

B.O.E. Regular Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a tour of the PHS wrestling and weight rooms and the Wall of Champions. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 in the Administrative Center at 401 S. Hamilton by President Bill Bergner.

REGULAR
SESSION

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

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Administration present:

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

OTHERS
ATTENDING

News Media:

Guests: Rose Beilman, Alyssa Green, Mark Green, Shaphan Staats, Conrad Burns, Mylee Gerber, Airam Fernandez, Lexia Taylor, Kari FitzSimmons.

GUESTS

Chris Drake moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the name of Anthony Brown to the personnel list. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
AMENDED
AGENDA

Rose Beilman, PHS Forensics Coach, reviewed the National Forensics Competition to be held in Louisville June 12 – 17th. Forensics student Alyssa Green spoke to the board about her involvement in the program and her excitement of the possibility of attending a national competition. Alyssa and three other students have the chance to qualify and if successful are seeking board approval for the out of state travel.

STUDENT
PRESENTATIONS

PHS JAG Students Conrad Burns, Mylee Gerber and Airam Fernandez reported on their first place finish at the JAG-K State CDC. Their entry in the business plan division detailed the use of polypropylene pellets to make furniture for schools, stadiums and outdoors. Their first place finish qualified them to attend the national conference in Dallas May 4 – 8th. The JAG program pays for all travel expenses but the students were seeking board approval for their out of state trip.

David Schmidt reported students Johanna Forssberg, Taylor Foster, Jesse Kemper, Laura Kendall, Destiny Lehman, Charlie Mandl and Aaliyah Voepel participated in the ISEF Kansas State Fair held in Wichita April 1st and 2nd with great success. Freshman Jesse Kemper qualified for the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 7-13th. Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Bitter are working out the details so that arrangements can be made for him to attend.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Jeremy Demuth moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the payment of bills, treasurer and financial reports. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
FINAN. RPTS.

Chris Drake reported on the SCKSEC meeting held on March 21, 2022.

REPORTS
SCKSEC

Michelle Ferbert reported the legislature will resume on April 25th with much discussion focused on CRT and Parents Bill of Rights. Tony Helfrich reported the reinstatement of state aid for capital projects was pulled from the bill but had no information as to why.

GOVT'L REL

David Inslee reported:

1. the steps have been replaced at the south entrance of the ACE building;
2. a new ice machine has been installed at PHS;
3. the carpet installation at LMS is scheduled for June 6th;
4. annual fire alarm inspections are complete, and;
5. additional leaks in the tunnel have been repaired at Pedigo.

MAINT/FACILITY

David Schmidt reported:

1. on the change in status from Pandemic to Endemic;
2. on the first hearing of the Student Attendance Review Board;
3. state assessments, and;
4. ELA curriculum review

CURRICULUM

During the Superintendent's Report, Tony Helfrich:

1. reported the pre-bond survey is scheduled to be sent out this week;
2. referred to Kirsten Blankenship for a report on Kindergarten Camp;
3. reviewed the RFQ for architect/EPC/CM@R;
4. discussed preliminary budget estimates for 2022-23;
5. reviewed current school fees and lunch prices, and;
6. reported on the preparation for the KESA visitation scheduled for April 27th

SUPT.

Chris Drake moved and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded to approve the purchase of a 14 passenger route/activity bus for a cost up to \$79,000.00 from the Kansas state purchasing program. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PURCHASE
14 PASSENGER
BUS

Jeremy Demuth moved and Chris Drake seconded to approve the purchase of the 2011 MCI currently under lease for \$27,000.00 Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PURCHASE OF
LEASED MCI

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the bid from Bytespeed for the purchase of 100 Chromebooks for the 9th grade laptop refresh for \$34,000.00. Action 7-0

MOTION
APPROVE
CHROMEBOOK
PURCHASE

Michelle Ferbert moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the building handbooks as presented. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
HANDBOOKS

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the bid from A to Z for the renovation of the LMS Auditorium stage lights for \$65,500.00. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE LMS
AUDITORIUM
LIGHTS BID

Chris Drake moved and Michelle Ferbert seconded to approve the out of state trip for PHS Forensics to attend Nationals. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE
FORENSICS
TRIP

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the out of state trip for PHS JAG students to attend Nationals. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE
JAG TRIP

Bill Bergner moved that the board and superintendent recess into executive session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:27 p.m. in the board room. Jeremy Demuth seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION –
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:27 P.M.

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MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION –
PERSONNEL

OPEN MEETING: 8:37 P.M.

Donna Hoener-Queal moved and Jeremy Demuth seconded to approve the personnel changes as presented. Action 7-0.

MOTION
APPROVE
PERSONNEL

Cintha Ibarra	LMS Assistant Secretary	Resignation
Stephanie Thompson	PHS Asst. Basketball	Resignation
Kathryn McAllister	LMS PE/Health Teacher	New Hire
Kathryn McAllister	PHS Asst. Volleyball	New Hire
Parker Titus	PHS Asst. Football	New Hire
Erika Householter	½ Frog Shop Stipend	Add'l Assignment
Tyler Bethards	SW Title I Para	Transfer
Meagan Householter	PHS Asst. Golf	Add'l Assignment
Rodney Tritt	LMS Custodian/Maintenance	New Hire
Anthony Brown	PHS Head Boys Wrestling	Add'l Assignment

Other:

KASB Long-Term Strategy sessions: May 2nd & May 5th community engagement nights, Board special session on May 18th.

PHS Scholarship Banquet: April 18th

PHS Athletic Banquet – April 25th

PNEA Retirement Banquet – May 4th

PHS Graduation – May 22nd

Jennifer Hopkins moved for adjournment at 8:49 pm. Chris Drake seconded. Action 7-0.

MOTION
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