

**Pattonville School District
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 9, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Pattonville School District was called to order by President, Ronald C. Kuschel, in the Board Room of the Pattonville School District Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, Missouri on January 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Ronald C. Kuschel, President
Ruth Petrov, Vice-President
Cynthia R. Candler, Secretary
Keith A. Gillming, Treasurer
Patricia J. Bryant, Director
Randall J. McArthur, Director
Ralph K. Stahlhut, Director

Dr. Hugh A. Kinney, Superintendent of Schools (**ABSENT**)
Donette Green, Interim Superintendent

1. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions as submitted. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ruth Petrov moved that the minutes of the regular and closed sessions of December 12, 2006, and the special session of December 18, 2006, be approved, as submitted. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

At this time Ron Kuschel asked that everyone participate in a moment of silence for Allison Haake, a 2003 Pattonville graduate, who recently died of cancer.

3. Pattonville Education Foundation Grant Awards

Ron Kuschel shared with everyone that staff members had been chosen to receive grants from the Pattonville Education Foundation, and would receive special recognition tonight. Jeff Fitterling, Pattonville Education Foundation president, gave an overview of the purpose of the foundation grants. Jeff also mentioned that this year \$13,000 in grants had been given out, which is the most given out in the history of the foundation. Ron Kuschel announced the recipients and Donette Green, Ruth Petrov,

Randy McArthur, and Jeff Fitterling, handed out the awards as follows: from Bridgeway Elementary, Madaleaze Cramer, Claudia Snyder, and Mary Ellen Sievers; from Drummond Elementary, Kate Zust, Carla Robertson, Laurie Kinealy, and Michelle Wagner; from Willow Brook Elementary, Debra McCormack; from Remington Traditional School, Julie Linck, Lynda Sotolar, and Kelli Risse; from the Learning Center Early Childhood, Trish Buenemann, Stephanie Jerden Joan Udziela, Lisa Schulte, Luisa Lucas, Debbie Head, and Janet Schweiss; and from the Learning Center School Business Partnership, Patty Gould.

- 4. Public Participation** Ron Kuschel invited anyone to come forward and address the board. No one came forward.
- 5. Calendar of Events** Mickey Schoonover, director of school and community relations, reviewed with the Board, events scheduled to take place throughout the district over the next few weeks.
- 6. Committee Reports** Dr. Tom Morgan, assistant superintendent for human resources, provided a summary of topics that were discussed at the December 14, 2006 Pro Studies meeting such as increasing student achievement, funding lawsuit, budget, facilities, school vouchers, state board of education appointment, teacher pay dates, class sizes, and the economic agreement.
- 7. 2005-2006 Audit** Representatives from Schowalter and Jabouri, P.C. were present to review the financial audit of the District for the 2005-2006 school year. Ron Orr introduced Dawn Kohler, from Schowalter and Jabouri, who made herself available for questions from the Board members. Randy McArthur expressed concerns regarding fraud, what appeared to be inadequacies on our part in the District's audit report, and what additional steps the District could take to make sure we are meeting the current reporting standards and protecting ourselves. Dawn explained a few language misunderstandings in the report. She stated that the report language is standard and appeared to be derogatory in some places, when in fact it is not. Dawn explained that the District's financial statements were fairly presented. She also told the Board that there were going to be new standards in the future and the District would need to change some procedures to comply with them.
- 8. Approval of Regular Bills** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve payment of regular bills in the total amount of \$803,702.92, as presented. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The

motion carried: 7-0.

- 9. Approval of Cafeteria Bills** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve payment of cafeteria bills in the total amount of \$70,459.27, as presented. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 10. Approval of Financial Statements** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit and as presented, the financial statements for November 2006. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 11. Professional Services Rendered** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum, LLP for professional services rendered through November 2006 in the total amount of \$1,738.29, as follows:
1. Drummond Roof - \$ 122.30
 2. General Matters - \$1,615.99
- Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 12. 2007-2008 Student and Staffing Projections** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, the student and staffing projections for the 2007-2008 school year. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 13. Approval of Architectural Firm** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve, pending contract approval by District administration, Bond Wolfe Architects, to provide architectural and engineering services for bond issue projects approved by District voters on November 7, 2006, at a percentage of construction cost that will equal 6.0%. Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 14. Consent Grouping for Action – General** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – general, as follows:
- A. Approve, as lodged for action on December 12, 2006, and as presented, the 2005-2006 District audit.
 - B. Approve, as lodged for action on December 12, 2006, and as revised, policies JEC (School Admissions), JECA (Admission of Resident Students), JECB (Admission of Non-Resident

Students), and JECB-R (Admission of Non-Resident Students).

- C. Approve, as lodged for action on December 12, 2006, and as revised, policies GDDC-R (Probationary Period), GDD-R (Employment), and GDPD-R (Suspension of Support Staff).
- D. Approve, as lodged for action on December 12, 2006, and as revised, policy GDL-R (Educational Assistance Plan – Support Staff).

Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

15. Consent Grouping for Action – Business

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – business, as follows:

- A. Award the bid for the loading dock canopy replacement to Lawlor Corporation in the amount of \$45,670.00.
- B. Approve the renewal of the paint and paint supplies agreement with MAB Paints at the same terms, conditions and prices as their original bid, for the period of January 10, 2007 through December 31, 2007, with the understanding that petroleum base products may be increased during the contract term. The total estimated amount of this award is \$10,524.14.
- C. Award the bid for HVAC repairs to American Boiler in the amount of \$247,775.00 on this insurance claim, which will be fully reimbursed.
- D. Award the bid for Smart Trunks, **DID** and long distance phone service to Arch Communications Inc. for a 5-year contract in the total amount of \$120,000.00 annually. With E-Rate Funding the district can expect to receive 55% or \$66,000.00 rebate over the 5-year contract. This contract will begin July 1, 2007 and go through June 30, 2012.
- E. Award the contract for digital copiers to Ikon for a 5-year lease beginning February 1, 2007 and continuing through January 31, 2012 for an annual cost of \$150,084.00 and a total cost, for the 5-year lease, of \$750,420.00.

Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

16. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – human resources, as follows:

- A. Additions to the Substitute Cafeteria Worker List
 - 25. Veronica Cruz

- B. Additions to the Substitute Custodial/Maintenance/Grounds Worker List
 - 26. Randall Elder
 - 27. Angela Franklin

- C. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List
 - 238. Tara Bailey
 - 239. Chris Devine
 - 240. Debra Olson

- D. Separation of Support Staff
 - 1. Savath Singharath

- E. Employment of Support Staff
 - 1. Sara Dohle
 - 2. Lisa Fiquette
 - 3. Lauren Niewald
 - 4. Mary Feltmann

- F. Employment of Certified Staff
 - 1. Emily Cook
 - 2. Jaimyn Fairchild
 - 3. Jean Slaven

- G. Extra Assignment Contracts for 2006-2007
 - 1. As presented

Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

17. Interim Superintendent's Update

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, mentioned that Governor Matt Blunt, his wife Melanie, and their son, Branch, had visited Pattonville's Early Childhood earlier today to announce an increase to the state budget for the "Parents as Teachers" program of \$2 million dollars. A press conference followed. Donette also mentioned that 2001 Pattonville graduate, Martin Nance, was selected to

play wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings football team; 2003 Pattonville graduate, Jordan Richards, was in the news for receiving the 200,000th package assembled by “Operation Gratitude”, a nonprofit group that sends care packages to the military. Mr. Richards received a number of prizes for this, including a car; and lastly, Donette mentioned that the St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable has issued a report card showing that our District consistently places in the top 5 for African American Achievement. Donette stated that we still have a lot of work to do, but the report was a great credit to our District.

- 18. Board Member Comments** Board members shared with everyone that they enjoyed the holidays and had enjoyed District activities such as the High School Board Coffee and shopping with Drummond Elementary needy families. Pat Bryant wanted to specifically mention that the Alumni “Pattonville Idol” was coming up and everyone was welcome; Ruth Petrov shared with everyone that her oldest son had gotten engaged at Christmas; Ron Kuschel mentioned that he was able to recognize a nationally certified teacher at Holman Middle School; Ralph Stahlhut mentioned that the High School Board Coffee hadn’t had a large turnout but all the administrators seemed to be present; and Cindy Candler also wanted to specifically mention the Alumni “Pattonville Idol” and said they needed everyone to come sing.

- 19. Adjournment** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to record and/or vote for the specific purpose of discussing student matters, personnel matters, and employee negotiations. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. Pat Bryant-aye; Cindy Candler-aye; Keith Gillming-aye ; Ron Kuschel-aye; Randy McArthur-aye; Ruth Petrov-aye; and Ralph Stahlhut-aye. The motion carried: 7-0.

Time of adjournment – 7:45 p.m.