

Pattonville School District
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 24, 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 April 24, 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
Robert W. Dillon, Director
Ralph K. Stahlhut, Director

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

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions, as submitted, and amended (**remove 7.3.1 from human resources, add 2.4.2 – pro-studies, change 9.4 to superintendent contract, change adjournment to 9.5**). Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the reorganization, regular, and closed sessions of April 10, 2007, as submitted. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Recognition of Students and Staff**

Ron Kuschel announced the student awards as Pat Bryant, Cindy Candler, and Donette Green handed out certificates to the following students for: qualifying for state level recognition for the Duke University Talent Identification Program were Anna Hooppaw, Marc Prather, Brittini Cambron, Caterina Fedyk, Cameron Miles, Mindy Fitterling, Kyle Frayne, Khalil Griffin, Madison King, John Sorsen, and Wehazit Tesfamariam; receiving recognition from Missouri Future Problem Solving was Kaci Merritte; for earning a 1st place trophy for the Regional A division at the Mid-Continental Color Guard Association Championship Competition were Missie Apenbrinck, Kim Cargal, and Kayla

McDermott; for competing in the state Geography Bee competition were Elijah Phillips, and Sophia Schier-Hanson; for receiving special recognition in the “Do the Right Thing” program were Kati McNeary and Amanda Bath; for placing at the District DECA competition were Chris Webb, Brad Duncan, Katherine Murphy, Tyler Kuehn, Marylou Wallace, Kayla LaBeaume, and to Holly Martinez for sponsoring all of the DECA students.

- 4. Public Participation** Claire Steiner, district wellness coordinator, invited everyone to attend the 19th Annual Wellness Run/Walk, explained a little about the event, and handed-out T-shirts to the Board members.
- 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** Ron Orr, chief financial officer, gave a brief summary of the PESP’s (Pattonville Education Support Professionals) April 23, 2007 meeting, which was their last meeting of the school-year. Ron said the committee worked on a progressive discipline policy and held a discussion concerning support staff holidays.

Dr. Tom Morgan, assistant superintendent for human resources, gave a brief summary of the Pro-Studies meeting held on April 19, 2007. Their meeting included discussion of such topics as increasing student achievement, critical issues, non-discrimination policies, and sick leave.
- 7. Pattonville High School Improvement Plan Update** Jeff Marion, Pattonville High School principal, with the help of high school student, Brittany Candler, provided a Power Point presentation and overview of the Pattonville High School Improvement Plan Update.
- 8. Career Education Program Evaluation** Dr. Jennifer Schneider, director of instructional support services, and Nathan Hoven, high school assistant principal, provided an overview of the Career Education Program Evaluation including context, evaluation process, results, conclusions, and recommendations.
- 9. Proposed Student Computer Replacements** Ron Orr, chief financial officer, provided an overview of the proposed student computer replacement schedule and strategies, including laptops, extended batteries, and carts; while Marilyn Terry, director of technology services was present and available to answer technical questions.

10. **Approval of Financial Statements** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit and as presented, the financial statements for March 2007. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
11. **School Nurse Day Proclamation** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the proclamation declaring *May 9, 2007, School Nurse Day* in the Pattonville School District. Ruth then read the proclamation out loud. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
12. **High School Curriculum Updates** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the curriculum updates for the high school. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
13. **Middle School Curriculum Updates** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the curriculum updates for middle school. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
14. **Early Childhood Curriculum** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the Early Childhood curriculum. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- At this time Laurie Wenzel, director of early childhood, wanted to say a few words. Laurie told Board members how much she appreciated them and that getting this curriculum into the hands of the teachers would make a powerful contribution to future academic achievement.
15. **Business Education (DECA) Trip** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the business education (DECA) trip; with students missing four (4) days of school. Robert Dillon seconded the motion, with one comment, that he would like to see this kind of information come before the Board sooner than just a few days before the trip. The motion carried: 7-0.
16. **Certification of Election Results** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve as true, correct, and complete, the abstract of votes cast on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, as follows: Ruth A. Petrov – 2,924, Robert W. Dillon – 2,221, and Vincent Phyllis Walz – 881; as certified by the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri. Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

17. 2006-2007 Stipendiary Review Process Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the report and recommendations of the Stipendiary Review Committee. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. Pat Bryant-aye; Cindy Candler-aye; Robert Dillon-aye; Keith Gillming-aye; Ron Kuschel-aye; Ruth Petrov-aye; and Ralph Stahlhut-aye. The motion carried: 6-1.

18. Professional Services Rendered Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum, LLP for professional services rendered through March 31, 2007, in the total amount of \$1,280.40, as follows:

1. Protested Taxes - \$109.50
2. General - \$875.90
3. Drummond roof - \$295.00

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

19. Consent Grouping for Action – General Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – general, as follows:

- A. Accept, as presented, the school improvement plan for Pattonville High School.
- B. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for Career Education.
- C. Accept, as presented, the proposed student computer replacement schedule and strategies, including laptops, extended batteries, and carts.

Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

20. 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 Design Specifications and Third-Party Air Monitoring for Abatement of Asbestos Floor Tile and Mastic to United Infrastructure Corporation in the total estimated amount of \$16,300.00.
- B. Award the bid for Custodial Chemicals for the period; date of award through March 31, 2008, to Renard Paper Company in the total estimated amount of \$19,822.85.

C. Award the bid for Summer Flooring Projects to Paul Abt, for Sections 1 & 2 award; and to Countryside Flooring, for Section 3 award. The total amount of this award is \$369,481.00.

D. Award the bid for a Commercial Cargo Van to Pundmann Ford Company for a 2007 Ford E150 for a total cost of \$18,491.80.

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

21. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

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

A. Additions to the Substitute Custodial/Maintenance/Grounds Worker List
36. Tammara Duncan
37. Royce Limbert
38. LaTisha O’Neal

B. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List
311. Renee’ Dunn-Rho
312. Jerry Fiman
313. Kimberly Lawrence
314. Jennifer McCraw
315. Benita Ramey
316. Mae Smith
317. Raymond Soto
318. Jodi Whitworth

C. Employment of Certified Staff
1. Jackie Ramey
2. Jaimyn Fairchild
3. Carol Schmidle
4. Dana Heidbreder

D. Separation of Certified Staff
1. Rachel Beard-Curran
2. Katie Spencer
3. Melanie Yates

E. 2007-2008 Extra Assignments
As presented.

Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

22. Interim Superintendent's Update

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, congratulated three "Teacher of the Year" honorees; at the elementary school level, Karrie Peters, at the middle school level, Chris Benbow, and at the high school level, Leslie Scoopmire. Donette also mentioned that one of these teachers would be named "Teacher of the Year" at District Appreciation Night on May 7th. Donette then congratulated the Pattonville "Support Staff of the Year" honorees Joyce Bowdish, Linda Burnett, and Julie Purviance. Donette went on to inform everyone that U. S. Senator Kit Bond would be seeing Pattonville Heights Middle School students in action as he visits the "Challenger Learning Center" in St. Louis; Pattonville Heights Middle School would be hosting its first annual area-wide "Middle School Book Battle"; Willow Brook would be hosting their own version of "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader", to raise funds in honor of Tiawanna Gilyard, a Willow Brook counselor who lost her life earlier this year in a tragic car accident; kudos to all the talented Pattonville authors who were recently published in Pattonville's literary magazine "Emerald Reflections"; and lastly, congratulations to the High School Renaissance and Character Education Committee on its first and very successful fundraiser, "Taste of Pattonville", where there were food samples from more than twenty restaurants and businesses in the Pattonville area.

23. Board Member Comments

All board members attending NSBA's (National School Boards' Association) Annual Conference in San Francisco, said they enjoyed it very much and would give their reports at the next Board meeting. Board members also attended such activities as the Drummond Board Coffee, and "Challenger Center" visit.

In addition, Pat Bryant attended a Pattonville Education Foundation meeting and said the Social Justice Retreat blew her away. Pat said it was the most rewarding experience she had ever had.

Keith Gillming stated that he was very impressed with how the high school threat, last Friday, on April 20th was handled. Keith said the communications to the students and parents was outstanding and all the help from administrators and security, at the high school Friday morning, was great. Keith also said the high school managed to have a very "safe" atmosphere that morning.

Ruth Petrov shared with everyone that the Social Justice Retreat was great and she couldn't wait to get students through the training.

Ron Kuschel said the Social Justice Retreat was outstanding and very emotionally draining. Ron also thanked parents, Sheila Allen, and Cenia Bosman who gave up their Friday to be there.

Ralph Stahlhut also attended a PESP (Pattonville Education Support Professionals) meeting and stated that he was very impressed with Ferguson-Florissant's new high school, where the last CSD (Cooperating School Districts) meeting was held.

Cindy Candler too, thought the Social Justice retreat was a very emotional weekend.

Robert Dillon wanted to mention that Pattonville's publication "Emerald Reflections" was absolutely great and very well done.

24. 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, legal matters, and personnel matters. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. Pat Bryant-aye; Cindy Candler-aye; Robert Dillon-aye; Keith Gillming-aye; Ron Kuschel-aye; Ruth Petrov-aye; and Ralph Stahlhut-aye. The motion carried: 7-0.

Time of adjournment – 8:38 p.m.