

Pattonville School District
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 26, 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 February 26, 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**

Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions of February 26, 2008, as submitted. 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 regular and closed sessions of February 12, 2008, as submitted. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Moment of Silence**

Ron Kuschel called for a moment of silence in memory of Carrie Powell, who had recently passed away after her valiant fight with cancer.
- 4. Student & Staff Recognition**

Board members honored students and staff who had gained recognition outside the district and/or made special contributions to the educational programs within Pattonville.
- 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. Cindy Candler mentioned that the Bridgeway FunFair, not on the calendar, is on March 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

7. **Committee Reports** There was no BSAAC (*Board/Student/Administration Action Committee*) report. The meeting scheduled on February 22nd had been cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Ron Kuschel took a moment to welcome Sophia Tarlis from the Post-Dispatch. Ron also announced that in line with Missouri State statutes, there would be no school board election in April. Effective April 2008, board members who would be serving a new three year term would be Ron Kuschel, Cindy Candler, and Patty Polster.
8. **Robert Drummond Elementary School Improvement Plan Update** Dr. Tim Pecoraro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Jason Van Beers, Robert Drummond Elementary School Principal, who provided an overview of the school improvement plan. A PowerPoint presentation was shown. Staff and parents, members of the school improvement team, were also present.
9. **Rose Acres Elementary School Improvement Plan Update** Dr. Tim Pecoraro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Barry Nelson, Rose Acres Elementary School Principal, who provided an overview of the school improvement plan. A PowerPoint presentation was shown. Staff and parents, members of the school improvement team, were also present.
10. **Out of Town Trip Scheduled** Anticipated out-of-town trips for high school students, for the 2007-2008 school year, were approved by the Board of Education on September 25, 2007. Relative to this approval, a *DECA State Competition and Leadership Conference* trip, scheduled for March 16th – 18th, 2008, was presented to the board for informational purposes.
11. **Approval of Financial Statements** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit, the financial statements for January 2008, as presented. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
12. **Family Arena License Agreement** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the license agreement between St. Charles County, Missouri, and Pattonville School District, for use of the Family Arena on May 29, 2008 or June 5, 2008 (*date to be finalized by March 2008*), for commencement exercises, in the total amount of \$13,161.00. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
13. **Cooperating School District Dues** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Cooperating School Districts for the balance (40%), of the **Staff Development Membership Dues**, for the 2007-2008 school year, in the total amount of \$4,064.00. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

14. **Cooperating School District Dues** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Cooperating School Districts for the balance (40%), of the **CharacterPlus Membership Dues**, for the 2007-2008 school year, in the total amount of \$2,096.00. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
15. **Vocational-Technical Education Enhancement Grant** Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the Vocational Enhancement Grant application for the Business and Technology departments, with a district match of \$27,849.50. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
16. **2008-2009 Professional Studies Economic Agreement** The Professional Studies Teams met on January 17, 2008 and jointly recommended adoption of the economic agreement for the 2008-2009 school year. The jointly recommended agreement includes a 5% increase for 2008-2009, plus an additional \$60,000 for 2008-2009 salary schedule equalization. This is the second and final year of an economic agreement that totaled 10% in increases, plus an additional \$60,000 schedule equalization in the 2008-2009 school year.
- Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the Professional Studies Economic Agreement for the 2008-2009 school year. Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
17. **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 January 31, 2008, in the total amount of \$1,464.87, for general services. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
18. **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 February 12, 2008, the reviewing and revising, as presented, of policy **EDCD** (*Emergency School Closings*).
 - B. Approve, as lodged for action on February 12, 2008, the reviewing and revising, as presented, of policies and/or regulations: **JEB** (*Entrance Age*), **JEDA-R** (*Attendance Procedure 9-12*), **JEDA-RM** (*Middle School Attendance Procedure*), **JEDA-RE** (*Elementary Attendance Procedure*), **JEDA-R1** (*Truancy*), **JEDA-R2** (*Make-Up Work*).

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

19. 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, to install Acrovyn wall panels protective wall covering, for 1st floor Learning Center, to Langhorst Construction in the total amount of \$5,075.00.

B. Approve the renewal of the Alarm System Monitoring Agreement with Interface Security Systems, for the period March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 in the total amount of \$37,416.00.

C. Award the bid for the Rose Acres Playground Excavation to Landesign (Muchtech) in the total amount of \$8,750.00.

D. Award the bid, for Design Specification and Third Party Air Monitoring for Abatement of Asbestos Floor Tile and Mastic, to United Infrastructure Corporation in the amount of \$21,800.00.

E. Approve the purchase of two (2) Apple XSERVE servers, from Apple Computer Inc. (*One server will be used for the HERO program and the other will be used as a server for testing PowerSchool.*) in the total amount of \$5,398.00. There are sufficient funds available for this purchase.

F. Approve the renewal of the agreement for Auditing Services for the 2007-2008 School Year with Schowalter and Jabouri, P.C. This will be the second year of a three year agreement with Scholwalter and Jabouri, P.C. The total of this award is \$15,000.00.

G. Award the bid for an Address Printer & Tabletop Tabber to Neopost, Inc. in the total amount of \$18,725.00, less a \$400.00 trade-in, making the total amount of this purchase \$18,325.00.

H. Approve the renewal of the Tree Maintenance Agreement with Top Tree Service at the same terms, conditions and pricing as in their original bid, for the period March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009, in the total estimated amount of \$5,000.00.

I. Award the bid for MS Office and Adobe Software to Software Plus in the total amount of \$45,132.75.

J. Award the bid for Site Plumbing for New Home Construction at 2359 Prouhet Avenue to Bi-State Utilities Company in the total amount of \$19,442.00.

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

20. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

Keith Gillming 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
 - 31. Charles Adams
 - 32. Rufus Russell

- B. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List
 - 258. Allison Adolf
 - 259. Lyubov Briginets
 - 260. Quitina Boyd
 - 261. Douglas Carr
 - 262. Kristine Dalton
 - 263. John DeSpain
 - 264. Christina Guilfoyle
 - 265. James Hahn
 - 266. Stefanie Hruby
 - 267. Kevin Kocken
 - 268. Sarah Mullins
 - 269. Shaina Niederschulte
 - 270. Sasikala Ramesh
 - 271. Ronald Robinson
 - 272. Charles Shannon
 - 273. Nicole Slaughter

- C. Employment of Support Staff
 - 1. Angela Watkins
 - 2. Joan Smallwood
 - 3. Joseph Wishnask

- D. Separation of Certified Staff
 - 1. Sammie Bezzole

- E. Separation of Support Staff
 - 1. Verle Alvey
 - 2. Angela Watkins

- F. 2007-2008 Extra Assignment Contracts
As presented.

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

- 21. Superintendent's Update** Dr. Mike Fulton, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated Jackie McDuffie for being nominated for the Missouri Middle School Association's "Middle Level Educator of the Year", and mentioned that she was one of the top three finalists in the state. Dr. Fulton also shared that high school freshmen PE students are regularly being trained and certified in CPR. There are an estimated 800 in the high school building now trained.
- 22. Board Member Comments** Recent inclement winter weather caused the cancellation of many district activities. In spite of this, most of the board members were able to attend the high school musical and thoroughly enjoyed it. Board members also attended the "Celebration of Life" for Carrie Powell at Grace Church and: Pat Bryant said the service was very moving and sent her condolences to Carrie's family; Ruth Petrov said the service was so touching and the Pattonville family so supportive; Ron Kuschel said Carrie was a marvelous young lady full of enthusiasm and confidence; and Keith Gillming was very impressed with the Pattonville staff at the buildings after Carrie's passing.
Pat Bryant also mentioned that Steve Augustine, Class of 94 graduate, won this years Pattonville Idol, and tickets were still available for the Pattonville Education Foundation's Dinner Dance. Ralph Stahlhut shared that the participants of the high school musical, who put on four performances within 29 hours, should be commended. From the participants on stage, to the support staff, to the police officers and everyone else who participated, they did an excellent job of pulling all the performances together.
- 23. Adjournment** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to discuss legal, personnel, and student 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 – 8:02 p.m.