

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
August 16, 2021

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Dr. Alex Baltz, Visitor

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on July 19, 2021 and the minutes for the special board meeting on July 6, 2021 and July 29, 2021.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of July 2021.

**OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4: Approval of the 2021-2022 Board Policies and Salary Schedules

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2021-2022 Board Policies and the 2021-2022 salary schedules as presented.

Item 5: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the board policy updates, as presented, for the 2021-2022 school year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Haleigh McDonald	15	10	Pocahontas	Maynard
Alex Wells	17	12	Pocahontas	Maynard
Haylie Carson	14	9	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Zavier Carson	14	8	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Matthew Carson	11	5	Pocahontas	Hoxie

Item 6 : Communicating Hands Contract Approval

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached contract for deaf interpretation services with Communicating Hands for the 2021-2022 school year.

Item 7 : LEA Plan for use of ARP ESSER Funds

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached LEA Plan for use of ARP ESSER Funds for the 2021-2022 school year.

Item 8 : Pocahontas School District Virtual Plan

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 4-1 to approve the attached Virtual Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Item 9: Sondag System Materials Approval

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of Sondag System materials and professional services in the amount of \$14,531.00. This purchase will be paid from Federal Funds.

Item 10: Resignation

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignation:

- Amanda Hubner – Pocahontas Elementary Paraprofessional

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 11: Employment

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board 5-0 to approve the following employment recommendation for the 2021-2022 school year:

- LaKrista Gunn – PHS Food Service
- Danielle Speirs – MDW Special Education Teacher
- Reche Drakeford – PJHS Special Education Paraprofessional
- Dannahe Smith – Pocahontas Elementary Title I Paraprofessional
- Alex Hopkins – Pocahontas Elementary Special Education Para
- Randi Rief – Pocahontas Elementary Special Education Para
- Sarah Nieman – MDW Special Education Para

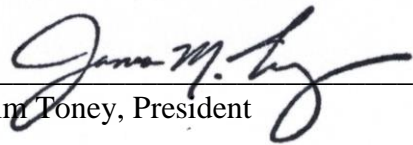
Item 12: District Point of Contact

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Charla Cusson as District Point of Contact. The rate of pay will be \$26/hour.

OTHER

1. Annual School Election - Since Mr. Cole was the only candidate to file and the millage will have already been on a ballot for the year (September special election), the District's annual school election will be held by "election by candidate" only. This means no absentee voting, no early voting, and no election day voting.
2. COVID Vaccine Clinic - August 24th, 2021; Time: 10:00-2:00; Parents must be present for students to receive vaccination. Location: Pocahontas High School Student Center.

ADJOURNED

  
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Jim Toney, President

  
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Judy McClain, Secretary