

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

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions, as submitted, and **amended (change 9.1.c to “staffing”, 9.1.d to “superintendent contract”)**. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

2. Approval of Minutes

Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular, and closed sessions of April 24, 2007, as submitted and **amended (vote changed on April 24, 2007 closed session, 9.2.a, to 6-1, Ruth Petrov-nay)**. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

Ron Kuschel took a moment to welcome Sophia Tarlis with the Post-Dispatch.

Public Participation

Paul Ludwig, Maryland Heights resident, and parent of a Pattonville student, expressed his feelings regarding the need for an additional string orchestra teacher.

Stephanie Bassman, Maryland Heights resident, and parent of two Pattonville students, also expressed her concern regarding the need for an additional string orchestra teacher.

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 also informed everyone that the PESP meeting, scheduled for May 14, 2007, was cancelled.
2005-2007 Title I Program Evaluation	Dr. David Miller, interim federal program director, was present to provide an overview of the 2005-2007 Title I Program Evaluation, including context, evaluation process, results, conclusions, and recommendations. Dr. Jennifer Schneider, director of instructional support services, and Donna Burd, Pattonville Heights assistant principal, were present and available for questions. Board members asked questions of David, which he responded to.
2007 Gifted Program Evaluation	Greg Schnatmeier, gifted program coordinator, and Dr. Jennifer Schneider, director of instructional support services, were present to provide an overview of the 2007 Gifted Program Evaluation, including context, evaluation process, results, conclusions, and recommendations. Board Members asked questions of Jennifer, which she responded to.
Approval of Regular Bills	Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve payment of regular bills in the total amount of \$1,608,066.82, as presented. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
Approval of Cafeteria Bills	Robert Dillon moved that the Board of Education approve payment of cafeteria bills in the total amount of \$117,833.32, as presented. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0. At this time Robert Dillon requested from Ron Orr, chief financial officer, a summary of the food service expenses for the past few years.
Grades 9-12 Technical Education Instructional Materials Adoption	Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the 9-12 technical education instructional materials adoption at the total cost of \$1,760.00. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
Consent Grouping for Action – General	Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – general, as follows: A. Accept, as presented, the 2005-2007 program evaluation for the Title I Program.

B. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for the 2007 Gifted Program.

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

Consent Grouping for Action – Business

No Items in this Grouping.

Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

Robert Dillon 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

319. Ebone' Brisbon
320. Lori Breeding
321. Laurie Lambros
322. Erica Mills
323. Joy Stevens
324. Viken Wellman

B. Employment of Certified Staff

1. Amy Bauer
2. Sarah Giles
3. Ashley Ashford
4. Amanda Starwalt
5. Heather Hoskins
6. Doris York
7. Tina Easton
8. Anna Diebold
9. Jennifer Pointer

C. Separation of Certified Staff

1. Sarah Crocker
2. Andrea Ellebrecht
3. Rick Foster
4. Jeff Zoellner

D. Non-Compensable Leave of Absence for Certified Staff

1. Pam Rasmussen

E. Additional Summer School 2007 Staff

1. Emily Morris
2. Carla Kurth
3. Glenda Pope
4. Sharon Wood

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

Interim Superintendent's Update

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, started off by congratulating everyone. She, the Board members, and Dr. Mike Fulton attended CSD's and DESE's "Distinction in Performance Award Night", where they received Pattonville's sixth "Distinction in Performance Award" in a row. Donette then congratulated Chris Benbow, foreign language teacher at Pattonville Heights Middle School, for being named "Pattonville Teacher of the Year"; and Joyce Bowdish, call center clerk in human resources, for being named "Pattonville Support Staff of the Year". Lastly, Donette reminded everyone of the retirement reception for Dr. Kinney, on May 15, 2007; and Pattonville's Wellness Run-Walk, this Saturday, May 12, 2007.

Board Member Comments

Ron Kuschel took a moment to summarize many of the activities Board members had attended, such as the NSBA (National School Boards' Association) Annual Conference, MSBA's (Missouri School Boards' Association) Region Seven Conference, a meeting with Maryland Heights officials, District Appreciation Night, Distinction in Performance Award Night, and the North County Annual Breakfast.

Robert Dillon took a moment to share an article in the paper regarding the "Scholar Athletes" program. Michael Kranz, Pattonville student, recognized Pattonville English Teacher, Ms. Miller, in the article. Robert stated that this was a program very near and dear to his heart and he wanted to give them a "tip of his hat".

Pat Bryant mentioned that she had attended an alumni scholarship committee meeting and the Willow Brook, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader" event that was held in memory of Willow Brook counselor, Tiawana Gilyard, who died tragically in an automobile accident. The proceeds of the event went to sickle cell research, and the evening was a blast. Pat then gave her report on workshops she had attended at the NSBA Conference. Among Pat's favorites were, "How Boards Can Help Their New Superintendent's Be Successful", "Getting Results from Professional Development Dollars", "Using Media Production to Improve Student Achievement", "Turn Your State Test into the Event of the Year", and "Student Success – Transitioning from Jr. High to High School". Pat was very excited about the

workshops and brought back a lot of information that she shared with everyone.

Keith Gillming shared information with everyone, including hand-outs, on some of the workshops he attended, which included; “Instrumental Pull-Out Programs and Reading Achievement”, “Leadership”, “A Call for Transparency in College Admission”, and “Teaching the Bible as Literature”. Keith was very excited about these workshops and hoped that Pattonville might be able to implement some of the ideas contained in them.

Ruth Petrov shared information on some of her favorite workshops, which included; “Closing the Achievement Gap”, “Pandemic Flu”, and “Alcohol EDU”, an online alcohol prevention program sponsored by MADD (Mothers’ Against Drunk Driving). Ruth said she was surprised at the true impact of ineffective, versus effective, versus highly effective teachers, on student learning; and that the “Pandemic Flu” workshop raised a lot of questions that should be answered now and emergency preparations that should be made. Ruth was also very impressed and shared a lot of information regarding the online alcohol prevention program.

Ralph Stahlhut attended an orchestra and vocal concert at Holman. Ralph said it was a very well attended event and also very good. Ralph then shared some of his favorite workshops with the group such as: “Superintendent and School Board Relations – Top 10 Things That Drive Us Crazy”, and Ralph mentioned that he related to about 95% of those things. Ralph also enjoyed workshops on “Discipline and School Law”, “Superintendent Evaluations – A Positive Experience”, “How to Develop Mutually Beneficial Senior Citizen Tax Discounts in Your District”, and a workshop on “Paperless Meeting Solutions”.

Cindy Candler shared information on a few of the workshops she attended, which included “Mathematics Initiative”, “Health Issues and How They Can Affect AYP”, and she also enjoyed the workshop “Alcohol EDU” with Ruth. Cindy shared a lot of ideas that she got from these workshops and thought they could be very helpful.

Ruth Petrov then presented Keith Gillming with a pair of bright red, “flashing” sunglasses, for his birthday. At this time Ron Kuschel took a moment to recognize long-time friend to the Board, Cindy Boddy, who retired June 30, 2006.

Adjournment

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to record and/or vote for the specific purpose of discussing personnel matters. Robert Dillon 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 – 8:15 p.m.