

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
January 16, 2017

Board Members Present: Judy McClain, President; Chuck Andrews, Vice President; Gary Cole, Secretary; James Chester and Dr. Michael Davis, DVM

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Bill Endicott and Brandon Smith, Press; Shawn Carter, Shannon Fish, Brent Miller and Lesa Grooms, Principals

Item 1: Call to Order

The regular 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 James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on December 19, 2016.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of December 2016.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4: Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, provided reports to the board on the following items, FY17 legislative session and upcoming events in the district.

Item 5: Principal Reports

Each of the district's building principals provided reports to the board as to first semester accomplishments in their buildings and second semester goals for their buildings.

Item 6: Results of Standards Accreditation Visit

Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, shared the results of the Standards Accreditation visit with the board. The district was compliant in all areas assessed.

Item 7: Approval to Solicit Bids for New Car

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Daryl Blaxton to solicit bids on a new Chevrolet Impala for the district's fleet.

Item 8: Approval to Solicit Bids for the Replacement of Field House Turf

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Daryl Blaxton to facilitate a process whereby the district solicits bids on the replacement of the turf in its field house.

Item 9: 2017 Facilities Plan Update

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's 2017 Facilities plan update as presented by Superintendent Daryl Blaxton.

Item 10: Act 1599 Resolution

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve an Act 1599 resolution for Wesley Fletcher.

Item 11: Approval of Fuel Purchase

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 5,000 gallons of diesel and 2,500 gallons of gasoline from Reed Oil Company at a cost of \$13,217.50. Reed Oil's bid was the low bid received.

Item 12: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by James Chester, the board approved a catastrophic leave request from Tracy Ballard.

Item 13: Substitute Pay Increase to Align with the Minimum Wage Increase

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board approved the attached pay increase to its substitute pay schedule in order to comply with the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2017. (See attachment)

Item 14: Inventory Deletion

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the deletion of an old copier.

Item 15: Employment

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

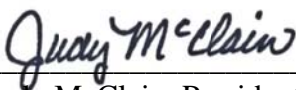
On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 4-1 to extend the contract of Superintendent Daryl Blaxton an additional year. The superintendent's contract will now run through June 30, 2020.

Other

1. District Enrollment

Superintendent Blaxton updated the board on the district's current enrollment. The K-12 enrollment in the district, as of 1/9/17, was 1,895 students which is 21 students more than the enrollment on the corresponding date from the previous year.

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Judy McClain, President

  
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Gary Cole, Secretary