

**Pattonville School District  
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting  
February 8, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Pattonville School District was called to order by President, Patricia J. Bryant, in the Board Room (#201) of the Pattonville Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, Missouri, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Patricia J. Bryant, President  
Ronald C. Kuschel, Vice President  
Jeffrey M. Fitterling, Secretary  
Randall J. McArthur, Treasurer  
Keith A. Gillming, Director (absent)  
Ruth Petrov, Director  
Ralph K. Stahlhut, Director

Dr. Hugh A. Kinney, Superintendent of Schools

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Jeff Fitterling moved that the Board of Education adopt the regular and closed sessions, as amended. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular and closed sessions of January 25, 2005. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

Mrs. Bryant asked that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Ryan Trotter and Scott Ellis, two graduates from the class of 2002, who recently died.

**3. Public Participation**

John Bell, parent of students at Drummond Elementary, addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the proposed modified calendar for Drummond Elementary. He stated that parents have not seen the plan and have not yet had an opportunity to voice their support of or objection to the plan.

**4. 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.

Pat Bryant introduced the five (5) candidates for the Board of Education in the April election. They are (in the order of filing): Ron Kuschel, Jeff Fitterling, Keith Gillming, Willene Robertson, and Cindy Candler. Mrs. Bryant also welcomed, Colleen Schrappen, reporter for the St. Louis Post Dispatch to tonight's meeting.

**5. Transportation Services Program Evaluation**

Steve Gerke, director of transportation, provided an overview of the program evaluation for transportation services. The overview included context, goals, evaluation process, and recommendations.

**6. Drummond School Improvement Team Update – Proposed Modified School**

Jim Schwab, principal of Drummond Elementary, provided an update of Drummond School Improvement Team's work this year focusing on a proposed modified school calendar to support student achievement. The process included extensive research. Discussion was held at length. Mr. Schwab indicated the next step will be to conduct parent meetings in March to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest to pursue the plan further. Mr. McArthur extended kudos to the Drummond School Improvement Team for their innovative plan and hard work. The Board commented they will be eager to hear how the parents feel about the plan.

Mrs. Bryant welcomed Mike Reid from Senator John Louden's Office to tonight's meeting.

**7. Facilities Program Evaluation**

Jim Siervo, director of facilities, provided an overview of the program evaluation on district facilities. The overview included context, goals, evaluation process, and recommendations.

**8. Approval of Regular Bills**

Randy McArthur moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, payment of regular bills in the total amount of \$1,150,933.57. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

**9. Approval of Cafeteria Bills**

Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, payment of cafeteria bills in the total amount of \$67,554.39. Jeff Fitterling seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

**10. Procedure GCL-R-1**

Jeff Fitterling moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, procedure GCL-R-1 (Leave of Absence for Attendance at District-Supported Conferences of State, Regional/National Professional Organizations). Ron Kuschel seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

- 11. Procedures GDBB-R, GDBC-R-7 & GDCBB-R**      Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, procedure GDBB-R (Overtime/Extra Time Compensation for Non-Exempt Support Staff), GDBC-R-7 (Family Leave for Support Staff), and GDCBB-R (Employee Uniform Regulation). Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
- 12. Cooperating School Districts Membership Dues**      Randy McArthur moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, payment to Cooperating School Districts for the remaining 40% membership dues for the 2004-2005 school year in the total amount of \$39,432.20. Ron Kuschel seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
- 13. First Steps Resolution**      Jeff Fitterling moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the First Steps Resolution. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
- 14. Consent Grouping for Action – General**      Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action for general, as follows:
1.      Approve, as lodged for action on January 25, 2005 and as presented, policy DN (School Properties Disposal Procedure), policy JECB (Admission of Non-Resident Students), procedure JECB-R (Admission of Non-Resident Students), and policy KI/KJ (Public Solicitations, Advertising, and Announcements in the Schools).
  2.      Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for transportation services.
  3.      Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for facilities.
- Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
- 15. Consent Grouping for Action – Business**      Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action for business, as follows:
1.      Award the bid for magnetic dry erase boards and bulletin boards to Golterman & Sabo for a total amount of \$10,136.00.
  2.      Award the bid for instructional software (500 license copies of Microsoft Office 2004 for Macintosh OSX) to Software Plus for a total amount of \$20,540.00.
  3.      Award the bid for Pattonville High School Equipment Storage Building Foundations and Slabs to Roy Gittemeier for a total amount of \$22,965.00.
- Jeff Fitterling seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

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

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

- A. Addition to Substitute Bus Aide List
  - 1. Harold Willman
  
- B. Additions to Substitute Cafeteria Worker List
  - 1. Barb Appel
  - 2. Georgina Becerril
  - 3. Robyn Harl
  - 4. Catherine Noll
  - 5. Cherish Robb
  
- C. Addition to Substitute Secretarial/Clerical Worker List
  - 1. Lisa Powers
  
- D. Addition to Substitute Teacher List
  - 1. Mark Ludwig
  
- E. Separation of Support Staff
  - 1. Tu N Lee
  - 2. Robert Wehmer
  
- F. Employment of Support Staff
  - 1. April Black
  
- G. 2004-2005 Extra Assignment Contracts
  - 1. As presented

Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

**17. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Kinney reported that the National Honor Society at Pattonville High School hosted their annual Valentine's Brunch for senior citizens in the Community. He stated two of our students were able to assist one of the guests translate a prescription which was in German. Dr. Kinney announced that Ashley Gold and Blake Strode, students at Pattonville High School, have been named National Merit finalists. He congratulated members of the Varsity Drill Team who recently competed in the national dance team competition in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Kinney announced that Pattonville students will have their art work on display for the annual art show in the schools. Elementary schools will have the displays from February 16 – 28 and the middle schools will have their displays from March 7 – 15. Dr. Kinney shared with the board the good news about the Algebra for All program and the significant gains for our students in math because of the program. He commended all math teachers, students, Dr. Fulton, and the Board for trying something new to help students achieve.

**18. Board Member Comments**

Ralph Stahlhut stated he attended a facilities committee meeting; the coffee with Holman staff (he said he was pleased by the large number of staff attending); Rose Acres science fair; and the Cooperating School Districts Winter Conference meeting in Affton. Mr. Stahlhut indicated he felt the speaker at the CSD meeting was excellent – one of the best they've ever had.

Ruth Petrov apologized for missing the last board meeting and said it was good to be back. She reported she attended the Holman Board Coffee, a couple of basketball games, and Parkwood Reading Night, which is why she was unable to attend the CSD meeting.

Randy McArthur reported he attended the CSD Winter Conference meeting; an Insurance meeting at CSD; apologized for missing the Holman Board Coffee because of work commitments; and extended kudos to all concerned for the Algebra for All program and its successful implementation.

Jeff Fitterling said he enjoyed attending the Holman Board Coffee. He stated he was pleased by the statistics on the Algebra for All program. Mr. Fitterling reminded everyone of the Pattonville Education Foundation Dinner/Dance/Auction on March 5<sup>th</sup> and announced he will be roasting a pig for the event.

Ron Kuschel stated he attended the Holman Board Coffee and the facilities meeting. He indicated the rest of his time has been spent in room 614 at DePaul Hospital with his son, Kevin, who is recuperating from surgery.

Pat Bryant reported she attended the CSD meeting and Holman Board Coffee. In addition, she attended four hockey games, a meeting of the Alumni Association, and a committee meeting of the Pattonville Education Foundation. Mrs. Bryant announced that the Alumni Association will be hosting a Happy Hour at Limestone's on February 18 and that all proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

**19. Adjournment to Closed Session**

Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to record and/or vote for the specific purpose of discussing student, legal, and personnel matters. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. Pat Bryant – aye; Jeff Fitterling – aye; Keith Gillming – absent; Ron Kuschel – aye; Randy McArthur – aye; Ruth Petrov – aye; and Ralph Stahlhut – aye. The motion carried: 6-0.

Time of adjournment – 8:34 p.m.