

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Special Board Meeting
November 1, 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

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the junior high library. All board members were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2: Zoning Resolution

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached Zoning Resolution.

Item 3: Agreement with Integrated Therapy Services for Speech Services

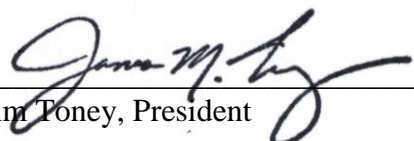
On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached agreement with Integrated Therapy Services for Speech Therapy services as needed.

Item 4: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

Name	Age	Grade	From	To
Makenzie Haynes	15	9	Pocahontas	Maynard
Kayden Bass	14	8	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix
Myrssa Gholson	17	12	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix

ADJOURNED



Jim Toney, President



Judy McClain, Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Pocahontas School Board has the authority to provide by resolution adopted by a majority vote that a portion of the board members shall be elected by zone, at large, or a combination thereof pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-630; and

WHEREAS the Pocahontas School District has ten percent (10%) or greater minority population out of the total population; and

WHEREAS districts having ten percent (10%) or greater minority population shall elect the members of the board of directors utilizing procedures in compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended pursuant to Ark Code Ann § 6-13-631; and

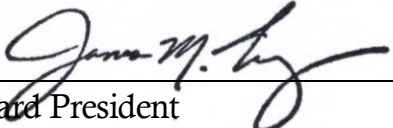
WHEREAS the Pocahontas School District currently elects five (5) board members at-large;

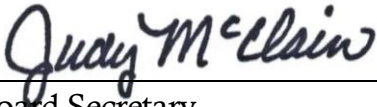
WHEREAS, in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act and Ark. Code § 6-13-631, the board of directors shall be elected by zone and five single member zones shall be established by a demographer and approved by this Board;

WHEREAS all the five zones will be up for election at the school board election in 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED the Pocahontas School Board will seek approval of the Randolph County Board of Election Commissioners to utilize five (5) single member zones which shall be established by utilizing the services of EFS GeoTechnologies based on the latest census. After the plan has been approved by the county board of election commissioners, the plan and resolution will be filed with the Randolph County Clerk in accordance with law , and the resolution will be published at least ninety (90) days before the filing deadline for the next regular school election after the adoption of the resolution, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-630 (d).

The resolution passed by a majority vote on November 1, 2021.


Board President


Board Secretary

Integrated Therapy Services

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dba Integrated Therapy Services
Gina L. Higginbotham, CCC-SLP
Supervising Speech-Language Therapist
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This contract between Pocahontas School District of Pocahontas, Arkansas and Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC, 42 Helter Rd, Pocahontas, Arkansas will initiate on 11-01-2021 and will terminate at end of 2021-22 School Year. Pocahontas School District agrees to retain Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC to provide speech-language therapy services as needed.

Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC agrees to provide speech therapy services for no more than 8 hours per week. Additional speech therapy hours requested by Pocahontas School District will be discussed on an as needed basis.

Speech therapy services provided by Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC will be computed at \$22.00 per billable Medicaid unit (15 min unit) for the following services:

***Direct Individual Speech-Language Therapy/Treatment Only (does not include speech-language evaluation, due process paperwork, conferences, or any Medicaid billing.**

An itemized monthly statement of Speech-Therapy units provided by Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC will be provided. Pocahontas School District agrees to pay reimbursement to Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC for Speech Therapy Services provided.

Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC agrees to follow all required due process procedures, to maintain confidentiality of client information at all times, and to comply with all Medicaid regulations as stated in the State of Arkansas Medicaid Provider Manual. Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC Speech Therapists hold a Masters Degree and agree to maintain current licensure and ASHA certification. Higginbotham Therapy Providers LLC agrees to provide treatment notes that comply with AR Medicaid requirements for all services provided.

Gina Higginbotham, CCC-SLP 10-20-21

Gina Higginbotham, CCC-SLP
Supervising Speech-Language Therapist

Superintendent
Pocahontas School District

Date