

**POCAHONTAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD AGENDA**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2019  
Jr. High Library  
8:00 p.m.

***We will have a work session at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served.***

Board Members present: Gary Cole, Mike Davis, Jim Toney, Judy McClain, Karen Baltz

Visitors present: Nathan Allen, Roman Ramirez, Kenny Hahlen, Melodie Murray

AGENDA

Item 1: Call to order

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

You have copies of the regular board meeting on June 17, 2019 as well as the special board minutes on June 25, 2019. Please let me know if there are any questions or changes to be made.

Motion: Mike Davis

2nd: Karen Baltz

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

You have copies of the financial statements for the month of June in your agenda. Please let me know if you have any questions.

For FY19, the district received 100.49% of the total projected revenues and expended 97.44% of total budgeted expenditures in its Operating Budget (Funds 1,2 &4). **The financial report includes a fund transfer of \$1,325,000 from Fund 2001 to Fund 3000, the Building Fund.**

The transfer ensures the district's Fund 2 legal balance falls under the 20% allowable carryover threshold as set forth by the state legislature. The district's 20% net legal balance threshold for FY19 is \$3,160,847.83. The transfer to the Building Fund leaves a net legal balance of \$3,100,222.36. This balance reflects the total Fund 2 balance less Categorical fund balances. (Funds 2223, 2275, 2276, and 2281)

Please see the attached Summary Report for a more detailed analysis. (See attachment)

Motion: Judy McClain  
2nd: Jim Toney  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

#### OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 4: Update on Pocahontas Elementary Construction site - Nathan Anthony  
No vote required

Item 5: Student Policy Updates

The Arkansas School Board Association "Student Policy Updates" for the 2019-2020 school year were presented to you at the regular June meeting for your review. (See shared file)

We are asking these Student Policy Updates be approved to become effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: Jim Toney  
2nd: Judy McClain  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 6: Board Policy Updates

The Arkansas School Board Association "Board Policy Updates" for the 2019-2020 school year were presented to you at the regular June meeting for your review. (See shared file)

The Board Policy Updates have been present to the PPC committee and they have no concerns. We are asking these policies be approved to become effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: Mike Davis  
2nd: Karen Baltz  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 7: Bus repair quote - informational only

At the June board meeting an engine replacement for bus #7 was approved, but there was a question concerning difference in bid prices between Central Bus in Little Rock and Lonestar in Jonesboro. The higher quote from Lonestar included the diagnostic and disassembling fees already incurred and a \$10/hour higher

labor fee at Lonestar. We decided that Lonestar in Jonesboro would install the new engine.

No vote required

## NEW BUSINESS

Item 8: Timeline discussion of Pocahontas High School Building Project - Dr. Stein via Video Conference

Dr. Stein had a previous engagement for this evening, but will contact us when he is free to discuss the timeline for the High School Building Project

No vote required

Item 9: Melodie Murray - selected as an Arkansas awardee for the Presidential Awards For Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (informational only)

Mrs Murray teaches upper level Math classes at PHS and will be recognized at the December meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education.

No vote required

Item 10: 2019-20 Migrant Application

The District Migrant Students Plan must be approved by the board before it can be submitted and funds disbursed. I am recommending the 2019-20 Migrant Plan be approved.

Motion: Jim Toney

2nd: Judy McClain

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 11: School Improvement Plans

Improvement Plans for each school in the District must be approved by the board and submitted to the Department of Education by August 1, 2019. Principals will present their plans at the Annual Report to the Public in September. I am recommending the 2019-20 School Improvement Plans be approved.

Motion: Karen Baltz

2nd: Mike Davis

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 12: Pocahontas Athletics Season Passes

We would recommend the board approve the sale of Season Passes for Athletic Events for the 2019-20 School year at the same prices as last year.

Motion: Mike Davis  
2nd: Karen Baltz  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 13: Purchase of Social Studies materials PHS

New Social Studies books at PHS have not been purchased since 2007. I am recommending the purchase of new textbooks from McGraw Hill through the Educators Book Depository at the price of \$27,477.90. These are sole source bid items.

Motion: Jim Toney  
2nd: Karen Baltz  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 14: Purchase of Math and Science materials MDW

Please approve the purchase of Go Math and Journey's 3-6 student curriculum materials for students, and digital management and resource tools for teachers per the attached quotes from Houghton and Mifflin. They will be purchased through the Educators Book Depository at the cost of \$27,264.10. These are sole source bid items.

Please approve the purchase of Elevate Science digital Science curriculum for 6th grade students from Person Learning per the attached quote from the educators Book Depository at the cost of \$14,868.73. These are sole source bid items.

Motion: Judy McClain  
2nd: Mike Davis  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 15: Purchase of Math materials Alma Spikes

Please approve the purchase of Go Math K-6 student curriculum materials for students, and digital management and resource tools for teachers per the attached quotes from Houghton and Mifflin. They will be purchased through the Educators Book Depository at the cost of \$17,419.60. These are sole source bid items.

Motion: Judy McClain  
2nd: Jim Toney  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 16 Purchase of Chromebooks for teachers

We are requesting approval to purchase 81 teacher chromebook replacements and the associated Google support items at a cost of \$19,585.90 from SHI per the attached TIPS/TAPS quote. The items will be purchased with Title I funds. This purchase is part of our five year rotation plan. (See attachment)

Motion: Karen Baltz  
2nd: Mike Davis  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 17 Purchase of Chromebooks for PHS and PJHS

We are requesting approval to purchase 383 chromebook replacements and the associated Google support items at a cost of \$92,609.85 from SHI per the attached TIPS/TAPS quote. 129 chromebooks will go to PHS and 254 to PJHS. The items will be purchased with Title I funds. This purchase is part of our five year rotation plan. (See attachment)

Motion: Mike Davis  
2nd: Jim Toney  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 18 Approval of bids for Physical Therapy

I recommend the board approve the bid of GTS Physical Therapy to provide physical therapy services for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion: Karen Baltz  
2nd: Jim Toney  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 19 Approval of bids for Occupational Therapy

I recommend the board approve the bid of Harwell Therapy Services to provide occupational therapy services for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion: Judy McClain  
2nd: Karen Baltz  
Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 20 Playground resurfacing at MDW

I recommend we get a bid from Barre Commercial Playgrounds along with prices from TIPS/TAPS, TCPN and NJPA. If we can keep the total cost of the project under \$35,000 we will not have to go through a formal bid process and can begin the project sooner.

Motion: Judy McClain

2nd: Jim Toney

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 21 Legal Transfer Requests

We are recommending approval of the following legal transfer requests.

AnnaClair Hubner	grade 10	to Maynard from Pocahontas
Zayne Hubner	grade 6	to Maynard from Pocahontas
Gunnar Stihl Baker	grade 7	to Pocahontas from Sloan Hendrix
Makayla McMullin	grade 10	to Maynard from Pocahontas

Motion: Jim Toney

2nd: Mike Davis

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 22 Resignation

Please accept the resignation of Cecil Joe Slavens as custodian and bus driver.

Motion: Mike Davis

2nd: Karen Baltz

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 23 Act 1599 Resolution Approvals

We are recommending the board approve the following resolutions allowing the district to conduct business with local entities in which school employees have a financial interest.

Motion: Judy McClain

2nd: Jim Toney

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Motion to go into Executive Session

Motion: Mike Davis

2nd: Jim Toney

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Motion to go back into Open Session

Motion: Mike Davis

2nd: Judy McClain

Vote: 5-0 do pass

Item 24 Employment/Catastrophic Leave

We are recommending the individuals on the attached list be employed for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: Mike Davis

2nd: Jim Toney

Vote: 5-0 do pass

We are recommending the individuals on the attached list be granted catastrophic leave for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion: Judy McClain

2nd: Karen Baltz

Vote: 5-0 do pass

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