

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2019

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

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Brandon Smith, Press, and Lesa Grooms

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on April 15, 2019, and the special meeting on April 29, 2019.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of April 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 4: 2019-2021 Partnership Funding Application for New High School

Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, provided the board with an update on the district's application for Partnership funding assistance to build a new high school.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: Request to Add Bowling as a District Sport

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to add bowling as a team sport in its athletic program.

Item 6: Summer School and Summer Camp Staff

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the staff for summer school and academic summer camps as presented by Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton. (See attachment #Item 02a06)

Item 7: Amendment to Bereavement Leave Policy

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve an amendment to the district's Bereavement Leave Policy. (See attachment #Item 02a07)

Item 8: Preliminary Federal Budgets

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the preliminary federal budgets as presented by Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton.

Item 9: Act 1599 Resolution

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve an Act 1599 resolution on Rick Broadway.

Item 10: Acts from Legislative Session

Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, provided an overview of key acts from the legislative session.

Item 11: Freedom of Choice Requests

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached Freedom of Choice requests. (See attachment #Item 02a11a)

Item 12: 2019-2020 Salary Schedules

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Judy McClain, the board 5-0 to approve the salary schedules for the 2019-2020 school year. (See attachments #Item 02a12a through Item 02a12j)

Item 13: Insurance Offering to Bus Drivers

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to offer health insurance to district drivers, per Act 563 of the 2019 legislative session.

Item 14: 2019-2020 Paper Order

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached paper order per the Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative bid process. (See attachment #Item 02a14)

Item 15: Resignations

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to accept the following resignations effective end of the school year.

- Nicole Weitkamp - Alma Spikes Nurse
- Ruth Holt - MDW Receptionist

Item 16: Employment / Personnel

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment and/or personnel discussion.

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following employee transfer and new hires.

Transfer:

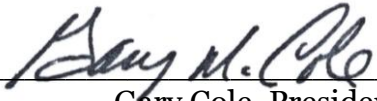
- Patty Davis - Custodian from MD Williams to Alma Spikes Elementary

New Hires:

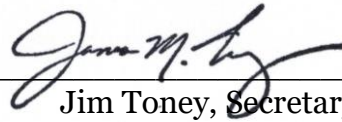
- Donna Simington - 2nd-grade teacher
- MaeDella Hopcroft - Elementary Music teacher
- Kathleen Fleming - ESOL Coordinator
- Bridget Phelps - District Test Coordinator & Elementary Counselor

OTHER

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Gary Cole, President

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Jim Toney, Secretary