

# B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2021

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 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 - absent  
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  
David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

ADMIN PRESENT

News Media:

Guests: Rose Beilman-Shoup and Caroline Drake.

GUESTS

Amendments to the Agenda: Item VIII) New Business #4 – approval of activity bus purchase and IX Personnel: Eric Thompson, LMS Asst Football added to list of personnel changes.

AMEND AGENDA

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

**MOTION**  
AMEND & APPROVE AGENDA

LMS student Caroline Drake and PHS Forensics Coach Rose Beilman-Shoup were present to report on the National Forensics virtual competition to be held later in June. 4 PHS students will be participating in the competition along with Caroline and fellow LMS student Jesse Kemper. Caroline and Jesse will be a part of the Middle School Challenge which is new to the competition this year. Caroline performed her informational speech for the board and guests, educating and entertaining them with her knowledge and experience of raising chickens.

STUDENT PRESENTA-

Mark Fincham moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 regular meeting. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE MINUTES

Chris Drake moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

SCKSEC report – Chris Drake reported on the May 17, 2021 board meeting.

**REPORTS**  
SCKSEC

There was no report for Governmental Relations.

GOV'T REL

Maintenance Report – David Inslee reported on various maintenance projects including the repairs to the PHS parking lot lights, the replacement of the tower pump motor, repair of doors and lift at LMS and warranty work on the LMS roof being completed by A & R Roofing.

FACILITIES

Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum Report – David Schmidt reported on:

- closing out the LCP report;
- the planned audit of the Learning Center credits, and
- working with PCC on the “Kansas Promise Act”.

CURRICULUM

In the Superintendent’s report Tony Helfrich reported:

- on the status of the facilities committee;
- on the increases in substitute expenses from the 19.20 school year;
- on the ESSER II application and the submission for HVAC updates at ACE;
- Symmetry cancelled their contract with the KJUMP program and will no longer be the vendor for gas service.

SUPT

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jennifer Hopkins to approve the renewal of USD 382’s food service management contract with OPAA as presented. Action. 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FOOD SERV  
CONTRACT

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the July 1 renewal for property and vehicle insurance per the terms as presented. Action 6-0.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the submitted early graduation request. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
EARLY  
GRAD  
REQUESTS

Mark Fincham moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the purchase of a 2018 Thomas HDX 2/45K miles for \$93,600.00 per the presented spec sheet and letter of understanding. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
ACTIVITY  
BUS  
PURCHASE

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 7:43 p.m.to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that open meeting shall resume at 8:08 p.m. in the board room. Jennifer Hopkins seconded. Action 6-0. Steve Blankenship and David Swank were invited to stay.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:08 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:08 p.m.to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that open meeting shall resume at 8:23 p.m. in the board room. Jennifer Hopkins seconded. Action 6-0. Steve Blankenship and David Swank were invited to stay. David Swank exited the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:23 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:23 p.m. for the exception to discuss employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that open meeting shall resume at 8:33 p.m. in the board room. Mark Fincham seconded. Action 6-0. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
NEGOTIA-  
TIONS

OPEN MEETING: 8:33 P.M.

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

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

*Approve Personnel, cont'd*

Ryan Ford	PHS Asst. XC Coach	Resignation
Jennifer Sowards	District Nurse	New Hire
Chris Battin	LMS Asst. Track	Resignation
Taylor Willard	TLC Admin. Assistant	Resignation
Tim Rector	LMS Asst. Track	Resignation
Hannah Callahan	SW ½ Time Custodian	New Hire
Alan Hitz	PHS Asst. XC Coach	New Hire
Eric Thompson	LMS Asst Football	New Hire

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the classified general raise at 5% for the 2021-22 school year. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
CLASS  
SALARY  
INCREASE

Jennifer Hopkins moved for adjournment at 8:35 p.m. Chris Drake seconded. Action 6-0.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURN

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