

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
July 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 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 James Chester, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 18, 2018 as well as the special board meeting on June 28, 2018.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of June 2018. The approval included a transfer of \$1,150,000 from Fund 2001 to Fund 3000 to be used for future construction & capital improvement projects, major maintenance renovations as well as related supplies and equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 4: Elementary School Design

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Michael Davis, the board voted 5-0 to authorize district architect, Todd Welch, to proceed with the design of the proposed new elementary school per the attached proposal. (See attachment)

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: Perkins Consortium Contract

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached contract regarding the Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative Perkins Consortium. (See attachment)

Item 6: 2018-2019 School Improvement Plans

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's 2018-2019 school improvement plans.

Item 7: Purchase of Math & Literacy Materials

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of Go Math materials in the amount of \$36,416.83 and Journey's literacy materials in the amount of \$11,178.93 from Houghton and Mifflin. These items are single source bid items.

Item 8: Video Security Updates

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of cameras and associated surveillance equipment to complete Year III of the district's five year plan to implement security cameras in its schools. The purchase was for \$24,418.28 from iK Network Solutions per TIPS/TAPS contract.

Item 9: Purchase of Replacement Chromebooks for Alma Spikes Elementary and MD Williams Intermediate

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase 93 chromebook replacements and associated Google support items at a cost of \$22,910.19 for Alma Spikes Elementary as well as 180 chromebook replacements and associated Google support items at a cost of \$43,886.00 for MD Williams Intermediate. The purchases were made from SHI per TIPS/TAPS contract and will be paid for from federal funds.

Item 10: Legal Transfer Request

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve a legal transfer request for Kaden Lindholme to transfer into the district from Sloan-Hendrix.

Item 11: Bid Openings

The board publicly opened bids on the following services; deaf interpreting services, speech therapy services, provision of substitute teachers, rug & mop services as well as janitorial and sanitation supplies. No action was taken to allow for further review and consideration of the bids.

Item 12: Resignation

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the resignation food service employees Tabitha Avery and Mary Yinger.

Item 13: Employment

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

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following employment actions.

Transfer Recommendations:

- Sheila Ingram from Parent Center Coordinator to MD Williams Paraprofessional

New Hires:

- Alma Spikes SPED 1 on 1 Paraprofessional - Amber Shepherd
- Alma Spikes Parent Center Coordinator - Donna Simonton
- MDW Instructional Support Paraprofessional - Amy Thielemier
- MDW Instructional Support Paraprofessional - Stephanie Twyman

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to add five (5) additional contract days to the 2018-2019 contracts of the following paraprofessionals in order that they be trained in “Connections” interventions to assist students in the acquisition of reading skills.

- Carla Morgan - Alma Spikes Elementary
- Sheila Ingram - MD Williams Intermediate
- ~~Paige Statler~~ Stephanie Twyman - MD Williams Intermediate
- Amy Thielemier - MD Williams Intermediate

OTHER

ADJOURNED


Chuck Andrews, President


Dr. Mike Davis, Secretary