

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
May 17, 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; Kathleen Fleming, Tonya Hutsell,
and Amy Story, Staff

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 Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on April 19, 2021 and the minutes for the special board meetings on April 29, 2021 and May 6, 2021.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 4-0 to approve the financial statements for the month of April, 2021.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: ESOL End of Year Update

District ESOL Coordinator, Kathleen Fleming, presented an end of year update on the district's ESOL Program. No action needed.

Item 5: Chromebook Purchase

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 approve the purchase of 350 student chromebooks for 1st and 7th grade rotation in the amount of \$109,453.44. The purchase will be made from SHI per TIPS/TAPS contract and will be paid from a combination of Title I and ESSER II funds.

Item 6: Summer School/Camp Workers/SPED Extended Year

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the staff for summer school and academic summer camps as presented by Superintendent, Jerry Martens. (See attached)

Item 7: 2021-2022 Professional Development Calendar

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2021-2022 Professional Development Calendar as presented.

Item 8: 2021-2022 SPED School Age/Federal and State Preschool Applications

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve 2021-2022 Special Education School Age/Federal and State Preschool Application and budgets as presented. (See attached)

Item 9: 2020-2021 Occupational and Physical Therapy Contracts

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Occupational and Physical Therapy Contracts retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Item 10: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following legal transfers.

Name	Age	Grade	From	To
Korea Williams	16	9	Pocahontas	Paragould
Tameah Williams	11	6	Pocahontas	Paragould

Item 11: Freedom of Choice Requests

The Freedom of Choice list was presented to the board. Applications will be approved at the June Board Meeting.

Item 12: 2021-2022 Paper Order

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2021-2022 paper order through the cooperative bid process with NEA Cooperative. The amount is \$11,172.55.

Item 13: Playground Equipment

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 4-0 to approve the purchase of playground equipment for the new elementary school at the cost of \$280,596.79 from Davis Playground through TIPS/TAPS contract.

Item 14: Resignations

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following resignations effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year:

- Rebecca Crotts – Special Education Coordinator
- Madalyn Manus – 6th Grade Teacher

- Dustin Eddington – Head Baseball Coach (Mr. Eddington will still be employed as teacher and Tennis Coach)

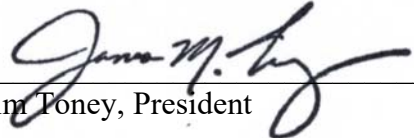
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Item 15: Employment

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board 4-0 to approve new hires for the 2021-2022 school year as listed below:

- Jeanette Swartzlander – Transfer from Cook to High School Cafeteria Manager
- Melissa Huffman – PHS Math/Agri Position
- Marlo Wardlow – PJHS Spanish Teacher
- James Stone – PJHS Science Teacher
- Jennifer Poe – PJHS Science Teacher

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Jim Toney, President



Judy McClain, Secretary