USD 382 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2026 7:00 pm

Board Members Present

Jeremy Demuth, President
Seth Thibault, Vice President
Chris Drake - absent
Michelle Ferbert
Jennifer Hopkins
Kimberly Staats
Jenna Zimmerman

Administration Present

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent
Steve Blankenship, Principal PHS
David Swank, AD/Assistant Principal PHS
John Shriver, Maintenance Director

I. Call to Order

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the BOE Meeting Room in the PAC Building, 401 S Hamilton, Pratt, KS. President Jeremy Demuth called the meeting to order.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of self-reflection

II. Recognition of Guests: Terri Liggett - MHIT Director, Joy Schmidt, Danny Gimpel - SRO

III. Public Comment: No public comments

IV. Approval of Agenda (AI)

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Jenna Zimmerman seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vote 6/0

V. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2026, regular meeting.

Kimberly Staats moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended of the May 11, 2026, regular meeting. Vote 6/0

VI. Presentation/Student Outcomes:

SRO year-end report(IO) - Danny Gimpel gave a report on the types and amount of reports that he handled during the school year. DARE was introduced to the 5th-grade class, and 89 students graduated from the program this year. Officers are signing up to eat lunch with SW and PAC students to build relationships. Danny will start walk-throughs at SW Elementary daily in 2026-27. DCF reports will include the SRO or an officer, and they will do an information report along with DCF. Students caught with vape pens and products will not get a warning this year. They will receive a citation for each possession for students 13 and up.

MHIT Grant year-end report(IO) - Terri Liggett is the director of the Mental Health Intervention Team Grant. Her first year was in 2018-19; one condition of the grant was that you had to employ a social worker or SRO to receive the funding. Terri applied in 2019-2020 for the current grant. The first year, we served 53 students.

This year, 116 students were seen by Horizons. Her time is split between SW, PAC, and LMS.

VII. Approval of the payment of bills, the treasurer's report, and financial reports. (AI)

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Kimberly Staats seconded the motion to approve payment of bills, the treasurer's reports, and financial reports. Vote 6/0

VIII. Reports. (IO)

SCKSEC Report – Chris Drake - absent

Governmental Relations – Jennifer Hopkins - no report

Maintenance/Facility Report- John Shriver -The track is progressing well despite the weather challenges. The condenser repair on the new addition at SW is ongoing. There were issues with three AC units on the Pedigo building, and one unit needs a new blower fan.

Asst Superintendent/Curriculum Report—Antonia Villa - absent

Superintendent Report – Tony Helfrich

Transportation Grant - The transportation grant award was $225,000. We will be purchasing two buses**.**

NPR Discussion - Neighborhood Revitalization update

Safe and Secure Schools Grant - We haven't received an update on the grant. We will have to wait on the entry system and camera repairs at LMS until the grant is received.

SW Samsung System update - The repair bill is $214,000.00. The board will need to make a decision to repair the piping before the school year starts. The consensus is to go ahead with the repair. The goal is to continue pressing Samsung, Wildan, and P1 to compensate USD 382 for these costs as we believe this is due to a design flaw from the 2017 design & installation.

Handoff - July budget closeout items and budget work. At the July meeting, Steve will take the lead, and Tony will be available if needed.

IX. New Business

Action Item: LCC policy update

Supt Helfrich gave the background for developing a Biting Policy for the daycare. The policy was then discussed by BOE members.

Kimberly Staats moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the policy update as presented. 6/0 Vote

Information Only: BOE Policy updates - first read

Information Only: Greenback District-wide branding - Signage out near our boundaries. Kim will take the lead on this process.

Information Only: Annual District Organization Overview

X. Old Business

Action Item: Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Resolution
Jenna Zimmer moved, and Seth Thibault seconded to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Resolution - Resolution Number 26-16.
6/0 Vote

Information Only: LMS Camera/Entry system will be installed once the grant funds are received.

Information Only: Staff Survey - Tony will get the link to the board so you can look at it.

Information Only: Food Service Pricing 2026-27 - The BOE had consensus that USD 382 will continue to contract with OPAA for the 2026-27 school year and it will plan to rebid the program for the 2027-28 school year per state policy. The BOE discussed food service price increases but cannot set rates until the federal reimbursement rates are announced. It did look at potential increases due to the increases from OPAA.

XI. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 20 minutes at 9:20 to discuss personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:40. Seconded by Jenna Zimmerman. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay. Vote 6/0
Resumed regular meeting at 9:40

XII. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 10 minutes at 9:40 to discuss personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:40. Seconded by Jennifer Hopkins. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay. Vote 6/0
Resumed regular meeting at 9:50

XIII. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 3 minutes at 9:50 to discuss personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:40. Seconded by Kimberly Staats. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay. Vote 6/0

Resumed regular meeting at 9:53

XIV. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 5 minutes at 9:53 to discuss personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:58. Seconded by Kimberly Staats. Vote 6/0

Resumed regular meeting at 9:58

Personnel Updates

Heather Teasley	PAC/MTSS Coordinator	Replaces Alicia Pitman
Alicia Pitman	PAC/MTSS Coordinator	Resignation
Rebecca Polok	SW Title I Para	Replaces Gwen Gimpel
Kyle Farmer	PHS Scholars Bowl Head Coach	Returns
Heather Winkelpleck	PHS Online Coordinator	Replaces Jake Eisenhauer
Taylor Willard	PAC Media Para	Resignation
Courtney Reh	ESL para	Resignation
Mike Forshee	PHS Head Softball Coach	Retirement
John Shirver	District Maintenance Director	Replaces David Inslee
Madison McAtee	LCC HS part-time float	New Position
Ava Evans	LCC HS part-time float	New Position
Brooke Wright	LCC Assistant Teacher	Resignation
Paelyn Washington	LCC Assistant Teacher	Replaces Brooke Wright

XV. Approval of personnel updates. (AI)

Jenna Zimmerman moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the personnel updates as listed. Vote 6/0

XVI. Executive Session - Negotiations

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 20 minutes at 10:00 to discuss negotiations pursuant to the negotiation exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 10:20. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay. Seconded by Kimberly Staats. Vote 6/0

Resumed regular meeting at 10:20

XVII. Executive Session - Negotiations

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 10 minutes at 10:20 to discuss negotiations pursuant to the negotiation exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 10:30. Steve Blankenship was invited to stay. Seconded by Seth Thibault. Vote 6/0

Resumed regular meeting at 10:30

XVIII. Other:(IO)

XIX. Adjournment(AI)

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Kimberly Staats seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm. Vote 6/0

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BOE Clerk