

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
April 16, 2018

Board Members Present: Chuck Andrews, President; Gary Cole, Vice President; Dr. Mike Davis, DVM, Secretary; James Chester and Judy McClain

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Brandon Smith and Bill Endicott, Press

Item 1: Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on March 26, 2018.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of March 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4: Bank Account Bids

Bid proposals related to banking services for the district's "operational" banking accounts were opened. On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to table action on the proposals until the May board meeting in order to allow Superintendent Daryl Blaxton to review the bids.

Item 5: 2017 School Performance Reports

Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, provided an overview of the 2017 School Performance Reports. The reports will be covered in more detail, by the

principals, at a later date.

Item 6: Request to Hire Part-time Summer Help

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Daryl Blaxton to hire part-time summer help as needed.

Item 7: Summer School/ACT Prep/Special Education Extended Year

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached employment recommendations related to Summer School/ACT Prep & Special Education Extended Year. (See attachment)

Item 8: Approval to Use Athletic Funds to Purchase Awards for Athletic Program

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve approve the use of athletic activity funds to purchase awards for the athletic program.

Item 9: Approval to Pay OM Registration Fees for World Qualifiers

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment of OM registration fees for World Qualifying teams. Cost of the payment is \$38,600.

Item 10: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve a catastrophic leave request per district policy.

Item 11: Board Policy Updates

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve board policy updates as presented by Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton.

Item 12: 2017-2018 Salary Increases

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by James Chester, the board voted to approve the attached 2017-2018 salary increase recommendations pending a majority vote of the staff. (See attachments)

Item 13: Inventory Deletions

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the deletions listed below.

- Duplicator from the High School teacher's lounge
- HVAC unit from the PJHS cafeteria
- Washer from the athletic facility

Item 12: Resignation

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the resignation of speech pathologist Judy Walker.

Item 13: Employment

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following transfers, contract renewals and new hires.

Transfers

- Sarah Brandt from 1st grade teacher to 2nd grade teacher

New Hires

- Malerie Bennett - Elementary Teacher assignment TBD
- Elizabeth Dunnam - Elementary Music Teacher
- Kristen Johnston - ½ ELL Coordinator / ½ Secondary English (200 days)
- Leslie Malone - Speech Pathologist

OTHER

1. Enrollment Update

Superintendent Daryl Blaxton provided the following enrollment update. "Our enrollment count, as of 4/12/18, was 2,042 students. This compares to 1,920 on a

corresponding date last year.

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*Charles Andrews*

Chuck Andrews, President

*Michael Davis DVM*

Dr. Mike Davis, Secretary