

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2019

Annual Report to the Public was held at 7:00 pm prior to start of regular board meeting.

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

Others Present: Jerry Martens, Superintendent, Lesa Grooms, Assistant Superintendent; Brandon Smith, Press; Lori Steimel

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 p.m. in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on August 20, 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 August 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 4: Update on Elementary Construction by Nabholz

Superintendent, Jerry Martens and representatives from Nabholz Construction provided the Board with an update on construction of the new elementary building project.

Item 5: Playground Resurfacing at MDW

Superintendent, Jerry Martens, provided an update the playground resurfacing at MD Williams Intermediate School

NEW BUSINESS

Item 6: Grant Awarded to April Prevo

Superintendent, Jerry Martens informed the Board that Kindergarten teacher, April Prevo, applied for and received a grant from Donors Choose. The amount of the grant is \$300 and will be used for extra materials for her classroom.

Item 7: 2019-2020 Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan.

Item 8: Approval to Pay Staff Above Their Contract for Work after Hours

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to grant authorization to pay staff for extra duties beyond their contract for homebound instruction, tutorial, etc. at the rate of \$26 per hour for certified staff and \$14 per hour for non-certified staff as determined by the superintendent.

Item 9: District Freezer Repair

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Mike Davis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the quote from ESS, in the amount of \$12,260.50, to replace the district freezer. It was also approved to rent refrigeration truck, at \$280 per day, to store frozen items while repairs are being made.

Item 10: ASBA Model Policy Service Agreement

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the ASBA Model Policy Service Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year. The annual fee is \$2,850.00.

Item 11: Legal Transfer Request

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests.

Out of the District

Dalton Crow	Age 14	Grade 9	to Sloan-Hendrix
Justin Jacobs	Age 9	Grade 3	to Sloan-Hendrix
John Jacobs	Age 8	Grade 2	to Sloan-Hendrix
Jessica Craft	Age 16	Grade 11	to Maynard

Jasmine Clements	Age 17	Grade 10	to Maynard
Parker Cook	Age 12	Grade 7	to Maynard
Dalton Crow	Age 14	Grade 9	to Maynard
Karsyn Strait	Age 16	Grade 11	to Hoxie
Jarrett Thompson	Age 16	Grade 10	to Hoxie
Addison Wheeler	Age 13	Grade 8	to Jonesboro

Item 12: Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Application

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Jim Toney, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the attached Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) application. (See attachment)

Item 13: Employment

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following employment actions.

New Hires:

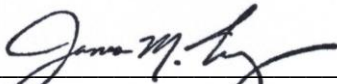
- Justin Stewart – Bus Driver
- Jeremiah Winslow – Bus Driver
- Nelson Henderson – Bus Driver
- Amy Moore – Part Time Custodian (4 hrs per day)

OTHER

1. Superintendent, Jerry Martens informed the Board that the Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6pm. Teachers of the Year will be recognized. Due to Banquet, regular October Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7pm.
2. Superintendent, Jerry Martens, reported the district enrollment to be 2,085 on 9/13/19 which compared to 2,064 on a corresponding date last year.

ADJOURNED


 Gary Cole, President


 Jim Toney, Secretary