

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

**March 9, 2020**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner presided.

REGULAR

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/Curriculum Director  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Superintendent of CTE  
David Swank, Pratt High School Activities Director/Assistant Principal  
Ryan Creadick, Liberty Middle School Principal  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Principal  
Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Assistant Principal  
David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

ADMIN  
PRESENT

News Media:

Guests: Kim Staats, Danielle Staats, Darrian Cox, Madeline Drake, Ruby Howell, Marlene Carter Annika Larrison, Tiffany Bailey, Karsyn Bailey, Dustin Newby, Crystal Newby, Devin Newby, Colby Barradas, Jady Thompson, Kena Sterling, Anthony Brown, Andrew Van Slyke, and Libby Schaffer

GUESTS

Additions to Agenda: Item VIII) 5 – Approval of math textbook adoption and X) 1 – the addition of Kelly Harris to the list of personnel changes.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA

Mark Fincham moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
AGENDA

Kim Staats reviewed her role as a behavior support person at Southwest Elementary. Students are able to visit the “Hokey Pokey Room” or the “Mindfulness Room” and use various methods to help them gain composure, learn proper hygiene or shop resources for home needs.

PRESENTA-  
TIONS

Anthony Brown and students Karsyn Bailey, Libby Schaffer and Devin Newby reported on the LMS Robotics program and the upcoming competition in Tulsa, OK.

Jeremy Demuth moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MINUTES

Donna Hoener-Queal 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 February 17, 2020 meeting.

**REPORTS**  
SCKSEC

Governmental Relations – Tony Helfrich reported on current legislation, at-risk funding and state revenue estimates.

GOVTL REL

Maintenance Report - David Inslee reported on maintenance and facilities projects including roof repairs at PHS, the replacement of a faulty smoke detector at Southwest and the upcoming annual inspection of alarm systems by Johnson Controls.

MAINT/FAC

Asst Supt/Curriculum Report – David Schmidt presented Mr. Helfrich and the Board with a certificate from the Department of Defense in appreciation of their support of his service and recent deployment.

ASST SUPT -  
CURRIC

Kirsten Blankenship presented the math textbook proposals and discussed the process of selection.

During the Superintendent’s report, Tony Helfrich

1. reported on a School Resource Officer Partnership with the Pratt Police Department;
2. reviewed the proposal options for tech purchases;
3. gave an update on bus purchases;
4. referred to David Swank for a review of the Hall of Fame development progress;
5. discussed preparation options for the COVID-19 virus.

Chris Drake moved and Mark Fincham seconded to approve the adoption of the FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution #19/20-15. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FEMA  
APPROVED  
HAZARD  
MITIGATION  
PLAN

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the partnership agreement with JAG-K (Jobs for America’s Graduates – Kansas) for the 2020-21 school year. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
JAG-K  
AGREEMENT

Mark Fincham moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the out-of-state travel for LMS Robotics to compete in Tulsa, OK. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
OUT OF  
STATE  
TRAVEL  
LMS  
ROBOTICS

Chris Drake moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the purchase of laptops as listed for LMS/PHS teachers and the purchase of laptops as listed for the purpose of refreshing one class at PHS. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
LMS/PHS  
TEACHER  
LAPTOPS/  
PHS CLASS  
REFRESH

Jeremy Demuth moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the math textbook adoption, which includes Pearson as listed on the quote for K-5, Carnegie Learning as listed on the quote for 6-9, and Kendall Hunt Publishing as listed on the quote for Geometry for PHS. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MATH  
TEXTBOOK  
ADOPTION

Bill Bergner moved and Mark Fincham seconded to go into executive session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and superintendent with the open meeting resuming at 9:08 p.m. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION –  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 9:08 P.M.

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Donna Hoener-Quesl seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

Marilynn Shanline	Substitute Teacher	New Hire
Kael Bridges	Substitute Teacher	New Hire
Mary Maxwell	Title I Para	Resignation
Anthony Brown	PHS Asst. Football	transfer assignment from LMS Head
Anthony Brown	LMS Head Football	transfer to PHS Assistant
Anthony Brown	LMS 5th Grade Math	transfer from LMS Social Studies
Jeremy Owen	PHS Custodian	Resignation
Pam Rhodes	PHS Debate Coach	Resignation
Tyler Bethard	District Science Para	New Hire 20/21
Jonathan Pedroza	ESL Para	New Hire
April Ward	Kitchen Manager	contract hour adjustment
Hannah Callahan	LMS Playground Supervisor	pay adjustment
Kelly Harris	PHS ELA Teacher	New Hire

Mark Fincham moved and seconded to approve administrative contracts as listed. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
ADMIN  
CONTRACTS

Announcements:

KASB Regional Roundtables March 30th @ Stafford, KS.  
Early Childhood program field trip to Hugoton on hold.

Chris Drake moved for adjournment at 9:17 p.m. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 7-0.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURN

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