

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2017

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

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Bill Endicott and Brandon Smith, Press; Lesa Grooms, Brent Miller, Corey Ward, and Lauren Blair

Item 1: Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the junior high library. All board members, with the exception of Gary Cole, were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 20, 2017.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of February 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Legal Transfer Requests

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests.

- Karma Townsend age 7 from Sloan-Hendrix

Item 5: Inventory Deletions

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to authorize the attached list of inventory deletions. (See attached)

Item 6: NEA School Nutrition Consortium

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to authorize the district's participation in the NEA School Nutrition Consortium.

Item 7: Car Purchase

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the purchase of a new Chevrolet 2017 Fleet 1LS from Baltz Chevrolet at a cost of \$22,549.

Item 8: Recognition of PJHS by the Office of Education Policy and Research

The board reviewed a report whereby the University of Arkansas's Office of Education Policy and Research recognized Pocahontas Junior High School as one of the state's outstanding junior high schools in regards to academic performance.

Item 9: Act 1599 Resolution

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board approved an Act 1599 resolution for Alma Spikes paraprofessional Tammy Reed.

Item 10: Disposal of Old Fieldhouse Turf

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to authorize the disposal of the old turf from the athletic complex per board policy.

Item 11: Resignation

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following retirements.

- Debbie Thompson 6th grade language arts teacher
- Chris Lewis 4th grade math teacher

Item 13: Employment

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0

to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to re-employ all existing certified and classified staff members, other than those who have announced their retirements, for the 2017-2018 school year.


In addition, the board approved the employment of Christian Helms as a secondary math teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.

Other

1. District Enrollment

Superintendent Blaxton updated the board on the district's current enrollment. The K-12 enrollment in the district, as of 3/13/17, was 1,905 students which is 30 students more than the enrollment on the corresponding date from the previous year.

ADJOURNED



Judy McClain, President



Gary Cole, Secretary