

**February 10, 2020**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a tour of the bleachers at LMS and the PE and athletic lockers at PHS. Following a recess the meeting was called back to order 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  
Kirsten Blankenship, Interim Asst. Superintendent/SW Assistant Principal  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Superintendent of CTE  
David Swank, Pratt High School Activities Director/Assistant Principal  
Ryan Creadick, Liberty Middle School Principal  
David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

ADMIN  
PRESENT

News Media:

Guests: Heath Sharp, Tim Rector, Melissa Rector, Crystal James, Sam Bergner, Bryce Winsor, Grant Younie, Sierra Dunlap, Maddie Drake, Carrie Drake, Kylee Hopkins.

GUESTS

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

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
AGENDA

Steve Blankenship, PHS Principal, introduced Tim Rector and Melissa Rector, instructors for the PHS Geometry in Construction class. Tim and Melissa reported that the class meets two hours a day on a block schedule and are following the curriculum they received during training. Math terminology is applied to construction projects and shows the relevance of math in the real world. Student presenters Sam Bergner, Crystal James and Bryce Winsor reported on how the students work together on teams on various projects such as finding the height of objects using shadows, building a scale model of the mobile Frog Shop out of balsa wood, a stair building activity, and measuring angles using a digital transit. The major project is building the mobile Frog Shop and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Employability cards are completed after each daily project and help to determine their grade. If math assignment deadlines are not met the students are assigned to the penalty box and cannot participate in the construction assignment until the following day.

PHS  
TEACHER/  
STUDENT  
PRESENTA-  
TION

Chris Drake moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MINUTES

Mark Fincham moved and Donna Hoener-Queal 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 20, 2020 meeting.

**REPORTS**  
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Tony Helfrich reported on the status of the Medicaid expansion bill and the bill introduced that would require taxing entities to certify tax rates on July 1 of each year.

GOVTL REL

Maintenance Report - David Inslee reported on maintenance and facilities projects including the 3 year asbestos inspection by ISI, elevator inspections at PHS and ACE and maintenance on SW equipment by P1 Group.

MAINT/FAC

Curriculum Report – Kirsten Blankenship reviewed the quotes from Pearson and Carnegie Learning for the math adoptions for K-5 and 6-8.

ASST SUPT - CURRIC

Superintendent Report – Tony Helfrich reviewed the bids for band percussion instruments and bleacher replacement at Liberty Middle School and reviewed the list of other capital outlay expenditures including the payment for the SW energy project, route bus, activity bus and replacement of lockers at PHS.

SUPT

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the bid from Heartland Seating, Inc. for the replacement of bleachers at LMS at a total cost of \$84,314.00. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE BLEACHERS FOR LMS

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve an update to board policy DFE. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE UPDATE TO POLICY DFE

Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the purchase of percussion equipment from Lone Star Percussion as presented at an estimated cost of \$15,500.00. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, superintendent and assistant superintendents present with the open meeting resuming at 8:28 p.m. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:28 P.M.

Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed: Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE PERSONNEL

Larry Kahmeyer	PHS ELA Teacher	Retirement
Caleb Hendricks	LMS 5th Grade Math Teacher	Resignation
Emily Gilpin	Title I Certified Teacher	Transfer
Monica Thompson	SW 2nd Grade Teacher	New Hire
Marcus Collick	SW 1st Grade Teacher	New Hire
Tyler Strong	PHS Lunchroom Supervisor	New Assignment
Joy Schmidt	PHS EcoMeet Sponsor	Resignation
Jacob Schaefer	PHS EcoMeet Sponsor	New Assignment
Noah Smucker	LMS Art Teacher	Resignation

Announcements:

Early childhood program field trip to Hugoton is still on hold.

Jeremy Demuth moved for adjournment at 8:33 p.m. Jennifer Hopkins seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
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