

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

Pocahontas Public Schools

Regular Board Meeting

April 19, 2021

Board Members Present: Jim Toney, President; Karen Baltz, Vice President (via virtual); Judy McClain, Secretary; Gary Cole and Dr. Michael Davis

Others Present: Jerry Martens, Superintendent; Lesa Grooms, High School Principal; Shawn Carter, Elementary Principal; Visitors: Andrea Murray, Carol Massey, Whitney Phillips, Emily Hausman, John Plumley, Kristen Orick, Allyson Matthews, Anthony Hausman, Rhonda McCallister, Rebecca Crotts, Kathleen Fleming, Michael Dickson; Tim Scott and Anita Murphy, Press

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the junior high library.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on March 15, 2021 and the minutes for the special board meetings on April 4, 2021 and April 13, 2021.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the month of March, 2021.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Literacy Curriculum

District Curriculum Coordinator, Rhonda McCallister, addressed the board concerning the literacy curriculum and adoption requirements. No action was needed.

Item 5: Odyssey of the Mind (OM) World Competition

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of fees for 2 OM teams to attend World Finals in Orlando, Florida.

Item 6: Booster Club Request

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the annual request of the athletic booster club to have \$1 from each ticket sold, at the largest football and basketball gates, be given to the club and used toward expenses related to the end of the year awards banquet.

Item 7: Marching Band Uniforms

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of new marching band uniforms, from DeMoulin Bros and Co., at a cost of \$48,766.04. The following bids were received:

- DeMoulin Bros and Co - \$48,766.04
- Stanbury Uniforms, LLC - \$55,608.53
- Fruhauf Uniforms - \$65,983.35

Item 8: Ellevation Purchase

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the renewal purchase of Ellevation Software for a period of a 3-year subscription at a cost of \$30,600. This software is used to support ESOL students in the district.

Item 9: District Handbook Translation

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve having the District Handbook translated to the Marshallese language, from MEI, at a cost of \$8,200.00. The following quotes were received:

- LinguaLinx LLC - \$14,140.88
- MEI - \$8,200.00

Item 10: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers.

Name	Age	Grade	From	To
Alli Swann	17	11	Pocahontas	Maynard
Taylor Swann	16	9	Pocahontas	Maynard
Blake Feyjes	14	7	Pocahontas	Maynard
Allissa Swann	13	7	Pocahontas	Maynard
Audrey Cox	8	2	Maynard	Pocahontas
Adelynn Cox	8	2	Maynard	Pocahontas
Ethan Winborne	15	9	Maynard	Pocahontas
Kalie O’Neal	13	7	Maynard	Pocahontas
Gunner O’Neal	8	3	Maynard	Pocahontas
Levi Pierce	6	K	Maynard	Pocahontas

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of employment discussion.

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to exit executive session

Item 11: Employment for 2021-2022 School Year

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 hire the staff listed below for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Josh Herring – PJHS Social Studies/Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
- Amanda Hubner – Alma Spikes Title I Paraprofessional
- Shannon Fish – Contract Renewal for M.D. Williams Principal
- Jason Moore – Alma Spikes Custodian (starting immediately)

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Item 12: Superintendent

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 hire Lesa Grooms, with a 2-year contract, beginning July 1, 2021. Contract amount will be \$100,000 per year.

Item 13: Resignations

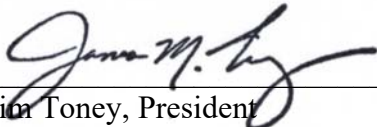
On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations, effective at the end of the school year:

- Deb Kester – PJHS Special Education Teacher
- Karla Morgan – Alma Spikes Title I Paraprofessional
- Kelly Johnson – Alma Spikes SPED Paraprofessional
- Shannon Fish – MD Williams Principal
- Gary Jackson – PJHS Science Teacher

Item 14: Bank Bids

Bank account bids were opened. Mr. Martens will review the bank bids and action will be taken at a board meeting to be determined at a later date. The only bid received was from Farmers and Merchants Bank.

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Jim Toney, President



Judy McClain, Secretary