

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
June 17, 2019

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

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Brandon Smith, Press, Jerry Martens, 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 Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on May 20, 2019, and the special meeting on May 31, 2019.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of May 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 4: NABHOLZ Update

Nathan Anthony provided the board with an update on the status of the construction of the new elementary school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 5: Ex-officio Secretary and Co-op Board Member Approval

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to name Jerry Martens as Ex -officio Secretary and board representative for the Northeast Arkansas Co-op for the 2019-2020 fiscal

year.

Item 6: Approval to Use a Facsimile

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the use of a facsimile per Act 671 of 2003.

Item 7: 2020 School Election Resolution

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve a resolution stating that the 2020 School Election would be in November of 2020.

Item 8: Property Insurance Renewal

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the district's property insurance with the Arkansas School Board Association's Risk Management program at a cost of \$53,957.24.

Item 9: Approval of Chromebook Purchases

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 72 Chromebooks and accompanying licensing for Alma Spikes Elementary School as well as 345 Chromebooks and accompanying licensing for MD Williams Intermediate School. The total cost of the purchase is \$100,831.10. The purchase will be made via a TIPS TAPS contract.

Item 10: Legal Transfer Requests

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests.

- John Jacobs            age 8            to Hoxie
- Justin Jacobs        age 9            to Hoxie

Item 11: Act 1599 Resolutions

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve Act 1599 resolutions for Karen Baltz and Becky Lindner. Karen Baltz excused herself from the vote.

Item 12: Student Insurance Bids

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board 5-0 to purchase the district's student accident insurance coverage with Health Special Risks at a cost of \$24,904. This was the low bid received.

Item 13: Student Policy Updates

Superintendent Daryl Blaxton presented ASBA student policy updates to be acted upon by the board during the regular July board meeting.

Item 14: Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Daryl Blaxton presented ASBA board policy updates to be acted upon by the board during the regular July board meeting.

Item 15: Approval for Engine Replacement on 2014 Bluebird Bus

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the engine replacement of a 2014 Bluebird bus for the most economical quote received by the district not to exceed the quote of \$27,102.87 received from TAG Truck Center of Jonesboro, AR.

Item 16: Deletions

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached list of deletions. (See attachment)

Item 17: Resignations

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of PHS History teacher Josh Duggins.

Item 18: Approval to Pay Speech Pathologists for Summer ECSE Student Conference Work

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment to district speech pathologists for their work associated with summer ECSE student conferences and evaluations. Payment will be made at their daily rate of pay.

Item 19: Summer Camp Contract

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment to LPN Sandra Bryant to be on duty as school nurse during the district's summer camps the week of June 10-14. The contract is for 20 hours at \$14 per hour.

Item 20: Employment / Personnel

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

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following employee transfer and new hires.

Transfer:

- Amber Shepherd from paraprofessional to parent center coordinator

New Hires:

- Tiffany Gogle - Alma Spikes Nurse
- Amanda Horton - MD Williams custodian
- Madalyn Manus - 6th-grade teacher at MD Williams
- Renee Todd - 6th-grade teacher at MD Williams
- Jay Wilkins - Spanish teacher at PJHS

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the extended contracts for certified and classified staff for

the 2019-2020 school year.

## OTHER

### 1. Approval to Change Superintendent Names on Bank Accounts

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the changing of the names on the district's bank accounts from current Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, to incoming Superintendent, Jerry Martens.

### 2. Compensation of Staff for Medicaid Billing Transition Work

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Daryl Blaxton to compensate the district's speech pathologists, registered nurses and special education secretary for work associated with the Medicaid billing transition the district worked through during the 2019-2020 school year. Compensation for speech pathologists is to be based upon the past contractual agreement with the district and the portion of work completed. Compensation for registered nurses and the special education secretary will be at their hourly rate of pay. The activities for which each staff person is to be compensated are activities outside of their regular contractual agreement.

## ADJOURNED

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Gary Cole, President

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Jim Toney, Secretary