

**Pattonville School District**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 8, 2008**

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 Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, Missouri, on January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present**

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

Dr. Michael A. Fulton, Superintendent

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**

Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions of January 8, 2008, as submitted and **amended (*change 9.1 to Student Matters and Personnel Matters to 9.2*)**. Cindy Candler 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 regular and closed sessions of December 11, 2007, as submitted. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Moment of Silence**

Ron Kuschel asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Margaret Schrader, bus aide and good friend of Pattonville, who passed away during the winter holidays.
- 4. Pattonville Education Foundation Grant Awards**

Pat Bryant read the awards while Ralph Stahlhut, Robert Dillon, Dr. Fulton, and Mary Vaughan, Pattonville Education Foundation President, presented certificates to staff members who were present, and chosen to receive grants from the Pattonville Education Foundation. This year the Pattonville Education Foundation presented a total of \$8,700 in grants for use in new and innovative education programs to benefit Pattonville students. The recipients were (including those not present): Cheryl Apel from Briar Crest, Mary Ellen Sievers from Bridgeway, Shelly McManus and Linda Wynn from Drummond, Julie Linck and Lynda Sotolar from Remington Traditional, Barb Klepner, Carol Pearl, and Dawn

Lynn from Willow Brook, Carrie Stokes, Travis Williams, Ty Dunham, Katie Schaub, Stephanie McCreary, and Patricia Stewart from Pattonville Heights, Jessica Brandenburg from Holman Middle School, Holly Martinez, Sheila Reed, Marta Bethune, and Beth Kathriner from Pattonville High School, Luisa Lucas, Debbie Head, Dianne G'Sell, and Lori Conners from Early Childhood, and Patty Gould from the Learning Center.

- 5. Public Participation** Ron Kuschel invited anyone to come before the Board to speak. No one came forward.
- 6. 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. Mickey informed everyone that the PESP (*Pattonville Educational Support Professionals*) meeting, scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled.
- 7. Safety Program Evaluation** David Winslow, director of facilities provided an overview of the Safety Program Evaluation, including executive summary, context, goals, evaluation process, results, conclusions, and recommendations.
- 8. Approval of Regular Bills** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve payment of regular bills in the total amount of \$1,097,242.92, as presented. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 9. Approval of P-Card Purchases** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve payment of charges to the district's *Purchase Cards* in the total amount of \$86,002.39, as presented. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 10. Approval of Financial Statements** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit and as presented, the financial statements for November 2007. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 11. 2008-2009 Student and Staffing Projections** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, the student and staffing projections for the 2008-2009 school year. Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 12. Classroom Rental Contract** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the contract between the Pattonville School District and Special School Districts, for the rental of one (1) classroom (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) at Rose Acres Elementary, for the 2007-2008 school year, in the amount of \$750.00 per semester, and authorize the Board President

and Board Secretary to execute same on its behalf. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

**13. 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 School Calendars**

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school calendars.

At this time Dr. Tom Morgan thanked Cindy Candler, Board member, and Julie Weingart, high school teacher, for all their help on the calendar committee. He then thanked Pat Libhart, retired Pattonville secretary, for coming in during her retirement and for all of her hard work on the calendars. Cheryl Sprengle, high school parent, and her son Brandon, were also on the calendar committee and present to show their support. Brandon read the following:

The two (2) school-year calendars focus on improving student achievement. End-of-course exams, due to start in 2008-2009, necessitate the need for balancing semesters in order to best support student achievement. Child care considerations for parents, full weeks of instruction, and completing high school exams before winter break were also priorities. The calendar committee prepared and disseminated draft calendars, reviewing feedback before making final recommendations. Highlights of the proposed calendars include:

- Elementary trimesters and Middle School/High School semesters are more balanced.
- Six (6) emergency days are built into the calendars due to new state law.
- November 2008-2009 Staff Development Day is on November 4<sup>th</sup> Election Day.
- Middle School early dismissal days were moved to Fridays.
- April elementary early dismissal day was moved to February.

*Please note that all school calendars are subject to change, to stay in compliance with state law. This includes the required number of emergency days and the agreed upon number of contractual days for staff.*

Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

**14. High School Band and Orchestra Trip**

Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the request for high school band and orchestra to travel to Lake Ozark, Missouri for the *All-State Band, All-State Jazz Band, and All-State Orchestra* trip, from

January 23, 2008 to January 26, 2008, with members attending missing two (2) days of school (*Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>*). Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

**15. Professional Services Rendered**

Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum, LLP for professional services rendered through November 30, 2007 in the total amount of \$2,731.70, for general services. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

**16. 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. Approve, as lodged for action on December 11, 2007, the reviewing and revising, as presented, of policy **ABB** (*Staff Involvement In Decision-Making*), and regulation **CE-R** (*Administrative Councils, Cabinets, Committees, Teams, and Advisory Committees*).
- B. Approve, as lodged for action on December 11, 2007, the reviewing and revising, as presented, of regulation **EBCD-R** (*Procedure To Determine School Closings Due To Extreme Weather And Road Conditions*), and policy **GBB** (*Employee Contribution To The Decision-Making Process*).
- C. Approve, as lodged for action on December 11, 2007, the reviewing and revising, as presented, of regulations **IF-R-2** (*New Course/Program Development Adoption*), and **IGCA-R** (*Summer School Procedures*).
- D. Approve, as lodged for action on December 11, 2007, and as presented, the financial goals for fiscal year 2008-2009.
- E. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for the Safety Program.

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

**17. 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 Bond Issue Phase 2 Roofing and Architectural Sheet metal, to Geissler Roofing in the total amount of \$448,935.00.

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

**18. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources**

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

- A. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List  
254. Angie Van Deven
- B. Employment of Support Staff  
1. Sherril Jones
- C. Separation of Support Staff  
1. Jeanette Hermsen  
2. Melissa Fox
- D. 2007-2008 Extra Hourly Assignments  
Donnie Boenker  
Joy Yowell  
Lynn Wynen
- E. 2007-2008 Extra Assignment Contracts  
As presented

Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

**19. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Mike Fulton, Superintendent of Schools, had several updates to share with everyone: Paul Markovits was selected by the Academy of Science of St. Louis to receive the very prestigious "Outstanding Scientist Award" for 2008; Pattonville High School and Rose Acres were commended for collecting more than 3,000 pairs of shoes to be sent to people in Kenya through the "Soles for Souls" program of the Eagle Wing Ministries; the Pattonville Parent Council will host internet safety night on January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., here in the Learning Center; Pattonville Education Foundation's dinner dance, to be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 p.m., at the Maryland Heights Center, has a theme this year, which is "The Winning Team"; The art show at the Foundry Art Center will end on January 18<sup>th</sup>; and finally, the mini MSIP review with the state supervisor will be conducted on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**20. Board Member Comments**

Board members shared their activities of the winter holidays with everyone. In addition, Ralph Stahlhut was able to attend the Rose Acres fifth-grade holiday concert and a girls basketball game. Keith Gillming shared that he would not be running for board member in the spring. Keith said that he had thoroughly enjoyed these last seven years serving

as a Board member. He had the wonderful opportunity of working with some great people and had nothing but admiration for the work everyone at Pattonville was doing to help kids. Besides spending time with family during the holidays, Cindy Candler spent a lot of time in the gym watching basketball. Ron Kuschel stated that he was sorry to hear Keith would not be running for Board member in the spring, but he certainly understood. Ron said that Keith's church had become so successful and large that he understood Keith's need to spend more time doing his work there. In addition, Ron attended the Pattonville High School orchestra, different athletic events, and Holman's holiday concert. Ruth Petrov attended the technology meeting and visited Parkwood and its new library. Mostly, Ruth was busy working over the holiday season, but would soon be planning another wedding, as another of her sons had just become engaged. Pat Bryant attended CSIP, Pattonville Education Foundation, and Alumni meetings. Pat also shared that the third annual "Pattonville Idol" would be held this year again at Limestone's on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Robert Dillon spent some nice quiet time with his grandkids.

## **21. Adjournment**

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to discuss student 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 – 7:50 p.m.