

**Pattonville School District**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 22, 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 cafeteria of Holman Middle School, 11055 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, Missouri, at 7:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Ronald C. Kuschel, President  
Ruth Petrov, Vice-President  
Cynthia R. Candler, Secretary  
Keith A. Gillming, Treasurer (*Arrived 7:52 p.m.*)  
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**

Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions, as submitted and amended (**add 9.1.c – staff update, to closed session**). Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular and closed sessions of May 8, 2007, as submitted. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.

Ron Kuschel took a moment to recognize Sophia Tarlis, reporter from the Post-Dispatch.
- 3. Recognition of Students and Staff**

Ruth Petrov read, while Ralph Stahlhut, Robert Dillon, and Donette Green handed out certificates for recognition of: Drummond teacher, Tracey Robinson, is one of ninety teachers in the nation to be selected to go to NASA's Space Camp in July; Dr. Pickett Lema, Communications Arts and Social Studies Coordinator has been invited to attend the Oxford Round Table at Harris Manchester College, in England, in July; Tea Kothe, Denish Jaswal, and Cydnye Daniels won blue ribbons at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Gage Power, CJ Brown, Alexis Lee, Hayley Cornish,

and Mariah Freeman won red ribbons; Kayla Wacker and Kyle Campbell won green ribbons; Susan Lofton, Elijah Dudley, Kayla Strasser, Opal Pursley, and Joshua Harrison were all trophy winners in the Briar Crest Science Fair; Selamawit Mulugeta won Briar Crest's geography bee and a red ribbon at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair. Christine Hamil, Bridgeway student, won a blue ribbon at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Katie Brown, Nichole DeKoster, Rebecca DeKoster, Kim Edwards, Daniel Herzberg, Madelyn Hubbs, and Helen Nelson won red ribbons; Will Chaney, Hareen Patel, and Austin Ratansitee won green ribbons; and Taylor Anderson won a white ribbon. The Bridgeway science fair trophy winners were Lizzie Brookes, Nikki Callahan, Hannah Malloy, Tommy O'Brien, Joseph Johnson, Daniel Herzberg, and Jackie Chen. Drummond student Jialin Ding placed third in "Concepts" and first in "Problem Solving" in the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional math competition, third in "Concepts" and sixth in "Problem Solving" at the state level competition, second in the school's geography bee, took part in the 2007 National Bert Lerner Elementary Championship Chess tournament, and won a red ribbon at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair. Alan Chung placed tenth in "Concepts" and third in "Problem Solving" in the regional competition, first in the PEGS North program spelling bee, participated in the regional competition, and won a blue ribbon in the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Anna Duncan, Maggie Canizales, and Austin Thrasher won red ribbons; Justin Davis and Sherri Youseff won green ribbons; Nathan Schiermeyer was a trophy winner, Paige Bateman won first place in Drummond's spelling bee and went on to regional competition, Jennifer Baker placed second in the Drummond spelling bee, and Stephanie Tagsip placed third; Grace Moon placed second in the PEGS North spelling bee and won a blue ribbon from the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Sophia Schier-Hanson placed third in the PEGS spelling bee, won the school's geography bee, and advanced to the state level competition; Joey Bradley placed third in the geography bee, and Justin Davis placed third, also receiving a green ribbon from the Greater St. Louis Science Fair. Riley Ayers (also a Discovery Award Winner), Christian Baugher, Emily Davis, Brendan Hruby, Julie Knight, Brooklinn Liesmann, Ben Meinier, Sarah Ponder, Nick Pruitt, Whitney Woodland, and Savanna Wooten are Parkwood students who won blue ribbons at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Amanda Barringhaus, Cole Dunsford, Kyle Dunsford, Laura Fulton, Kyle Hall, Jonathan Lehmkuhl, Nathan Light, Joseph Petrov, Angela Schultz, Damian

Strubberg, Zachary Weiss, Ashley White, and Madison Yancey won red ribbons; Brian Stolle, Rachael Lee, Jesus Mejia, Heather Dubman, Daniel Baker, Kyle Hall, and Skylar Keitel were trophy winners of Parkwood's Science Fair. Annie Burkard (also a Discovery Award winner), Brian Gibson, and Craig Lasserre are Remington Traditional students, who won blue ribbons at the St. Louis Science Fair; Katie Greenwell, and Danielle Hayes won green ribbons; Lauren Brown, Megan Christmas, Trace Jablin, Curtis Nothdurft, and Trenae Wings won white ribbons; Warren Li, Kierstyn McCormick, Rourke Penn, Jefferson Stroker, Justin Bogle, Nathan Roberts, Trevor Graham, Ryan Schaeffer, and Morgan Sword were trophy winners in Remington's Science Fair; Teaira Banks, Ian Barclay, Jake Stroker, Savannah Wilson, and Benton Frala qualified for state level recognition for the Duke University Talent Identification Program; Brittini Cambron and Catie Fedyk were finalists in the middle school category for the 2007 UMSL Digital Media Festival; Deron Nash won first place, and Holly Laws won third place in the Remington Traditional spelling bee; Ben Burgess won first place, and Cameron Miles won third place in Remington's geography spelling bee. Justin Hiebert, Hannah Robinson, Hannah Saputo, and Kevin Widiger, Rose Acres Students, were blue ribbon winners at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Laura Fosdick, Katie Licameli, and Sarah Vik won red ribbons; Jarred McCormick and Ryan Moser won green ribbons; Michelle Cummings, Megan Mellring, Samir Alvi, Joseph Henke, and Kim Busch were trophy winners in Rose Acres's Science Fair; Brian Dufrenne won first place in Rose Acres's geography bee and a blue ribbon at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair. David Chou, Elena Murawski, and Jenna Scheer, Willow Brook students, won blue ribbons at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Erik Frazin, Reme Hicks, Robbie Morgan, Danielle Siegel, and Noah Watson won red ribbons; Aaron Autry and Abby Kieffer won green ribbons; Danny Model, Cameron Kraeger, Katie Scoopmire, and Kelli Mills were trophy winners in Willow Brook's Science Fair; Tyriq Gordon, Noah Watson, and Joey Shocker were part of the Top 5 students that raised the most money for the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser; Arthur Derkach, Nia Goodman, Sarah Mohrmann, Danielle Nagelvoort, Julie Halveland, Zain Kahn, Sean Lee, Fatima Richards, and Natalie Siegel were winners in the "2006 Show Me a Movie" contest for Missouri; Harper Britz, Emilee Autry, Amanda Meyer, Kelsey Thum, Katelyn Vogler, and Nate Rifkin won the "I Love My Mom" essay contest; Danielle Siegel won Willow Brook's spelling bee; and Angela Lindner won Willow Brook's geography

bee. Dillon Ciampoli, Casey Dial, Hannah Johnson, Elise Moser, Clayton Stillman, Jessica Williams, Kaifwafi Youseff, Sarah Langston, and Marc Prather, Holman band and orchestra students, earned Honor I ratings at the St. Louis Suburban Middle Schools Solo and Ensemble Band Festival, and were directed by Curt Jones and Elaine Grannemann; Nate Bassman, Eric Bateman, Courtnie Clemmons, Jacque Cox, Maysa Daoud, Kristen Evans, Acasia Grimes, Jacque Neil, Katelyn Preis, Marcus Triplett, Rayna Watkins-Elkins, Kaitlyn Hirshbeck (also won blue ribbon at Greater St. Louis Science Fair, and named a Discovery winner), Rachel McCormick (also won a blue ribbon at Greater St. Louis Science Fair), and Harlee Custer, also earned Honor I rating and "1" Superior rating at the Trills and Thrills Festival, and were directed by Irena Goren-Scheer; Hope Benefield and Heather Sprengel were honored at St. Louis University as Gateway Young Achievers; Chelsea Davis, Carley McClain, Rachel McCormick, and Grace Routh won blue ribbons at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Taylor Barclay, Caitlyn Blaylock, Kristen Hanna, Brittany Kolve, and Kelsey Koenig won blue ribbons and were named Discovery winners; Andrew Morrison, Phillip Scherer, Kira Christeson, Joseph Hakanson, Anna Hooppaw, Vivi Magana, and Brian Pedrotti won red ribbons; Mackenzie Brown and Malcolm Bank won green ribbons; Darleen Bequette and Anayeli Zamacona received Honorable Mention; Elijah Will Phillips won Holman's geography bee. Darci Kardell, Kristine Lee, Kayla Coats, Taylor Hart, Katie Marino, Kelly Ratanasitee, Merrisa Robinson, Genevieve Schmoeker, Gabrielle Sealey, and Shannon Stephens, Pattonville Heights orchestra and band students, earned Honor I ratings at the St. Louis Suburban Middle School Solo and Ensemble Band Festival; Bailey Saffra, Morgan Bosman, and David Lindsey received Superior Rating at the Trills and Thrills Music Festival, and were directed by Anna Allen and Abigail Williams; Joo Lim (also received Superior Rating at the Trills and Thrills music festival), Zane Stringer, John Sorsen, and Joel Fine were selected for the St. Louis All Suburban Honors ensemble, as well as earned Honor I Ratings in the St. Louis Suburban Middle School Solo and Ensemble Band Festival; Erica Ream earned Honors I Rating, was named to All Suburban Band and received a blue ribbon, was named a Discovery winner, and received a Federated Garden Club award at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Megan Jones earned an Honors I Rating, was named to All Suburban Band and received a blue ribbon, and was named a Discovery winner; Kha Vo, Kyle Frayne, and JB Higginbotham (also received

Federated Garden Club Award) won blue ribbons and Discovery awards at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair; Max Browne, Jimmy Benoist, Sofia Gonzalez, and Madison Emerick (also received American Industrial Hygiene Association award) won red ribbons; Andrea Albin won a green ribbon; David Lindsay, Alex Maierhoffer, and Lucas Morin were part of the UMSL Digital Media Festival; and Anjali Fernandes was Holman's geography bee winner. Emily Shelton, Erin Hamil, Alicia Patton, Nicole Wanner, Ryan Sprengel, Ashley Bynum, Amanda Grodie, Kayla LaBeaume, Holly Hackney, and Katherine Murphy (also received the 2007 Rosemary Zander award), of the Pattonville High School Student Council, received the 2007 Gold Council of Excellence Award, and were sponsored by Pete Barrett; Jasna Dubo has been selected to attend the 2007 Girls State, and placed second in Regional mock trial competition; Randy Crawford placed second in the St. Louis Blacks in Government Oratorical context; Paxton Rowland was district champion in the Optimist Oratorical contest; Collin Galster (also placed second in the state finals of the American Legion Oratorical contest, and was named to the NFL Academic All-American list), Jennifer Kaminsky (was also named to the NFL Academic All-American list), and Drut Singh qualified to complete in the National Catholic Forensic League's National Speech Tournament and qualified for MSHSAA State Speech and Debate Tournament; Nathan Fulton and Dylan Clark qualified to the MSHSAA State Speech and Debate Tournament and placed second in Regional mock trial competition, and fifth in state competition; Megan LaFollette, Brittany Candler, Tim Kile, and Kristin Schwade, also placed second in the regional competition and fifth in the state competition; Chris Webb and Tyler Kuehn placed third in the Travel and Tourism Management division of the recent International DECA competition; and Raketta Eleby and Kiara Bryant placed in the Top 20 in the Buying and Merchandising Management division, and were sponsored by Holly Martinez and Doug McGhee.

#### **4. Public Participation**

Emily Marx, one of Pattonville's senior students with the most community service hours, told Board members what community service has meant to her. Emily shared some of her community service experiences with the Board and said she was proud to go to Pattonville and proud of her community and friends. Emily also stated that due to her community service projects, she now knew in what direction she would be going once in college.

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. **Approval of Financial Statements** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit and as presented, the financial statements for April 2007. Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
7. **2006-2007 Transportation Route Approval** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve the May 2007 transportation route miles for the 2006-2007 school year, as presented. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
8. **Surplus Sale Property** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education declare items listed as surplus and authorize the selling of these items on the GovDeals website, as presented. Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried: 6-0.
9. **Transfer Applications and Inquiries from St. Louis City Students** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the *Resolution Concerning St. Louis City Public School District Transfer Students*. Robert Dillon seconded the motion and then read the resolution out loud. The motion carried: 6-0.

***Keith Gillming entered the meeting at 7:52 p.m.***

10. **Professional Services** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum, LLP, for professional services rendered through April 30, 2007 in the total amount of \$1,958.56 as follows:

1. General Matters - \$1,000.30
2. Transfer Students - \$ 736.53
3. Protested Taxes - \$ 221.73

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

11. **Consent Grouping for Action – General** ***No Items in the Grouping.***
12. **Consent Grouping for Action – Business** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action – business, as follows:

- A. Renew the bid for Office Supplies with Office Essentials for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the same terms, conditions and prices as the renewal for the 2006-2007 school year. The total estimated amount of this award is \$90,000.00.
- B. Renew the bid for Trash Containers and Removal Service with Waste Management for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 with a 4.5% price increase. The total amount of this award is \$72,438.06.
- C. Award the bid for 18 Hand-Held Radios for Pattonville Heights Middle School, to Warner Communications Corp. in the total amount of \$6,282.00.
- D. Award the bid for Asbestos Abatement to Midwest Asbestos Abatement Corp in the total amount of \$170,890.00.
- E. Approve the purchase of supplies and equipment from the vendors represented in the Catalog Discount Agreement Handbook for the 2007-2008 school year, as presented.
- F. Renew the bid for TV Room Equipment Maintenance, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the same terms, conditions and prices as in their original bid. The total amount of this award is \$12,000.00.
- G. Award the bid for Elevator Maintenance to ThyssenKrupp Elevators for the period August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008, in the total amount of \$25,080.00.
- H. Award the bid for the lease/purchase of three (3) 24-passenger school busses with wheelchair lifts, and three (3) 28-passenger conventional busses for early childhood special education routes, to Midwest Transit Equipment at a total annual cost of \$82,740.00.

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

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

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

- A. Additions to the Substitute Printer List
  - 4. Mona Moran
  
- B. Employment of Certified Staff
  - 1. Sara Haag
  - 2. Joanna McDonald
  - 3. Karri Merseal
  - 4. Elizabeth Yaeger
  - 5. Lauren Niewald
  - 6. Claudia Benbow
  - 7. Jessica Coggins
  - 8. Jamie Burkemper
  
- C. Employment of Support Staff
  - 1. Valerie Skouby
  
- D. Separation of Certified Staff
  - 1. Joseph Bradley
  - 2. Jennifer Pointer
  - 3. Mindy Siefert
  - 4. Elizabeth Morgan
  
- E. Non-Compensable Leave of Absence for Certified Staff
  - 1. Greg Anderson
  - 2. Amanda Penziol
  
- F. Additional Summer School 2007 Staff
  - 1. James Middleton
  - 2. Rob Lamb
  - 3. Lisa Holguin
  - 4. Pam Stubblefield
  - 5. Sara Dohle
  - 6. Henry Dunger
  
- G. Additional Summer School 2007 Substitute Staff
  - 1. Lisa Neal
  - 2. Leslie Carroll
  - 3. Mary Jo Mansell
  - 4. Sandra Bogan
  - 5. Georgina Becerril
  - 6. Robyn Scola
  - 7. Linda Burnett
  - 8. Lois Westbrook

9. Michelle Raby
10. Marjorie Justice
11. Christine Kent
12. Becky Greitens
13. Annie Staebell
14. Bonnie McCool
15. Kim Punshon
16. Jarnell Flowers
17. Rhonda McAfee
18. Jenni Eagan
19. Tommy Robertson
20. Shirley Burton
21. Rommel McDonald
22. Anne Harrigan
23. Jeri Covington
24. Rene Hernandez
25. Leah Peniston
26. Ann Beehler
27. Dennis Carroll
28. Kimberly Carothers
29. Jan Zielinski
30. Kelly Ilardi
31. Jessica Brandenburg
32. Mike Halley
33. Jeff Grass
34. Stephen Jones
35. Alisa Mahan
36. Crystal Tomlinson
37. Valerie Henderson
38. Andrea Kulstein
39. Kathy Ryan
40. Chris Devine
41. Barbara Pack
42. Brenda Vitale
43. Angela Watkins
44. Leslie Carroll
45. Jerona Washington

Robert Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried:  
7-0.

**14. Interim Superintendent's Update**

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, first congratulated Zack Bockmier, Brittany Candler, Michael Dougan, Constance Tubbs, and Michelle Wingerter for being honored in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship program. Donette then recognized another Pattonville High School student, Hillary Newsome, for qualifying for recognition in the National Achievement Scholarship program for the top

scoring African American students who took the PSAT. Congratulations were also in order to Jennifer Calva, Holman math teacher, for being named the St. Ann, Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. Jennifer received a plaque, an honorary "blue vest", and a check for the school for \$1,000.00. Sixth and seventh graders at Holman were also to be congratulated for raising nearly \$1,600.00 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in a Math-A-Thon, sponsored by Holman teachers Katie Guyton and Marcie Slawin. Lastly, Donette thanked everyone for coming out to Dr. Kinney's retirement reception. Donette said Dr. Kinney really enjoyed the evening, and she enjoyed seeing how well Dr. Kinney was doing. Donette said she knew it was a day very special to him and one he would always cherish.

**15. Board Member Comments**

In addition to the various activities Board members had attended, such as: District Appreciation Night, Dr. Kinney's retirement party, High School POS awards and graduation ceremony, 9-11 Honors Night, and the Wellness Run/Walk; Cindy Candler also enjoyed the Rose Acres fifth-grade recognition night, High School choir and orchestra, Pattonville Heights Spring Band concert, orchestra awards, and Pattonville Heights Awards Night. Ruth Petrov enjoyed the state golf tournament, and the Parkwood fifth-grade graduation; Keith Gillming apologized for being late and enjoyed the Briar Crest Honors Night; and Pat Bryant mentioned that she was on the "Race for a Cure" committee and that the Pattonville cheerleaders would be featured on stage June 16<sup>th</sup>, and would be on television.

**16. 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. 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 – 8:04 p.m.