

**Pattonville School District  
Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting  
December 12, 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 December 12, 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**

Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education adopt the agenda of the regular and closed sessions (with item 9.2 being deleted from closed session) as submitted. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

Cindy Candler moved that the minutes of the regular and closed sessions of November 28, 2006, the special session of December 4, 2006, and the special and closed sessions of December 5, 2006 be approved, as submitted. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 3. Public Participation**

Ron Kuschel recognized Margo Heger, reporter from the Post-Dispatch, Mike Reid, from Senator Louden's office, Bob Jercinovic, PESP president, and Lisa Kickbusch, PNEA president, who were in attendance tonight. Ron Kuschel invited anyone to come forward to speak to the Board. Deborah Collins, who recently moved into the district and has a child attending middle school, had a question concerning coaching staff at the high school. Deborah wanted to know what the procedure was for adding coaches to the high school staff. Donette Green, interim superintendent, recommended that Deborah contact the high school principal and set up a meeting with him and

possibly the activities director. Deborah Collins then asked, at what point the Board would be involved in the process. Ron Kuschel explained that the Board's job was to set policy and to make sure that policy was followed through. Deborah agreed and returned to her seat.

At this point Ron Kuschel shared with everyone that today was the first day of Board Candidate filing. He also stated there had been two (2) candidates filing today, Bob Dillon and Ruth Petrov; but there was still plenty of time for others to file.

- 4. 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.
- 5. Committee Reports**

Ron Orr, chief financial officer, provided a summary of the Facilities Construction Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 7, 2006. Ron stated that the committee had interviewed three (3) finalists for architectural work, which included very good presentations from each of three firms. In a unanimous decision, the committee will continue to work with one firm they were particularly impressed with.
- 6. Homeless Program Evaluation**

Dr. Mike Fulton, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, provided an overview of the Homeless Program Evaluation including context, goals, evaluation, process, and recommendations. He also explained some key details of the program such as school of origin, transportation costs, shelter, hotel, and motel living conditions. Questions were asked by board members with Donette Green and Mike Fulton responding. Donette thanked Helen Weissler, for being largely responsible, for putting together program evaluation figures.
- 7. School/Community Relations Program Evaluation**

Mickey Schoonover, director of school/community relations, provided an overview of the School/Community Relations Program Evaluation including context, goals, evaluation, process, and recommendations. Mickey expanded on the goals of the program and also explained the different ways in which they evaluated the program. Mickey also stated that through surveys, they found the forms of communication currently being used were very effective, whether they were in the form of newsletters or emails. Questions were asked by Board members with Mickey responding. Keith Gillming, Pat Bryant and Ron Kuschel, in particular, thanked Mickey for her excellent work.

- 8. Summer School Proposal** Dr. David Miller, library media instructional coordinator, presented the 2007 summer school proposal for PreK – 12, including salary costs, staffing, schedules, and locations. Questions were asked by Board members with Dr. Jennifer Schneider, director of instructional support services, and David Miller responding.
- 9. Approval of Regular Bills** Keith Gillming moved that the Board of Education approve payment of regular bills in the total amount of \$2,826,904.85, as presented. Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 10. Approval of Cafeteria Bills** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education approve payment of cafeteria bills in the total amount of \$84,096.72, as presented. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 11. Summer School Pay Schedule** Cindy Candler moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the summer school pay schedule for the 2007 summer school program. Ralph Stahlhut seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 12. Classroom Rental Contract** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the contract between the Pattonville School District and Special School Districts for the rental of one (1) classroom (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) at Willow Brook Elementary for the 2006-2007 school year in an amount of \$750.00 per semester, and authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute same on its behalf. Pat Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 13. 2005-2006 District Audit** Randy McArthur (with some questions and concerns regarding the firm of Schowalter & Jabouri) moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, the 2005-2006 District audit. Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
- 14. Approval of Construction Management Firm** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education approve, pending contract approval by District administration, S. M. Wilson & Company to provide construction management services for bond issue projects approved by District voters on November 7, 2006, in the amounts of \$39,000.00 for pre-construction services, an estimated maximum charge of \$707,846.00 for general conditions, and a negotiated percentage of construction cost that will equal 4.0%. Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.

15. **Policy Revisions – JEC, JECA, JECB, JECB-R** Pat Bryant moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, policies JEC (School Admissions), JECA (Admission of Resident Students), JECB (Admission of Non-Resident Students), and JECB-R (Admission of Non-Resident Students). Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
16. **Policy Revisions – GDDC-R, GDD-R, GDPD-R** Ruth Petrov moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, policies GDDC-R (Probationary Period), GDD-R (Employment), and GDPD-R (Suspension of Support Staff). Randy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
17. **Policy Revision – GDL-R** Ralph Stahlhut moved that the Board of Education lodge for action, as presented, policy GDL-R (Educational Assistance Plan – Support Staff). Ruth Petrov seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
18. **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. Approve, as lodged for action on November 28, 2006, and as presented, the financial goals for 2007-2008.
  - B. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for Homeless.
  - C. Accept, as presented, the program evaluation for School/Community Relations.
  - D. Approve, as presented, the 2007 summer school proposal.
- Cindy Candler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7-0.
19. **Consent Grouping for Action – Business** There were no items in this section.
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 Cafeteria Worker List  
24. Yolanda Pickett
  - B. Additions to the Substitute Custodial/Maintenance/Grounds Worker List  
23. Alisha Penny

24. Yolanda Pickett
25. Rodney Spann

C. Additions to the Substitute Teacher List  
237. Tiffany O'Neill

D. Separation of Support Staff  
1. Leah Hall

E. Employment of Support Staff  
1. Richard Cochren  
2. Phounsavath Signharath  
3. Tammy Jackson  
4. Victoria Asher  
5. Robyn Harl-Scola

F. Employment of Certified Staff  
1. Linda C. Siegfried

G. Extra Hourly Assignments for 2006-2007  
1. As presented

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

**21. Interim Superintendent's Update**

Donette Green, Interim Superintendent, recognized Holman Middle School's "Read, Write, and Run" drive for raising \$150.00 to sponsor a field trip to a nursing home. Donette also congratulated the more than eighty high school students who completed their training for the ABC Program, which teaches middle school kids lessons on making wise choices. Donette also informed Board members of the upcoming Pattonville Education Foundation's dance auction, to be held on March 3, 2007. This year's theme will be "Hollywood".

**22. Board Member Comments**

Board members shared with everyone activities they had attended, which included the Bridgeway Board Coffee, high school craft fair, high school speech and debate, legislators brunch, board/superintendent retreat, and the superintendent search meeting. Randy McArthur asked the Board once again, if they had an interest in an electronic version of the board agenda; Cindy Candler attended a trip to Branson with the high school orchestra; Ralph Stahlhut mentioned that he had received comments to the effect that the recent board focus groups were too short; Ruth Petrov attended the holiday musical at Parkwood Elementary and Ralph's open house; Keith Gillming was out of town but was pleased at receiving MSBA's survey so soon after his return;

Pat Bryant apologized for missing the retreat and wished students, staff, and parents a safe and happy holiday; and Ron Kuschel handed-out, to Board members, compiled results of the Board surveys for the superintendent search. Ron also gave Board members an option for finalizing the brochure that would be circulated by MSBA for the superintendent search. Ron told members, that if it was agreeable, a meeting of himself, Mickey Schoonover, director of community/school relations, and MSBA, would finalize the brochure. Any other board members could be present if they wished. This plan was agreeable to all Board members and they were confident that the three present at the meeting would make the right choices.

### **23. 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; Keith Gillming-aye ; Ron Kuschel-aye; Randy McArthur-aye; Ruth Petrov-aye; and Ralph Stahlhut-aye. The motion carried: 7-0.

Time of adjournment – 8:08 a.m.