

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Special Board Meeting
January 6, 2022

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2: Covid Review

Superintendent Grooms provided the board with an update on current Covid numbers. Current numbers indicate 109 students/staff being quarantined or isolated with 21 of those being positive.

Item 3: Facility Planning

There was discussion and consideration of the District's ongoing Facility planning, including but not limited to the following:

- PHS Building Project - Board is continuing to work on the High School project. Superintendent Grooms met with DESE Facilities in November and has to provide a different plan after the failed millage. The Board has been discussing options for a revised plan. The new plan has to be developed and submitted later this month.
- Alma Spikes Elementary Building - Building was slated for demolition in the original plan. Going to see if we have any other options.

Item 4: Bus – Insurance

Superintendent Grooms provided the board with information regarding the amount the insurance company will be paying for bus damage, sustained in an accident in September. The bus is determined to be a total loss and the insurance amount will be approximately \$54,000.00.

Item 5: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

- 4 students from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix

- 1 student from Pocahontas to Lawrence Co.

Item 6: Resignation

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to accept the following resignation:

- Amanda Snyder – MDW Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 7: Employment

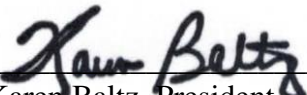
On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to employ the following individual:

- Kristen Laky – Long term substitute for Secondary Math (1 semester only)

OTHER

1. Superintendent Grooms provided the board with an update on enrollment. The district enrollment, as of January 6, 2022 is 1986.

ADJOURNED



Karen Baltz, President



Gary Cole, Secretary