

**Pattonville School District
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 26, 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 Cafeteria of Holman Middle School, 11055 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, Missouri, April 26, 2005 at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

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

Dr. Hugh A. Kinney, Superintendent of Schools

- 1. Adoption of Agenda** Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions, as amended. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as corrected, the minutes of the reorganizational, regular, and closed sessions of April 12, 2005. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Recognition of Students and Staff** The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools recognized students and staff for their accomplishments and achievements.
- 4. Public Participation** Claire Steiner, Wellness Coordinator, invited the board to participate in the District's **17th Annual Wellness Run/Walk**, which will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at Pattonville High School. Mrs. Steiner distributed registration packets to the Board and Superintendent.

Mary Tevlin, art teacher at Rose Acres, and Linda Bowers, art teacher at the high school, thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the National Art Convention in Boston. They presented a workshop on Pattonville's Literacy Project. They also thanked the board for allowing art teachers to attend the state art conference held recently at Lake of the Ozarks.

Donna Bateman, Patty Patrick, and Sean Riggs, parents of students attending Drummond Elementary, addressed the Board regarding their

opposition to the Proposed Modified Calendar for the school and the letter sent home announcing the results of the voting. They expressed their concern about some of the wording in the letter and that even though this proposal was voted down that it might not be a dead issue. The Board assured them that the School Improvement Plan Update for Drummond would not include a recommendation for a Modified School Calendar. The Update will be presented at the June 14 board meeting. Mrs. Patrick thanked the Board for their assurance and for listening to their concerns.

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. Debra Ebel, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and spokesperson for the BOE/Adm. Team of Professional Studies, reported on the meeting held on April 13. Agenda topics included: increasing student achievement, critical issues, availability of electronic communications for retired teachers, teacher evaluation, and economic discussions. Dr. Ebel further reported the committees met again on April 21 and reached agreement on their economic discussions. She stated the agreement will be presented to the Board at the May 10 meeting. Randy McArthur thanked Dr. Ebel for her leadership on Pro Studies.

Pat Bryant welcomed Colleen Schappen, reporter for the St. Louis Post Dispatch, and Mike Reid, from Senator John Louden's Office, to tonight's meeting.

7. A+ Partnership Plan and A+ Handbook 2005

Rebecca Krohn, A+ and Community Service Coordinator at Pattonville High School, presented the A+ Partnership Plan and the A+ Handbook 2005 to the Board. Mrs. Krohn explained that the A+ Partnership Plan must be updated annually as part of the A+ Program redesignation process. She further reported that this is the first time the A+ Handbook has been included with the A+ Partnership Plan. Discussion was held.

8. School Climate Program Evaluation

Dr. Mike Fulton, assistant superintendent for planning and assessment, reviewed the school climate program evaluation. The review included the context, goals, evaluation process, and recommendations. The Board requested that student data be further broken down to differentiate between high school and middle school students.

9. Approval of Financial

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented and subject to audit, the financial statements for March 2005. Ron Kuschel seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

10. 6-8 Fine Arts Elective Curriculum Additions

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the 6-8 Fine Arts Elective Curriculum Additions. Keith Gillming seconded

the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

11. 6-8 Science Core Elective Curriculum

Ron Kuschel moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the 6-8 Science Core Elective Curriculum. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

12. 6-8 Mathematics Core Elective Curriculum

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the 6-8 Mathematics Core Elective Curriculum. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

13. Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the participation of the fifth grade Alpha students in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition and that the students will miss one day of classes at a total cost of \$10,720. Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

14. Middle School Instructional Materials Adoption

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the middle school instructional materials adoption at a total cost of \$16,544.86. Ron Kuschel seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

15. Procedure GCN-R

Randy McArthur moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, Procedure GCN-R (Performance-Based Teacher Evaluation Procedures). Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

16. Certification of Election Results

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve as true, correct, and complete, the abstract of votes cast on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, as follows: Ronald C. Kuschel – 1,667; Jeff Fitterling – 1,577; Keith A. Gillming – 1,623; Willene Robertson – 591; and Cindy Candler – 1,800 and as certified by the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

17. Consent Grouping for Action – General

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action for general, as follows:

1. Approve, as presented, the A+ Partnership Plan and Handbook.
2. Accept, as presented, the School Climate Program Evaluation.
3. Approve, as lodged for action on April 12, 2005 and as presented, procedure GCBA-R-1 (Advancement of Professional Staff Salary Schedule).
4. Approve, as lodged for action on April 12, 2005 and as presented, procedure GBAB-R (Nepotism).

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

18. 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 Office Supplies to Office Essentials for an estimated annual amount of \$90,000.00.

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

19. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

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

- A. Addition to Substitute Bus Driver List
 1. Beverly Smith
- B. Separation of Support Staff
 1. Mary Vahey
- C. Employment of Additional Summer School Staff
 1. As presented
- D. Separation of Certified Staff
 1. Lindsey Bryant
- E. Employment of Certified Staff
 1. Amy Bauer
 2. Jason Lammert

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

20. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Kinney "passed" to the Board members.

21. Board Member Comments

Keith Gillming commented on the National Day of Prayer. He also commended Mickey Schoonover and the community relations staff for the awards they received.

Ralph Stahlhut announced that he attended a concert at Rose Acres performed by second grade students where parking was at a premium and the students performed to a *standing room only* crowd. Mr. Stahlhut stated he was able to visit two of the three finalists for Support Staff Employee of the Year. He said he would report on the National School Boards Association conference at the next board meeting.

Ruth Petrov stated she has been extremely busy with family and thanked everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers for her husband. She said she has attended lots of baseball games and the golf team is doing well.

Ron Kuschel said he attended the Professional Studies meetings; was pleased to participate in the Support Staff Employee of the Year interviews and visits to the finalists; and has been able to catch a few soccer, baseball, and volleyball games. He asked if any of his colleagues have had the opportunity to see Blake Strode serve a ball. Mr. Kuschel thanked Debra Ebel for her leadership as the BOE/Adm. Spokesperson for Professional Studies.

Randy McArthur stated he attended the Pro-Studies meetings and has been busy at work.

Cindy Candler reported she sat in on the last meeting of Professional Studies and found it quite informative. She was also able to visit the finalists for Support Staff Employee of the Year.

Pat Bryant thanked Ron Kuschel for stepping in and filling the second board seat on Pro-Studies. Mrs. Bryant stated she attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference and will report on that at the next board meeting. She also attended Board Orientation with Cindy Candler and Dr. Kinney; observed Holman students during their Serv-A-Thon at Gentry Park; a meeting of the Alumni Association; and District Appreciation Night Committee meeting.

22. Adjournment to Closed Session

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to record and/or vote for the specific purpose of discussing legal, student, and personnel matters and in preparation for negotiations. Ron Kuschel 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 – 8:28 p.m.