

USD 382 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025 7:15 pm

Board Members Present

Bill Bergner, President	Donna Queal, Vice President	Tim Barker	Chris Drake
Jeremy Demuth	Michelle Ferbert	Jennifer Hopkins	

Administration Present

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent	Antonia Villa, Assistant Superintendent
Steve Blankenship, Principal PHS	David Swank, AD/ Assistant Principal PHS
Stephanie Thompson, Principal LMS	Kirsten Blankenship, Principal SW
Jessica Hanvey, Assistant Principal SW	David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

I. Call to Order

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the BOE Meeting Room in the PAC Building, 401 S Hamilton, Pratt, KS. President Bill Bergner called the meeting to order.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Recognition of Guests: Brandie Osenbaugh, Stephanie Becker, Jenna Zimmerman, Viviana Rios, Heather Skaggs, Jeffrey Poort, Nathan Bales, Kaitlyn Vega, Karsyn Bailey, Taylor Bindford, Kate Wiltshire, Emersyn Bailey, Denali Schleeing, Taylari Foster, Johanna Forssberg, Kinley Hildebrand, Blakelyn Riedel, Maci Kemper, Richeal Rice, Michelle Popovich, Kash Voss, Rodrigo Garcia, Caleb Robbins, Kash Voss, Jadyann RUddock, Seth Thibault

III. Approval of Agenda (AI)

Chris Drake moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Vote 7/0

IV. Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Donnal Queal moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, regular meeting. Vote 7/0

V. Teacher presentation: Jeffery Poort spoke about the Florida Band Trip during the 2027 school year. He also has chaperones lined up for the trip. They are looking at flying instead of driving, thus shortening the trip from 5 days to 4 days. They will be asking the district to provide transportation to and from the airport. Also, sending all the cargo down via the cargo trailer with one of the chaperones.

VI. Approval of payment of bills, treasurer, and financial reports. (AI)

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve payment of bills, treasurer, and financial reports. Vote 7/0

VII. Reports. (IO)

- a. SCKSEC Report – Chris Drake - Met on the 18th of August, Designated KASB Delegate, Scheduled KSDE Audit on Aug 11, 2025 , Lloyd audit in October. Sending cars back to Enterprise to save money on leasing. The nurse position was not filled. MOU with Harper County Head Start Program. Interlocal discussion South Barber wants out of the Co-op. The board will have to vote on it, and the Department of Education will have to approve South Barber leaving the Co-op. Does not open the door for other districts to leave the co-op. Approved negotiations, discussed training and approved the handbook. Discussed PDC points and how it works with categorical aid. Per KSDE, they are highly unlikely to approve South Barber leaving the cooperative.
- b. Governmental Relations – Donna Queal - Fitness is going to be a combination, working on the funding formula, retention of teachers, non-certified teachers, and SPED funding. Speak more about the positive impact of teachers. KPERS incentive to consolidate districts. More SPED students, getting transportation costs down, and working on requiring coaches to have CDLs to drive buses to activities. Convention discussion. KASB videos will be out, and I would like the board to watch the videos and see who is running for the state school board. The KSSA meeting felt like it was more cordial; there could be a conflict between larger schools and smaller schools. At-risk funding is being used to bring our classroom sizes down. If the state does this it would make funding for at-risk students built into the funding formula. Looking at a new SPED formula would be either student-based vs. service-based. The new funding formula is scheduled for 2027.
- c. Maintenance/Facility Report- David Inslee - Replaced the cooler at SW in the kitchen, 30 years old. Fixed the leaks on the units at PHS. New units will have to have fire suppression. Integreen replaced the tankless water heater at LM. It was a warranty repair, we paid labor only. Met with roofers at LMS to discuss staging for the repair starting in the next few weeks. Sandifer was at PHS to fix the classroom bells.
- d. Asst Superintendent/Curriculum Report—Antonia Villa - Working on at-risk report for the 24-25 school year to make sure we spent the funds on the items we asked for. Looking at a new Math Curriculum.
- e. Superintendent Report – Tony Helfrich
 - i. Strategic Plan - discuss this during the work session on Wednesday
 - ii. US World Report - PHS Ranking - PHS ranked 13th in the state of KS out of 300 in the State of Kansas. Display the plaque and social media announcement.
 - iii. Capital Outlay Discussion - Review the plan for Capital Outlay. Expenses coming up in the present school year and planning for the future.
 - iv. Roof Review - Additional bid for the LMS roof, and it was the same range as the other bids received. We also received additional references from several schools and businesses about AR Roofing.
 - v. Bond Project Presentation - Spoke about the project and what we were able to complete all the items on the bond. We did add the multipurpose room to the PreK space. PreK parking was a good add, but was costly. Added

XIV. Adjournment(AI)

Donna Queal-Honer moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9: pm.
Vote 7/0

BOE Clerk