

**B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2017**

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton. President Bill Bergner presided.

REGULAR  
SESSION

Chris Drake  
Mark Fincham - absent  
Jennifer Hopkins  
Donna Hoener-Queal  
Brian Schrag - absent  
Bill Skaggs

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Administration present:

Suzan Patton, Superintendent of Schools  
David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum  
Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Asst. Superintendent of CTE  
Tony Helfrich, Liberty Middle School Principal/Asst. Superintendent of HR  
Jason May, Southwest Elementary School Principal  
Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary School Asst. Principal  
David Inslee, Director of Maintenance

OTHERS  
ATTENDING

News Media:

Jennifer Stultz, The Pratt Tribune

Chris Drake moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the agenda as presented Action 5-0.

APPROVE  
AGENDA

Guests: Rhonda Westerhaus, Kaitlyn Bauer, Taylor Butler, Scott Clark, Bailee Farr, Rickele Green, Catherine Johnson, Aaric Kipp, Dava Makings, Lesliee Medina, Stephanie Reichenberger, Grant Thayer, Naomi Warren, Emma Strobel, Erin Jackson, Rafe Donnenwerth, Logan Martin, David Freitas, Meredith Queal, Madeline Drake, Debra Swift, Maria Briggs, Sandy Short.

GUESTS

Students in Rhonda Westerhaus' Foundations of Education class at PCC were present to observe the board meeting. Each one stood and introduced themselves and stated what grade level they were interested in teaching.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Bill Skaggs seconded to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting and the November 2, 2017 special meeting. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
MINUTES

Bill Skaggs moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FINAN. RPTS.  
REPORTS

Suzan Patton reported committee meetings regarding school finance are beginning to take place in Topeka in preparation of the upcoming legislative session.

GOVT'L  
RELATIONS

Chris Drake reported on the October 16, 2017 SCKSEC board meeting.

SCKSEC RPT.

Curriculum Director David Schmidt reported:

CURRICULUM

1. on SCCF grants received for water filling stations and SW Health Fair;
2. on interim testing for state assessments;
3. PreK Parent Academy considering topics on using math and reading at home, the importance of attendance and conflict resolution.

During the Superintendent's report, Suzan Patton;

SUPT. REPORT

1. introduced Debra Swift of OPAA who in turn introduced Mariea Briggs who will fill in for her at the cafeteria while she is out for surgery. Debra also

superintendent’s report, continued

- reported on the new sandwich bar.
- 2. introduced David Freitas, PHS JAG Specialist who spoke about the program and the recent competition the JAG students attended. Meredith Queal presented her speech that earned her a 2nd place in the competition.
- 3. reviewed the utility usage report;
- 4. presented KASB Level I Honor Roll Certificates earned by board members Brian Schrag and Donna Hoener-Queal, and;
- 5. publicly recognized the law enforcement and district administration and directors for their work during the crisis the previous week.

Bill Skaggs moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve out-of-state travel and expenses for the superintendent’s ASSA conference. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE OUT  
OF STATE  
TRAVEL

Bill Bergner moved and Chris Drake seconded to go into executive session from 7:38 p.m. to 7:53 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, superintendent, Steve Blankenship, Tony Helfrich and David Schmidt present. Action 5-0. (Jason May and Kirsten Blankenship were invited to stay after the motion was approved.)

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 7:53 P.M.

Bill Bergner moved and Chris Drake seconded to go into executive session from 7:54 p.m. to 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, superintendent, Steve Blankenship, Tony Helfrich, David Schmidt, Jason May and Kirsten Blankenship present. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION -  
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:04 P.M.

Bill Skaggs moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the following personnel changes. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL

|                          |                               |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Ryan Ford                | LMS Asst. Boys Basketball     | New Hire         |
| Stephanie Thompson       | Sub LMS Asst. Boys Basketball | New Hire         |
| Angela McGraw            | SW GATE Para                  | Leave of Absence |
| Amy Cruce                | Substitute SW GATE Para       | New Hire         |
| Brittney Ford            | LMS Asst. Track Coach         | New Hire         |
| Marsha Barker            | LMS Asst. Cheer Coach         | New Hire         |
| Claudia Rodriguez-Ovieda | PreK Para/SW Secretary        | Termination      |
| Kenneth Tatro            | SW Custodian                  | Termination      |

It was noted that the KASB Convention will be held December 1-3, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

Bill Skaggs moved for adjournment at 8:05 p.m. Chris Drake seconded. Action 5-0.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURN