

USD 382 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2026

6:30 pm

Board Members Present

Jeremy Demuth, President
Jennifer Hopkins

Seth Thibault, Vice President
Kimberly Staats

Chris Drake
Michelle Ferbert
Jenna Zimmerman -arrived at 6:39

Administration Present

Steve Blankenship, Superintendent
David Swank, Principal PHS
Stephanie Thompson, LMS Principal
Jessica Hanvey, SW Asst Principal

Joy Schmidt, Assistant Sup/PAC Principal
Chris Battin, PHS Asst Principal/AD
Kirsten Blankenship, SW Principal
John Shriver, Maintenance Director

I. Call to Order

The Board of Education of Pratt Unified School District 382 met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the BOE Meeting Room in the PAC Building, 401 S Hamilton, Pratt, KS. President Jeremy Demuth called the meeting to order.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of self-reflection

II. Recognition of Guests: Tim Rector, Sydmel Cullen Sanchea, Johanna Forssberg, and Cadence Holmes.

III. Public Comment: No public comments

IV. Approval of Agenda (AI)

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Michelle Ferbert seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Sandra Hubbard..

6/0 Vote

V. Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2026

Chris Drake moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

6/0 Vote

VI. Teacher Presentation: Tim Rector - Skills USA National Trip. Cadence, Johanna and Sydmel explained the skills they presented and how they earned the money to attend the skill competition. Tim presented on the competition and activities students were involved in.

VII. Approval of the payment of bills, the treasurer's report, and financial reports. (AI)

Seth Thibault moved, and Kimberly Staats seconded the motion to approve payment of bills, the treasurer's reports, and financial reports.

7/0 Vote

VIII. Reports (IO)

SCKSEC Report – Kimberly Staats - Board President and VP were elected, board action of the MOU was on the agenda and was approved. Attended inservice and was able to welcome the staff back to work.

Governmental Relations – Jennifer Hopkins/Jenna Zimmerman - Jenna talked about SB87 - verify incomes for school lunches. The bill has stalled out and should not be back on the agenda. State Board has two individuals running - Alena McWilliams is a home school person. Ann Zimmerman is a 3 time Salina School Board member. Funding for K-12 expires next summer and there should be a committee to look at adopting the current formula again.

Maintenance/Facility Report- John Shriver - Ice machine at LMS went out and the new machine will be delivered and will be delivered this week. Gym floors at LMS and PHS. The PAC building gym was not resurfaced this year. Gave a shout out to his staff for the work they have been doing.

Asst Superintendent/Curriculum Report—Joy Schmidt - Starting year 3 of the accreditation. Will meet in October with Essdack to go over our goals. SW and PAC are working on Keys to Literacy and will finish those up this year. PHS and LMS have started standards alignments. At-Risk accountability - assess K-9 student with AimsWeb will report on October 10th and May 28. If students are in the 40% or higher are not at risk, 16-39% are some risk, below the 16% they are high risk. October 30th we will submit the at-risk report our students to the State, we must use 4th grade and one other grade level.

Superintendent Report – Steve Blankenship

SW HVAC - Met with Willdan will pay the full amount, P1 's estimate was \$242000.00 and Kruse \$171000.00 estimate. Timeline will be over Christmas or next summer.

Live Stream - The equipment will be installed on August 18th or 19th to install.

Enrollment - we are at 1187 enrolled as of this morning.

Bus Purchase - We were approved for two buses and Clint has to prove the buses are no longer in service.

CKL Update - CKL meeting last week, we have 10 teams, we are now going to an 11 team with Garden Plain will join in 28-29. Cheney will start this cycle during basketball season. Hillsboro will be leaving the league in the next year or so.

Results Now 2.0 Workshop Oct 1, 2026 - Will be held in Wichita with all staff, the books will be here soon.

Electronic Payments - consensus that as more companies are requisitioning ACH payments that it is ok to go ahead and process them.

Tailgate Party for district staff date - update on the event.

IX. New Business

Action Item: Yearbook Price Increase at PHS (David Swank)

Chris Drake moved, and Jenna Zimmerman seconded to approve the yearbook price increase to \$50.00. 7/0 Vote

Action Item: Lilypad Day Care Price Increase

Kimberly Staats moved, and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the increases as presented. 7/0 Vote

Action Item: KASB Delegate

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Kimberly Staats seconded to approve Jenna Zimmerman as the KASB Delegate as presented. 7/0 Vote

Action Item: OPAA ALC Food Pricing

Jennifer Hopkins moved, and Jenna Zimmerman seconded to approve the OPAA ALC Food Pricing as presented. 7/0 Vote

Action Item: Piping Replacement

Kimberly Staats moved, and Jenna Zimmerman seconded to approve the piping replacement at SW as presented using Kruse. 7/0 Vote

X. Old Business

Action Item: BOE policy updates.

Chris Drake Moved and Jennifer Hopkins seconded to approve the BOE Policy Updates DFE, EBBE, EE, GAAC, IDAD Title I programs regulation, IDAD Title I programs, JB, JBC, JBC Foster care regulations, JBC Foster Care Students, JBCC, JBD, JGEC, JGFGA, JGFGBA, JQKA, JRB, IHF Graduation Requirements, IIBGC Staff Online Activities, JCDC Student Personal Communication Devices, JGFGA Administration of Emergency Opiate Antagonists as presented. 7/0 Vote

Information Only: Meal balances - set up biweekly emails and send out reminders to pay lunch balances. Monthly reminder that lunch payments are due. Discussion on collection for high meal/fee balances.

XI. Executive Session - Negotiations

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 5 minutes at 8:45 to discuss negotiations under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:50. Assistant Superintendent Joy Schmidt was invited to stay. Seconded by Jenna Zimmerman. Resumed regular meeting at 8:50

7/0 Vote

XII. Executive Session - Negotiations

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 5 minutes at 8:50 to discuss negotiations under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:55. Assistant Superintendent Joy Schmidt was invited to stay. Seconded by Michelle Ferbert. Resumed regular meeting at 8:55

7/0 Vote

XIII. Negotiated Agreement -

Jennifer Hopkins moved and Kimberly Staats seconded to approve the negotiated agreement as presented. 7/0 Vote

XIV. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:55 to discuss personnel/evaluations, pursuant to the negotiation exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:05. Seconded by Jenna Zimmerman. Assistant Superintendent Joy Schmidt was invited to stay. Resumed regular meeting at 9:05

7/0 Vote

XV. Executive Session - Personnel

I, Jeremy Demuth, move that the board and superintendent go into executive session for 5 minutes at 9:05 to discuss personnel/evaluations, pursuant to the negotiation exemption under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:10. Seconded by Michelle Ferbert. Assistant Superintendent Joy Schmidt was invited to stay. Resumed regular meeting at 9:10

7/0 Vote

Grace Martin	SWE PreK Para	Replaces Lexi Walker
Summer Younie	PHS Lunch Supervisor	Replaces Tyler Strong
Tiffany Quinn	LMS Head Custodian	Resignation
Kelli Barker	PHS Girls Tennis	Replaces David Swank
Kathryn McAllister	Head LMS Track	Resignation
Tyler Strong	PHS Lunch Supervisor	Resignation
Beth Shelden	PAC Art/Reading Tutor	Resignation
Sandra Hubbard	PAC Art/Reading Tutor	Transfer from ESL Para

XVI. Approval of personnel updates

Chris Drake moved, and Jenna Zimmerman seconded to approve the personnel changes as listed. 7/0 Vote

XVII. Other: Back to school tailgate on the 18th.

XVIII. Adjournment(AI)

Jenna Zimmerman moved, and Kimberly Staats seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm.