

# USD 382 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025

7:00 pm

## Board Members Present

Bill Bergner, President  
Jeremy Demuth

Donna Queal, Vice President  
Michelle Ferbert

Tim Barker  
Jennifer Hopkins

Chris Drake

## Administration Present

Tony Helfrich, Superintendent  
David Inslee, Maintenance Director  
David Swank, PHS Assistant Principal/AD  
Kristen Blankenship, SW Elementary Principal

Antonia Villa, Assistant Superintendent  
Steve Blankenship, PHS Principal  
Stephanie Thompson, LMS Principal  
Ryan Creadick, SW Elementary Assistant Principal

## I. Call to Order

The Board of Education Pratt, Unified School District #382, met in regular session, on Monday, March 10, 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.

## II. Recognition of Guests

Brandie Osenbaugh	Chanielle Thibault	Karsyn Bailey	Emersyn Bailey
Alissa Koontz	Caleb Robbins	Kaitlyn Vega	Denali Schelling
Jennifer Ryan	Ruxandra Jucan	Kandace Bitts-Nicolay	

## III. Approval of Agenda(AI)

Approved the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved	Demuth	Seconded	Hopkins	Vote	7/0
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## IV. Approval of Minutes(AI)

Moved and seconded to approve the February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Moved	Ferbert	Seconded	Queal	Vote	7/0
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## V. Approval of Payment of Bills and Financial Reports (AI)

Moved and seconded to approve the payment of bills

Moved	Hopkins	Seconded	Drake	Vote	7/0
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## VI. Reports

**SCKSEC Report** - Chris Drake - Red Cross to teach CPR to recertify staff, property insurance, looking for staff for negotiations team, Infinitech training, SCKSEC admin team renewed at February meeting.

**Governmental Relations** - Donna Queal - SB47 requires school districts to list all school board members, allow members to add agenda items, allow members to ask questions and all public comments, and access any building at any time. SB45 Graduation Rates - SB76 pronoun bill, name on their birth certificate. SB114 Home school students, virtual, KAMS to attend extracurricular events. SB145 low-income student scholarships SB396 revenue neutral to go away.

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**Maintenance/Facility Report** - David Inslee - LMS flooring quote, epoxy/carpet, state fire marshal week of Mar 24, 2025, fire alarm inspection over spring break

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Report - Antonia Villa - two-day state assessment conference will share details with counselors

**Superintendent Report** - Tony Helfrich

i. Bond Project Update

1. Transportation/Maintenance Building - late May or early June
2. Landscape fundraiser - Bob Blasi - flyer is out, making calls on donations

ii. March 12th - KASB's Day at the Legislature - state basketball that day

iii. PD & ELA/Math standards - PD day in February - All BLT's together and looked at data K-12 and 3-8 for standards. Focused more on ELA

iv. Transitions Kindergarten - Long-term goal to create a PreK transitions program in conjunction with Kindergarten transition, age 5 to transitions for students/parents to have a choice with younger 5-year olds.

v. 4th grade - Discussion about a survey sent to students about changing classes; 62% said they liked changing classes for core courses. Teachers also agreed that the format was working well. Discussion was held about concerns that some students may feel anxious about the change from staying in one classroom all day to switching classes.

vi. PAC loading dock - quote for loading dock to be able to access storage behind the stage in Frog Dome, fix parking lots LMS/ southwest lot behind PAC

## VII. New Business

**a. PreK BTB Policy(AI)**

Accept the PreK BTB policy addition for the BTB Handbook as presented

Moved	Drake	Seconded	Demuth	Vote	7/0
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**b. Purchase of Bus Barn pressure washer purchase(AI)**

Approved the purchase of a pressure washer per the bid from Chem Wash of Kansas for \$8969.06

Moved	Demuth	Seconded	Hopkins	Vote	7/0
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**c. PAC BOE Room Audio Visual(AI)**

Approved the purchase of bid from Cytek for the purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment with web conferencing capability for \$59,717.

Moved	Ferbert	Seconded	Queal	Vote	7/0
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**d. School Handbook updates: first read(IO)**

**e. 2025-26 district school calendar(AI)**

Approved the 2025-26 district school calendar as presented

Moved	Queal	Seconded	Ferbert	Vote	7/0
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**f. 2025-26 JAG-K Partnership Agreement(AI)**

Approved the partnership for the 2025-26 school year as presented

Moved	Queal	Seconded	Demuth	Vote	7/0
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**g. Chromebook refresh(AI)**

Approved the purchase of Chromebooks as presented by the bid from ByteSpeed for \$31,000.00 for the purchase of ASUS Chromebooks.

Moved                  Ferbert                  Seconded                  Hopkins                  Vote      7/0

h. **Robotics Trip(AI)**

Approved the PAC/LMS(4th-6th) Robotics out-of-state trip to Oklahoma City.

Moved                  Drake                  Seconded                  Demuth                  Vote      7/0

i. **Board Meeting Change(AI)**

Move the April board meeting to Monday, Apr 7, 2025 due to calendar conflict

Moved                  Drake                  Seconded                  Demuth                  Vote 7/0

**VIII. Executive Session**

I, Bill Bergner, move that the board, Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:00 for 10 minutes to discuss potential hires and personnel evaluations, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:10 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa was invited to stay.

Moved                  Bergner                  Seconded                  Drake                  Vote 7/0

Resume Regular Session at 8:10

**IV. Executive Session**

I, Bill Bergner, move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:10 for 5 minutes to discuss potential hires and personnel evaluations, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:15 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa was invited to stay.

Moved                  Bergner                  Seconded                  Drake                  Vote 7/0

Resume Regular Session at 8:15

**X. Executive Session**

I, Bill Bergner, move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:15 for 5 minutes to discuss potential hires and personnel evaluations, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:20 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa was invited to stay.

Moved                  Bergner                  Seconded                  Drake                  Vote 7/0

Resume Regular Session at 8:20

**XI. Executive Session**

I, Bill Bergner, move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:20 for 10 minutes to discuss potential hires and personnel evaluations, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:30 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa was invited to stay.

Moved                  Bergner                  Seconded                  Drake                  Vote 7/0

Resume Regular Session at 8:30

**XII. Approval of Personnel Updates**

Approval of Personnel Updates as listed

Moved	Drake	Seconded	Hopkins	Vote 7/0
Michelle Popovich		PHS Musical Asst Dir(Costumes)		Resignation
Kobe Hughes		SW Lunch Supervisor for 2025-26		Replaces Lucas Saunstaire
Elyssa Ford		BYB para substitute		Replaces
Kathryn McAllister		PHS Volleyball Assistant		Resignation
Sebastian Beach		SW Lunch Supervisor		Replaces Rielyn Fleming
Nancy Fruechting		PHS Concessions Manager		Resignation
Shelby Richards		LCC Teaching Assistant		Resignation
Estella Showalter		LCC lead teacher		Resignation
Sheri Rose		LCC lead teacher		Replaces Shelby Richards

Approval of administrative contract extensions 26-27 for Tony Helfrich, Antonia Villa, Steve Blankenship, Stephanie Thompson, Kirsten Blankenship, and Ryan Creadick

Moved	Drake	Seconded	Hopkins	Vote 7/0
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Resume Regular Session at 8:30

**XIII. Executive Session**

I, Bill Bergner, move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:33 for 10 minutes to discuss potential hires and personnel evaluations, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:43 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa was invited to stay.

Moved	Bergner	Seconded	Demuth	Vote 7/0
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Resume Regular Session at 8:43

**XIV. Other - Work session on Tuesday, Mar 11, 2025 at 5:15****XV. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45

Moved	Demuth	Seconded	Drake	Vote 7/0
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