

Pattonville School District
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 28, 2006

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 November 28, 2006 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
Randall J. McArthur, 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. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the minutes of the regular and closed sessions of November 14, 2006, and the special session of November 20, 2006 be approved, as submitted. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Recognition of Students, Staff and Parents**

Ron Kuschel recognized Janet Johnson for her effort and hard work on the bond issue. Donette Green came forward to speak favorably about Janet as a person and as a great friend to the district who is always willing to help out. Janet Johnson took a minute to thank Mickey Schoonover, in particular, and to thank everyone else for their help with this "grassroots" effort.

Randy McArthur read the achievements as Donette Green, Pat Bryant, and Keith Gillming distributed awards: The High School student council came forward to be recognized for receiving the 2006 Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Council. The council members were Emily Shelton, Erin Hamil, Alicia Patton, Nicole Wanner, Ryan Sprengel,

Amanda Grodie, Ashley Bynum, Kayla LaBeaume, Katherine Murphy, and their teacher Pete Barrett. Carol Scherer came forward to be recognized for being nominated for inclusion into the 2006-2007 Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women Teachers in Education "Honor's Edition" of the registry. Don Labbe, maintenance department supervisor; Shelly Mills, Remington Traditional principal; Barry Nelson, Rose Acres principal; Becky Krohn, Pattonville High School; Vernita Enloe, Bridgeway Elementary; no one from Holman Middle School could be present to accept their award; and Christine Galli, transportation department; came forward to be honored for their department's or building's participation in the United Way campaign.

4. Public Participation

Ron Kuschel invited anyone to come forward to speak to the Board. Mary Kay Campbell, teacher at Bridgeway Elementary, came forward to speak about her concern regarding aluminum can recycling. Mary Kay is concerned that the soda machines that dispense cans have been pulled out of the buildings and replaced by machines that dispense plastic bottles. She would like the machines changed back to ones that dispense aluminum cans for various reasons, including the fact that the schools have no "plastic" recycling resources in place.

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. Mickey pointed out that the Pattonville Education Foundation meeting should be changed on the calendar from December 5th to December 6th.

6. Committee Reports

Erin Hamel, high school student, came forward to give a detailed account of the BSAAC (Board/Student/Administration Action Committee) meeting, which was held on November 16, 2006. Dr. Tom Morgan, assistant superintendent for human resources, gave an overview of matters addressed at the Professional Studies meeting held on November 16, 2006. Ron Orr, chief financial officer, gave an overview of the work accomplished at the PESP (Pattonville Educational Support Professionals) meeting held on October 25, 2006, which was the first meeting of the new school year. At this time Ron Kuschel wanted to recognize two guests, in particular, who were present at the board meeting: A reporter from the Post Dispatch, and former Pattonville Board of Education member, Bob Dillon.

- 7. Finance Program Evaluation**

Ron Orr, chief financial officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation which contained an overview of the Finance Program Evaluation including context, goals, evaluation, process, and recommendations. Ron gave particular attention to health care and the rising costs of it. After the presentation Randy McArthur congratulated Ron for his hard work, along with a number of other CFO's, on keeping these expenditures under control. Randy also mentioned that he has tried to attend all the "Insurance Trust" meetings with Ron and he feels it is very important that the board continues to have a representative present at these meetings, in the case where he is not re-elected, or does not run for board member again.
- 8. African-American Achievement Program Evaluation**

Dr. Mike Fulton, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, provided an overview of the African-American Achievement Program Evaluation including context, goals, evaluation, process, and recommendations. At this time Randy McArthur expressed his passion regarding this issue. Randy stated that we need to address the cultural differences before we can address the academic differences. He also stated that by looking at the comparison tables, we could see that we need to concentrate on kindergarten through third grade in order to make the most positive impact. Mike Fulton thanked Donette for putting the bulk of this report together. Mike then pointed out schools, Parkwood Elementary in particular, which had a very close achievement gap. Mike believes that it is "individual attention to specific students" that will make the biggest difference. A lengthy discussion was held, questions were asked, ideas and opinions were shared.
- 9. Approval of Financial Statements**

Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education approve, subject to audit and as presented, the financial statements for October 2006. Keith Gillming seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 10. Financial Goals 2007-2008**

Randy McArthur moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, financial goals for fiscal year 2007-2008. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 11. Professional Services Rendered**

Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve payment to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum for professional services rendered through October 31, 2006 in the total amount of \$1,285.10 as follows:

1. General Matters - \$1,096.20
2. Drummond roof - \$ 188.90

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

12. Consent Grouping for Action – General

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

- A. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for Finance.
- B. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for African-American Achievement.

Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

13. Consent Grouping for Action – Business

Randy McArthur moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the consent grouping for action for business, as follows:

- A. Award the bid for the Parkwood cafeteria sound reduction project to Alobars, in the total amount of \$6,300.00.

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

14. Consent Grouping for Action – Human Resources

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

- A. Additions to the Substitute Bus Driver List
 20. Dennis Aubuchon
- B. Additions to the Substitute Cafeteria Worker List
 22. Valerie Brown
 23. Florence Davidson
- C. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List
 236. Elizabeth Wilmes
- D. Separation of Support Staff
 1. Shirley Shaw

E. Employment of Support Staff

1. Emily Cook

Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

15. Interim Superintendent's Update

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, shared with everyone the success of staff development day. She explained that this was a day when all the schools looked carefully at their school data. Donette also stated that everyone involved did a great job looking at their data and they were already putting plans together. Donette also reminded everyone that board candidate filing would open on December 12, 2006, and that Ruth Petrov and Randy McArthur would be up for re-election. Donette then mentioned the craft fair that would be held at the high school on December 2, 2006, and the meeting with the state legislators and Pattonville administrators on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

16. Board Member Comments

Board members shared with everyone district activities and meetings they had attended within the past two weeks including board coffees, Casa Gallardo fundraiser, sports events, and the Drummond Elementary spelling bee. Keith Gillming mentioned his walk with Dr. Kinney and he also mentioned that MSBA was a good selection for conducting the superintendent search. Randy McArthur gave everyone an update on the Technology Committee he is a member of. He talked about the plan being written up for the district and how very innovative it would be. Randy also mentioned that Dr. Terry, director of technology services, had asked if there was any interest from the board for an "electronic" type of board agenda. Ron Kuschel mentioned in particular his attendance with Donette at the pre-candidate forum on Monday, November 20, 2006.

17. Adjournment

Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session to record and/or vote for the specific purpose of discussing student and personnel matters. Cindy Candler 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 – 8:16 p.m.

