

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

- Tim Barker
- Jeremy Demuth
- Chris Drake
- Michelle Ferbert
- Donna Hoener-Queal - absent
- Jennifer Hopkins

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration present:

- Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools
- 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
- Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Principal
- Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Assistant Principal
- David Inslee, Maintenance Director

OTHERS ATTENDING

News Media:

Guests: Lindsey Tipton, Arica Malone, Elizabeth Britton Dawson Evert, Addison Hopkins, Brett Boor, Bailey Jackson, Allie Hoeme, Kari Fitzsimmons, Brooke Ziegler, Libby Shaffer, Quinn Thibault and Jadya Thompson.

GUESTS

Additions to Agenda: Velia Hernandez, LMS Custodian, was added to the list of personnel.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Chris Drake moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE AGENDA

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting and the January 19, 2022 special meeting. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE MINUTES

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

MOTION
APPROVE FINAN. RPTS.

Chris Drake reported on the regular meeting held on January 17, 2022.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Tony Helfrich reported on 2 bills concerning public education – one that deals with transparency in public schools and one that would allow home school students to participate in sports in public schools.

GOVTL REL

David Inslee reported on:

1. two units at SW damaged by water during the snow storm, boards are being replaced under warranty but labor costs will be the district’s responsibility;
2. a compressor on the heat pump at LMS will be replaced;
3. the annual fire alarm inspection and 5 year pipe assessments are scheduled for spring break, and;
4. the front step at the ACE building is in need of replacement.

MAINT/FAC

Tony Helfrich reported that David had attended a CTE conference and will report on the new offerings available to students. He also reported on the work being done to reduce truancy in the district.

CURRICULUM

During the Superintendent’s Report, Tony Helfrich:

1. reported on the check in call with the company preparing the facilities survey;
2. noted the annual report from Willdan in the board packet and the check received for the shortfall in energy savings at Southwest for year 3;
3. reviewed the LMS Auditorium Rental Agreement and the possible need to increase the fee amounts and the request by the Miss Kansas program to use the facility for the Miss Teen pageant;
4. discussed the lighting upgrade needs at the LMS Auditorium and heard from Arica Malone on a quote for the upgrades and the plan to seek donations to help pay part of the cost;
5. reported Mark Fincham will be at the March meeting for the board to present him with a gift of appreciation for his time served.

SUPT.

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the purchase of new security camera upgrades and installation for LMS and PHS per the bid presented from INAAlert. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
SECURITY
CAMERA
UPDATES

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the purchase of a new elevator and installation per the presented bid from Home Elevator Company. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
NEW PEDIGO
ELEVATOR

Policy IHFA was presented for first read.

POLICY IHFA
PRESENTED FOR
FIRST READ

The bid from KCAV for upgrades to the sound system in the PHS gym were discussed. The board asked Tony to seek another bid for comparison.

UPGRADE TO
SOUND SYSTEM
IN PHS GYM

Michelle Ferbert moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the purchase of new Chromebooks per the presented bid from Vivacity. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PURCHASE OF
CHROMEBOOKS

Jeremy Demuth moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the addition of the position of an LMS Social-Emotional Development coordinator. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
LMS SOCIAL-
EMOTIONAL
COORDINATOR

Jeremy Demuth moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the purchase of strategic planning services from KASB to include Tier 3 and Tier 5. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
STRATEGIC
PLANNING BY
KASB

Jeremy Demuth moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the 2022-23 school calendar as presented. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
2022-23
SCHOOL
CALENDAR

Jeremy Demuth moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the renewal of the PHS JAG program for 2022-23. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PHS JAG
RENEWAL

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Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:25 p.m. in the board room. Chris Drake seconded. Action 6-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION –
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:25 P.M.

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the personnel changes as presented. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Brittany Mead	PT Nurse (Testing Grant)	New Hire
Enoch Walton	ELL Para	New Hire
Lance Sorensen	PHS Math Teacher	Resignation
Connie Melson	PreK/SPED bus driver	Resignation
Andrea Hoelting	BOE Clerk	New Hire
Ryan Landry	LMS Asst. Track	New Hire
Tony Smith	PHS Industrial Arts Teacher	Retirement
Ryan Creadick	SW Asst. Principal	Transfer
Jason May	LMS Principal	Transfer
Velia Hernandez	LMS Custodian	New Hire

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve a one-year administrator contract for SW assistant principal for 2022-23, a two-year contract for LMS Principal beginning in 2022-23, and a one year extension to administrator contracts as presented. Action 6-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
ADMIN
CONTRACTS &
EXTENSIONS

Chris Drake moved for adjournment at 8:33 p.m. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 6-0.

MOTION
ADJOURN

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