

USD 382 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 7, 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
Steve Blankenship, PHS Principal
Stephanie Thompson, LMS Principal
Ryan Creadick, SW Elementary Assistant Principal

Antonia Villa, Assistant Superintendent, arrived at 7:14
David Swank, PHS Asst Principal/AD - arrived at 7:40
Kristen Blankenship, SW Elementary Principal
David Inslee, Maintenance Director

I. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Pratt Unified School District 382, met in regular session, on Monday, April 7, 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

Jackie Nosekabel, Lilypad Childcare Director Kim Staats Seth Thibault Caleb Robbins
Cade Clarkson Denali Schelling Emersyn Bailey Illiana Craft

III. Approval of Agenda(AI)

Approved the meeting agenda as presented with the addition of Tayler Gentry, LMS English Teacher.
Moved Drake Seconded Demuth Vote 7/0

IV. Approval of Minutes(AI)

Moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes and March 11, 2025 work meeting.

Moved Queal Seconded Ferbert Vote 7/0

V. Jackie Nosekabel presentation: Lilypad Childcare Center -

Discussed personnel, types of services, working with children on sign language, gross motor skills, and snack time. Division of rooms by age level, working on pre-preschool items. Daycare is licensed up to Kindergarten.

VI. Approval of Payment of Bills and Financial Reports (AI)

Moved and seconded to approve the payment of bills and financial reports

Moved Hopkins Seconded Ferbert Vote 7/0

VII. Reports

SCKSEC Report - Chris Drake - discussed personnel and retirements in general at SCK

Governmental Relations - Donna Queal - SPED \$10 million dollar increase, not the \$73 million that was promised the previous session. Senate Bill 45 - transfers coming in won't affect the graduation rate. SB - home school students allowed in activities. HB 2396 - Revenue Neutral stalled, SB 87 tax bill stalled. KASB is not renewing the contract with NASB.

Maintenance/Facility Report - David Inslee - New water heaters installed at PHS over spring break, fire marshall for annual check pretty standard, Sanford fire alarm inspections, New washer and dryer installed at PHS, old washer to Lilypad Childcare, new receivers for gym at PHS for scoreboard, Sanford upgraded intercom at SW, reached out to local vendor for quotes on mulch for playground at SW.

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Report - Antonia Villa - went through the virtual school review, and we are approved for the next school year. Snacks for groups that stay after school through OPAA.

Superintendent Report - Tony Helfrich

- a. **Bond Project Update** - Transportation/Maintenance Building - on target for May/June
- b. **PreK Storage** - storage at SW added to PK area, playroom north wall and two walls and lobby area
- c. **Landscape fundraiser** - not as far along as we would like. Donations are a little slow—Bob Blasi is working on this.
- d. **BOE room and Alumni room** - Susan Patton, Meagan Householter, and Sue Givens. Working on adding items to the walls and display cases. Frogdome display older photos from past years. Frog Dome Medallion placement in the entrance of the Frog Dome.
- e. **Playground** - SW PTO helped with this project and donated \$30,000. Painting benches out front.
- f. **Professional Development** - April 7th - BLT met today and discussed diploma pathways, good discussion on pathways. The transition group discussed students moving buildings and how to help students ease into changes. Student group meeting with 5th grade for lunch and discussed switching classes.
- g. **Challenge Award** won by LMS -
- h. **Strategic Planning Summer Review** - try to get the same group who participated in the community input sessions back together to review the strategic plan and discuss the goal to improve ACT scores and add rigor.
- i. **Unified Site Council** - briefed on the Diploma pathways and discussed strategies for easing the 4th grade transition and challenges for student organizational readiness.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Strategic Planning: Diploma Pathways. (IO)** - planning to brief this again to Site Council in September. This would directly impact the class of 2030 (the first class impacted) if it were approved by the BOE during the fall semester of 2025-26.
- b. **School fees (IO)** - Recommendation will be to keep school fees the same, vote in May.
- c. **Action Item: School Handbooks (AI)**
Voted to accept the recommended handbook changes as presented by principals for SW, PAC, LMS, and PHS.
Moved Hopkins Seconded Drake Vote 7/0
- d. **Food Service Renewal (IO) - discussion**

e. **Action Item: KASB Adoption Agreement and Legal Assistance Fund. (AI)**

Approved the partnership for the 2025-26 school year as presented of the KASB adoption agreement and the renewal of the legal assistance fund.

Moved Demuth Seconded Queal Vote 7/0

f. **Action Item: Out-of-district capacity statement. (AI)**

Approve the out-of-district capacity statement as presented.

Moved Queal Seconded Hopkins Vote 7/0

IX. Executive Session

I, Bill Bergner move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:10 for 15 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 8:25 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa, David Swank, and Steve Blankenship were invited to stay.

Resume Regular Session at 8:25

Moved Bergner Seconded Queal Vote 7/0

X. Executive Session

I, Bill Bergner move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:25 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 8:30 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa, David Swank, and Steve Blankenship were invited to stay.

Resume Regular Session at 8:30

Moved Bergner Seconded Queal Vote 7/0

XI. Executive Session

I, Bill Bergner move that the board and Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:30 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 8:40 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa, David Swank, and Steve Blankenship were invited to stay.

Resume Regular Session at 8:40

Moved Bergner Seconded Queal Vote 7/0

X. Approval of Personnel Updates

Approval of Personnel Updates as listed

Kathryn McAllister	LMS Girls Basketball	Resignation
Kendall Miller	LMS 6th Grade Science	Replaces Steve Strecker
Destani Miller	PHS Asst VB Coach	Replaces Kathryn McAllister
Walker McArthur	District Tech Support Specialist	Replaces Lori Girard
Kassidy O'Riordan	LCC Lead Teacher	Expansion
Tayler Gentry	LMS English Teacher	Replaces Madison Stegman
Jason Beisner	PHS Ag Teacher/FFA Sponsor	Replace Rachel Easdon

Moved Drake Seconded Hopkins Vote 7/0

XI. Executive Session

I, Bill Bergner move that the board, Tony Helfrich, Superintendent, recess into executive session at 8:42 for 5 minutes to discuss negotiation topics, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:47 in the boardroom. Antonia Villa and Steve Blankenship were invited to stay.

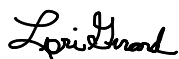
Moved Bergner Seconded Drake Vote 7/0

Resume Regular Session at 8:47

XII. Other - Academic Scholarship Banquet 4/14 @ 6:30 pm, PHS Athletic Banquest 4/21 @ 6:30**XIII. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49

Moved Drake Seconded Hopkins Vote 7/0



Lori Girard

BOE Clerk