

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 in the temporary Administrative Center at 227 S. Howard. President Bill Bergner called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

**Board members present:**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

- Bill Bergner-
- Donna Hoener-Queal
- Chris Drake.
- Michelle Ferbert
- Tim Barker
- Jeremy Demuth
- Jennifer Hopkins

**Administration present:**

**OTHERS  
ATTENDING**

- Tony Helfrich, Superintendent of Schools
- David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director-
- Steve Blankenship, Pratt High School Principal/Assistant Supt. of CTE
- David Swank, Pratt High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- Stephanie Thompson, Liberty Middle School Principal
- Kirsten Blankenship, Southwest Elementary Principal
- Ryan Creadick, Southwest Elementary Assistant Principal
- David Inslee, Maintenance Director

**Guests**

**GUESTS**

- Brent Hoelting
- Taylor Creadick
- Allee Hopkins
- Wyatt Hopkins

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the agenda.

**MOTION  
APPROVE  
AGENDA**

**ACTION: 7/0**

Jeremy Demuth moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION  
APPROVE  
MINUTES**

**ACTION: 7/0**

**Brent Hoelting: PHS Europe trip presentation**

Brent talked about where the students would visit, when the trip would be scheduled, and costs associated with the trip. Highlights of the trip include seeing Krakow, Vienna, Prague, and Berlin. The trip is tentatively scheduled for after June 1, 2025 for 10-12 days. No funds or transportation is requested from the district.

Superintendent Helfrich highlighted items on the payment report. The utility totals were discussed as a cost of construction.

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports.

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
FINANCIAL

**ACTION: 7/0**

**REPORTS**

**Chris Drake:**

SCKSEC

Chris discussed the topics at the latest SCKSEC board meeting. This included a student issue at Haskins and a slight difference in screenings.

**Donna Hoener Queal:**

GOVT' REL

Donna discussed the upcoming advocacy event. Donna and Tony discussed the legislative luncheon at PCC today. They expressed that they do not believe the legislature will fully fund special education.

**David Inslee:**

FACILITIES

Relocation of water and gas lines for SW Project has started.  
KS dept. of labor inspection. We did well.  
Darci Van DerVyver will audit sanitation on Thursday  
Roof top units at Pedigo being looked at this week by an engineer.

**David Schmidt:**

**School Safety**

CURRICULUM

INA Alert app upgrade installed this week.  
New APhone installed at PHS. Working on sound issues.  
Installing more cameras throughout the district to improve supervision.  
Hand held radios being delivered this week.  
Safe Defend swipe stations being added after the first of the year.

**Curriculum**

LMS ELA staff has coaching time set up for new  
4th Grade meeting SS Curriculum meeting on Jan. 30 & Look at Character Strong  
5th Grade meeting on Jan 31st about transition.  
PHS potential 9 hours of College credit in History and Govt.

**Lice Clinic**

Several families in need.

**Pre K Staff:**

Attended KinderCare Workshop last week.

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**Tony Helfrich:**

Summer school for 2024 was discussed. Construction will make summer school not possible at SW and moving the K-4 summer school was not ideal. The previous year demand for summer school dropped and it was challenging to get staffed.

The superintendent recommended not holding summer school and will wait for Board feedback at the January meeting.

Project Update—the final round of subcontractor bids have been selected by Simpson Construction. The process on developing plans and the timeline for the bus barn were discussed.

KESA Update—the building principals, superintendent, and the building KESA chairs attended a KESA development session at ESSDACK. Pratt is partnering with Hoisington, using the peer review model. The principals and KESA chairs will brief the building leadership teams.

Work Session—The Board holding a work session. Graduation Requirements (staffing), Child Care Center, and Strategic Plan Review would be several of the topics.

**Work session scheduled for Wednesday January 10th 5-6:30pm**

**New Business:**

1. First Read For BOE Policy Updates from KASB
2. Donna Hoener Queal moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve a 5 year agreement to be a dues paying member of ESSDACK.

**Motion**

ESSDACK  
INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT

**ACTION:7/0**

Chris Drake moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the PHS International Student Trip as presented .

**MOTION**

APPROVE  
PHS International  
STUDENT TRIP

**ACTION:7/0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

Executive session for the exception relating to Personnel under KOMA

“ I, Bill Bergner move that the board and superintendent to recess into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:17 pm in the boardroom.”

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:17 pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

Executive session for the exception relating to Personnel under KOMA

“ I, Bill Bergner move that the board and superintendent to recess into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:22 pm in the boardroom.”

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:22 pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

Executive session for the exception relating to Personnel under KOMA

“ I, Bill Bergner move that the board and superintendent to recess into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:27 pm in the boardroom.”

“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:27 pm

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“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:32 pm

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“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:37 pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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“I,Jeremy Demuth, seconded the motion.”

**ACTION:7/0**

Open Meeting: 8:42 pm

Brittney Donnenwerth	6th Social Studies/LMS CCR	Resignation (5/22/24)
Cheri Haskett	8th ELA Teacher	Resignation (5/22/24)
Bryce Stegman	PHS Assistant XC Coach	New Hire
David Schmidt	District Curriculum/ECC Principal	Retirement (12/22/24)

Donna Hoener- Queal moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the personnel updates as listed.

**ACTION: 7/0**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jennifer Hopkins moved for adjournment at 8:44 pm Jeremy Demuth seconded.

**ACTION: 7/0**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION**  
APPROVE  
PERSONNEL  
CHANGES

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